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AMICUS CURIAE
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Graduates to spend less for regalia

By ANDREW SMITH
As reported in the last issue of the Amicus, graduating law students must buy their own cap and gown for this May's commencement ceremonies. Thanks to swift and decisive action on the part of 3L Jessica Lynch, however, the high cost of pomp and circumstance will not take nearly as big a bite as it once might have. Lynch, who is in charge of organizing the graduation weekend festivities for the Marshall-Wythe community, recently cut a deal with Jostens Corporation to provide graduation regalia to graduating 3Ls for only $32, a $13 savings over the price projected by the College Bookstore.

Two weeks ago, it was reported that wholesale cost of the cap, gown, and hood which graduates are forced to buy from the Bookstore for $45, was a mere $27. This means the Bookstore enjoys a more than a 60 percent mark-up at the expense of its captive audience of 3Ls. According to Lynch, student discontent with this monopoly spurred her to pursue other cap and gown options.

Lynch first went to see John Freeman, manager of the Bookstore. Freeman said that the hoods, which have to be specially made, were already on order, but he would be willing to allow Marshall-Wythe graduates to arrange for their own caps and gowns. However, Freeman made it clear that he was not binding the Bookstore to any further "special arrangements," and said future classes may be obligated to buy caps and gowns from him at the requisite mark-up.

Lynch encouraged future classes, the legal fraternities, PSF, and other interested parties to explore cap and gown options now. One possibility, suggested by Lynch, would be to buy a permanent stock of the costumes for the law school. The ensembles could be rented out to graduates in future years to raise money for a law school organization.

After obtaining a release from the law school student body's obligation to the Bookstore, Lynch was free to shop around for a better deal. By playing several vendors against one another, she managed to strike a deal with Jostens, whereby 3Ls can buy caps and gowns for only $18.25. In combination with the $13.75 charged by the Bookstore for the hood, the total cost for the regalia will be $51. While Lynch also investigated rental options.

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PAC, private donor sponsor grad parties
Shebest secures funding for the Grad Thing

By LEEANNE MORRIS

The Grad Thing, presumed dead after the SBA rescinded its funding earlier this semester, is alive and well thanks to two new sponsors.

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) and an anonymous donor will donate the $310 needed to hold four more Grad Things before final exams. The money is needed to cover the cost of beer, chips, ice, sodas and the required ABC licenses. King of the Thing Steve Shebest (3L) said he will still need to have 53 people show up at each Grad Thing in order to finance all four.

The scheduled dates are March 20 and 27 and April 3 and 10. Admission will still cost $3 per person. One special event will be Grad Thing Bingo, with prizes donated by area businesses.

As previously reported in the Amicus, the SBA withdrew the funds budgeted for the remaining Grad Things because, according to Rich Brooks, it needed the money to finance Barrister's Ball and graduation festivities.

"Rich Brooks approached me after Barrister's and said he expected to have one more Grad Thing the last weekend in March," said Shebest. "But that was never acceptable. I was tired of being under the SBA yoke."

The mysterious anonymous donor approached Shebest and offered to chip in about half of the money needed to fund the remaining Things. Shebest said George Freeman, manager of the Bookstore, was free to shop around for a better deal. By playing several vendors against one another, she managed to strike a deal with Jostens, whereby 3Ls can buy caps and gowns for only $18.25. In combination with the $13.75 charged by the Bookstore for the hood, the total cost for the regalia will be $51. While Lynch also investigated rental options.

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Out of our heads

Something has been lacking in the M-W social scene this year. The sporadic schedule of this year’s Grad Things reduced the camaraderie of life at M-W. Perhaps only 2L and 3Ls noticed the difference.

While some notice the passing of an event such as this one and merely lament about the good old days, others stand up and take action. M-W is fortunate to have three entities fitting the latter description: Steve Shebest, Phi Alpha Delta, and one anonymous donor.

Shebest endured as King of the Thing at a time when funding for such events was as sparse as water in the Sahara. Instead of giving up, he kept yelling louder and louder until someone heard him. We don’t know the identity of all those who answered his call, but we are grateful.

As if PAD hadn’t already done enough for the law school community this year with its used bookstore, the Toys for Tots drive, and the offer to take over the preparation and distribution of course packs, they’ve once again come forward to preserve a tradition at Marshall-Wythe. People may say that law students are self-centered, but here is a group that truly exemplifies a tradition at Marshall-Wythe. People may say that law students are self-centered, but here is a group that truly exemplifies a tradition at Marshall-Wythe.

Finally, the anonymous donor who came forward with half of the funds necessary is a fine example of the true spirit of generosity. Rather than touting his or her name about the school, this person has chosen to remain unidentified. Surely no one cares very much about the identity of such a person, who obviously is concerned only with promoting goodwill among the students here at Marshall-Wythe.

As the song says, sometimes you don’t know a good thing till it goes. Luckily, just the prospect of losing the Grad Thing was enough for some people to sit up and take notice.

From the Editors...

When prospective employers ask me why I would want to be the editor of a law school newspaper, I tell them I do it because, for all the hard work and head-achery that it entails, we get to do it together. We do it together and we enjoy it. While I may look like hell and act even worse on production weekends, all is usually forgotten by the time the newspapers hit the lobby floor at noon on Monday.

This week’s issue of the Amicus, however, is one I doubt I will ever forget. The story on the front page is one that I have agonized over for two weeks, and one that I take no joy in printing. Several people have discussed with me the moral issues involved in its publication, and I thank them for their time and input. But, in the final analysis, the decision on whether and what to print is mine and only mine.

The charges which have been leveled against our fellow student are serious, as is the injury suffered by any person who is the victim of such a crime. I doubt that there is any person in this community who does not regret the occurrence of this incident, or who is incapable of sympathizing with all of the parties involved. As journalists, however, we cannot be guided by individual sympathy. We must look to our responsibility to the community as a whole.

This newspaper began a little over a year ago with a pledge to report all of the news affecting the Marshall-Wythe community. To fail to do so now would be a betrayal of that pledge.

As a law school newspaper, we trust that the members of our audience will treat this information responsibly. As lawyers, administrators and future professionals, we all recognize intellectually that accusations do not equal guilt, and that the legal system which we are dedicated to preserves innocence until the state proves otherwise. This system, which has always sworn or will swear to uphold, is the only proper forum for resolution of the facts in this case.

A failure to print all of the information contained in this story would be both an exercise in rank paternalism and an insult to the individuals of this community.

To the Editor:

This letter is a response to Steve Gerber’s and Scott Zimmerman’s letters which appeared in the February 17 issue of the Amicus. Their letters referred to my initial letter (Scott: a “hollow protest”) criticizing particular testing methods which appeared in the preceding issue of the Amicus.

First, I want to correct the misimpression created in Steve’s and Scott’s minds that the only testing methods I criticized were those at which I had done poorly. (Steve: “I learned from my reading of Christian’s critique that Christian judges examination methods based largely on the criterion of his resulting grade.”) Scott: “The troubling premise of Christian’s letter is that what one perceives as unfair for himself necessarily is unfair for all.” In fact, quite the opposite is true. I have received “grades” in many other classes in which I was not at all extremely pleased. However, because I felt it would portray less than an objective picture if I did not reveal my grade on the “blanket letter” (the job, I truly included this fact. I find it noteworthy that neither Steve nor Scott, who were so quick to impugn me as biased (which I had nothing to do with), did not reveal their grade on the exam which they so quickly to defend. Who’s biased?

Additionally, I feel the need to respond to several of the assertions they make in their letters. The most troubling position was that posited by Scott. He argues: “It’s no mystery by now that the name of the law school exam game is figuring out what hoops professors want us to jump through, and then jumping through them. (After all, if that’s not ‘learning to think like a lawyer,’ what is?)” No, Scott, that is not learning to think like a lawyer but learning to think like a baboon. For me, learning to think like a lawyer means the ability to think critically about particular arguments and come to an independent conclusion as to which one is best. It means questioning the arguments put forward by different people—be they professors or members of the United States Supreme Court—rather than accepting them by virtue of their source. It means developing your own reasoning faculties to the degree where you rely on what you think is right rather than what others tell you is right.

My second problem with their argument is that they both fail to accept my fundamental premise—that some testing methods are more arbitrary than others. According to Scott, “arbitrariness, like beauty, lies in the eyes of the beholder.” I am astounded that they both adhere to this position. What if one day a law professor administered his exam in German instead of English? Would that be arbitrary or unfair? If you happened to have had German in college or high school, you would obviously do well on the exam. Otherwise, you would not. Is that really much different from rewarding those students who happened to have studied the particular exam on reserve from which the final exam question was taken? Sure, everybody had access to the old exams. Sure, everybody could have taken German in high school or college.

On the other hand, Steve states, “Every method necessarily focuses on only a few narrow bands within the broad spectrum of human talents and abilities, the combination of which is different in every one of us.” Scott is only partially correct. While it is true that all tests necessarily focus on only a few narrow bands within the broad spectrum of human talents and abilities, the combination of which is different in every one of us. Other tests are extremely arbitrary. A professor has a duty to administer an exam that is somewhat comprehensive. What if a professor asked you three true/false questions, then one question to which determined your entire final grade? From Scott and Steve’s perspective, there’s nothing arbitrary about this model. But, if you don’t just do a lottery and use it to assign grades, the answer is not.

Sincerely,

Christian Connelly (3L)
By BRIAN GOLDEN

"Why should Jesse Jackson's kids get into Princeton over a Thai boat refugee?" said Dinesh D'Souza in his address to 300 William & Mary law students in Trinkle Hall on Wednesday, February 19. "Affirmative action based on race is not fair, but affirmative action based on socioeconomic status is," insisted the former domestic policy adviser to President Ronald Reagan.

D'Souza's speech, sponsored by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and the Indian Cultural Association, focused on the topic of his recent book, Liberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus. The book was on many bestseller lists throughout most of 1991.

It attacks the affirmative action policies of many colleges and universities, the multicultural thrust of curriculums which increasingly abandon classical Western scholarship and the phenomenon of political correctness.

D'Souza, a 29-year-old native of Bombay, said that he does not agree with current approach to affirmative action emphasizes preferences for black and Hispanics. According to him, not only does this approach put an unjust burden on other groups, such as Asians, but it has been historically discriminated against - but fails to achieve its objective of increasing the representation of disadvantaged minorities in higher education.

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Much of D'Souza's notion is rooted in his attack on "political correctness," whether it involves multi-cultural curriculums or restrictions on speech. "There is an effort to control and manipulate public opinion in American colleges, an effort to teach young people what to think, not how to think," he claimed. D'Souza's thesis is that "politically correct" facilities, comprised largely of aged 1960's liberals, are tearing down traditional curricula as representing only the perspective of conservative white males. According to D'Souza, they are demanding that curriculums be changed to represent the full diversity of society and asking for full representation in the course of study for every race, gender, and sexual orientation group.

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Panel discusses ups and downs of public interest work

By DAVID PEFFERKORN

Forty Marshall-Wythe students gathered on February 25th to hear a panel discussion entitled "Career Opportunities in Social Justice Work," sponsored jointly by the Alpha Delta and OCPP. The students heard tales of the injustices to affirmative action emphasizes preferences for blacks and Hispanics. According to him, not only does this approach put an unjust burden on other groups, such as Asians, but it has been historically discriminated against - but fails to achieve its objective of increasing the representation of disadvantaged minorities in higher education.

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Local schools debate redistricting

By PAULA HANNAFORD

Arguments about school integration and forced busing were raised once again at the second of three public hearings held by the Williamsburg-James City County School Board on February 25th. Both black and white community members expressed concern about the effects of uprooting their children from familiar neighborhoods and busing them to schools further away.

Middle-school teacher and "self-appointed historian" Elise Emanuel reminded the board of the school district's "proud heritage," pointing out that at a time when federal courts were forcing public schools to integrate in most areas of Virginia, the Williamsburg-James City County School District integrated on its own initiative. "Over the past thirty years, the school district has achieved racial harmony and balance," Emanuel said. "We worked hard to make it that way.

Echoing the concerns expressed in hundreds of letters received by the Board, Board member Nolan Velich said that the proposed plan was too rigid in its approach to racial proportionality. "The plan needs more flexibility as indicated by community input.

The final public hearing on redistricting is scheduled for March 31st. The school board will adopt a finalized plan by April 14th.
Students at BLSA Law Day impressed with M-W

By PAULA HANNAFORD

Over forty potential applicants to Marshall-Wythe accepted the invitation of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) to visit the law school and learn more about the educational opportunities offered by Marshall-Wythe during BLSA Law Day on February 22. The annual event began with a moot court demonstration on Friday evening, and included brief addresses from the law school's students, faculty and members of the administration, lunch at Sakura Restaurant, and a mock Civil Procedure class on Saturday.

Following the Saturday luncheon, the Honorable Janice Brice-Wellington of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in Manassas, Virginia delivered the event's keynote address. Brice-Wellington first praised the assembled group for the accommodate and true hearts which have brought them to the brink of law school, and then cautioned them about relaxing their level of commitment and dedication to excellence. In concluding her speech, Brice-Wellington challenged the members of the audience to maintain the spirit which has brought them this far. "Extraordinary people are simply ordinary people who have an extraordinary commitment to making a difference. ...I demand that you choose to be extraordinary," she said. Of the people gathered, Brice-Wellington indicated that they were impressed with Marshall-Wythe in general and the BLSA program in particular. One recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University remarked that all of the Virginia law schools she had applied to, only Marshall-Wythe and the University of Richmond had made any specific attempt to solicit minority student applications.

Associate Dean of Admissions Faye Shely commented that the positive reactions were probably the result of both the excellent program offered by BLSA and the open-door policy offered to all Marshall-Wythe applicants. Shely noted that many law schools have discontinued individual meetings with potential applicants due to the increased volume and limited staff, Shely said that many applicants are genuinely surprised that she is available for personal interviews.

Shealy also said that the law school is engaged in an on-going effort to enhance class diversity and to recruit minority students. In addition to coordinating with BLSA for the annual Law Day activities, the Office also works with the Black Student Law Fund (3L) and Kelly Harris (3L) of the SBA Minority Recruitment Council, and with Susan Curtis (2L) and Stephanie Coleman (2L) of the SBA Admissions Council.

Responding to the observation that the number of entering black students at Marshall-Wythe has remained fairly constant at around eight percent of the incoming class for the past three years, Shely cited statistics showing that both black and other minority enrollment has increased dramatically in the past ten years. Total black student enrollment increased from 18 to 31 in 1981-1985, and from 31 to 49 in 1985-1991. Corresponding minority student enrollment, including black students, increased from 20 to 43 to 73 over the same ten year period.

Other efforts by Marshall-Wythe to solicit minority applications and enrollment include targeted mailings to the Pre-Law societies of predominantly black undergraduate schools, purchase of pre-printed mailing labels of minority students who have taken the LSAT, and solicitation of external funds for minority scholarships and fellowships.

Law Watch

By KATIE FINLEY AND PAM ARLUK

Around the Nation:

SUPREME COURT APPROVES DAMAGES FOR HARASSMENT The Supreme Court approved the settlement of a sexual harassment suit filed by a former employee against her former supervisor. The court held that the plaintiff's claims were brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that the settlement was within the court's authority.

JUSTICES WEIGH LOUISIANA'S CRIMINAL SANITY LAW The U.S. Supreme Court has heard oral arguments concerning a case in which a defendant was found not guilty by reason of insanity. The court is expected to decide whether the defendant should be released on parole.

Students at BLSA Law Day impressed with M-W City affecting over $3 million worth of local business. Murray owed substantial back taxes to both federal and local governments on Drummonds Field property.

Breast implant victims want more time to sue The Virginia Legislature is considering a bill that would set the statute of limitations for product liability claims at two years from the date a physician identifies the cause of an illness. The Virginia Code currently requires a claim to be filed within two years of the date of an injury, even if the person is unaware of the injury. The provision has been modified to provide a longer period before a claim must be filed. The Virginia Code currently requires a claim to be filed within two years of the date of an injury, even if the person is unaware of the injury. The provision has been modified to provide a longer period before a claim must be filed.

CERAMS IN VIRGINIA COURTROOMS A bill that would allow television cameras in courtrooms across Virginia has been passed in both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed into law by Governor Wilder. The bill was introduced by Senator Wilder and is supported by the Virginia Bar Association.

FEMALE IMPERSONATOR'S ARREST UPHELD A federal appellate court upheld the dismissal of a suit filed by Donal W. Coker alleging that his 1990 arrest at Governor Wilder’s inauguration violated his constitutional rights. Coker, alias “Dirt Woman,” is a well-known local impersonator who was arrested for assuming a false identity by impersonating a reporter at the inauguration.

NEWPORT NEWS ATTORNEY'S SUICIDE REVEALS SCAM The suicide of Newport News attorney and developer David M. Meeau, Jr., has revealed his unscrupulous property dealings and investment scams. Meeau, who was locked in a financial struggle, had been involved in a number of real estate transactions and had amassed a large debt in recent years.

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge? The Ninth Judicial Circuit, which includes Williamsburg, Jamestown and York County, could still get a fourth judge to handle its large caseload. The House Appropriations Committee has included funding for a new judge in its budget bill. Provisions for an additional judge for the Ninth Circuit were previously dropped from a bill passed by both the Senate Courts and Finance Committees.
**Events explore different aspects of Women's history**

By PAM ARLU

March is Women's History Month and the Mary and William Society is organizing a variety of events.

The overall theme for the month is "Women: Past, Present, and Future." However, each week will have a distinct focus within this general theme.

The first week will focus on "Women of Color." On Monday, March 2, at 4 p.m., Sandra Johnson, of the African-American Interpretation group at Colonial Williamsburg, will present a first person narrative about the lives of African-American women in Virginia during the colonial period. Her presentation will be followed by a talk entitled, "Women Who Believe, Achieve," and a question and answer session.

The week after spring break will focus on "Women, Our Selves." During that week there will be a speakers panel discussing the American feminist tradition. The panel will include a Professor of Women's Studies from the undergraduate campus, a representative from the National Organization of Women, and Marshall-Wythe students of varying ages.

The panel will discuss feminism and its impact on their lives. Also in the week after spring break the Mary and William will present a short film on sexism in advertising, to be followed by a discussion.

The last week of March will focus on "Women's Roles in the American Political and Legal System" and will feature a speakers' panel discussing women in the political process. The panel will include two female members of the Virginia Assembly, one Republican and one Democrat, and a representative from the National Women's Political Caucus. There will also be a presentation by the Virginia Women Attorney's Association during that week.

Additionally, there will be a film series throughout the entire month. Each week Mary and William will show a film reflecting the theme of that particular week.

Kate Atkins, the overall coordinator of Women's History Month, is very pleased with the interest it has generated. "When I first arrived at Marshall-Wythe there was no celebration of women's history. I felt that this was something that could enrich the community, and I am excited and pleased that such a pattern has begun."

For exact dates and times of the events, check the display cases, and the Mary and William Women's Law Society board near the hanging files.
Students, faculty strut their stuff at Dinner Date auction

By BILL MADIGAN

A panorama of wanton, willing flesh. A landscape of seamy innumercos, where love is bought and sold like trinkets at a garage sale. No wonder the new seminar on pornography and the first amendment. Rather, it was PSF's annual Dinner Date Auction.

Despite promises that the auction would start precisely at 8:15, those who waited to come until after the Simpsons was over didn't miss much. Though the crowd was sparse in the early going, the Campus Center Ballroom was filled to near capacity by the time Bruce Hornsby was peddled.

The evening started off with a bang, namely Jesse "Bam Bam" Erwin (3L), who navigated through a sea of admirers with the help of his pose to take place at the auctioneer's microphone. This, the finale to Jesse's three year tenure as the auction master of ceremonies, was indeed his magnum opus. He was able to keep things lively despite the sometimes lackluster bidding, as well as encouraging the participants to "throw" (in an article of clothing).

The program began with a step show, courtesy of the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta. The show proved to be the cultural high point of the evening before any text of music from rock and rap to gospel and jazz - was the most inspiring thing the audience ever heard or saw.

The show opened with a stirring ballad, performed by the combined efforts of many students. The audience responded with shouts of encouragement, and the performance went, the Campus Center Ballroom was filled to near capacity by the time Bruce Hornsby was peddled.

By KEVIN WALSH

The Black Law Student Association's "Sounds of Blackness" program played to an appreciative, vocal crowd last Thursday in Room 119. The show, which spanned a range of musical styles through from music of the 60's to the present day, was clearly blown away by their performance.

The performances began on a stirring note, as announced and hosted by hostess Erwin, the Second-Hardest Working Man In Show Business, introduced the Marshall-Wythe Spiritual Ensemble, a vocal harmony group. The ensemble opened with a rendition of "Take 5," followed by "Take 5," a truly stunning piece of vocal harmony.

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By HEATHER SUE RAMSEY

Last weekend Marshall-Wythe hosted the 23rd Annual William B. Spoo, Jr. Invitational Moot Court Tournament. The tournament, which was held in the Great Hall of the Wren Building, one of the most impressive rooms on campus.

The teams advanced on the basis of both their brief writing and appellate argument scores. The best oralist is determined by the highest average of the competitors' scores in their two best arguments.

According to Elizabeth Dopp (3L) and Jane Sherman (3L), 20 teams from 17 schools participated in the constitutional law tournament. Because Spong has an outstanding reputation, teams from as distant as California, Wisconsin and Maine participated.

Spong's reputation is based partly on the outstanding judges William and Mary attract. Twenty-three judges, from the U.S. Supreme Court, and Virginia Court of Appeals judges evaluated this year's competitors. While William and Mary cannot afford to compensate the judges, they are given a meal and some entertainment, ranging from a basketball game and beers with Professors Douglas, Koch, Marcus, and Rosenberg to the more sophisticated than an evening of music at the Virginia Symphony. Each audience strutted up and down the catwalk as their ticket price was the most inspiring thing the audience ever heard or saw.

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Advice offered to those seeking career

Praetitioner discusses current trends in international practice

By WILLIAM DEVAN

If you have ever wondered what International Law was all about, you're not alone. Thomas Scott, who has practiced in-ternational trade law since 1983, spoke to approximately 25 students on February 26 and confessed that he too was unable to define it. Scott is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman, Ltd.

Scott specializes in export regulatory work, and said that most work for international lawyers today concerns either public law or commercial transactions, the latter encompassing both import-export regulations and foreign investment in the U.S. Although most people are familiar with import regulations, he said a large number are unfamiliar with the complex regulations hindering U.S. firms that seek to sell their goods abroad. According to Scott, some of the more absurd regulations, which are products of the Cold War, are being shorted away. For example, licenses are no longer required to export pencil manufacturing technology.

Scott said much of the public law work has grown out of the turbulence in the mid-East. During the Iran hostage crisis, the U.S. froze Iranian assets, and part of the hostage release agreement called for an international tribunal to settle the claims of U.S. citizens who suffered losses as a result of the Iranian revolution. Two claims handled by a partner in Scott's firm took 7 and 8 years, respectively, to resolve. A similar commission has been set up to deal with claims arising from the Iran/Iraq War and the Persian Gulf War, but procedures have been streamlined to prevent similar delays in repaying claims.

Much of Scott's current work involves transactions with former Warsaw Block countries. While investment in these countries "present tremendous opportunities for American business, they present tremendous problems as well," according to Scott. He recalled a three-way telephone call between California, Washington and his firm's new Leipzig office that was interrupted when the Leipzing line became inaudible due to static. The call could not be resumed during the rest of the day. "Sending faxes, getting hotel rooms, and other things you take for granted present tremendous obstacles" to doing business in the region, he said.

According to Scott, the most important task for those investing or serving clients in eastern Europe is to "educate the people about how a market economy operates." Although he has run into a few true entreprenuers from the former Soviet Union and Poland, "the vast majority of people you talk to have no concept of how businesses operate. American clients frequently complain that the Eastern Europeans "expect [them] to come over with [their] pockets jammed full of cash."

Even though attorneys may be able to negotiate an agreement, it is difficult to be sure that they really understand the terms. Investors must educate them on the day-to-day aspects of their deals under a contract, explain concepts like capital formation, and teach managers how to motivate others. Scott termed this need to educate the newly freed peoples "the biggest challenge to the West."

Scott said lawyers negotiating deals are often frustrated by the lack of law and administrative expertise. In many Eastern Bloc countries, commercial laws weren't revised during the fifty or so years that the communists were in power. Anti-trust laws are also non-existent. For example, Scott said that when Boris Yeltsin freed bread prices in Moscow, store owners—who didn't know how to set their own prices—called each other up to fix a price.

Many government officials are recent graduate students without any experience, and Scott noted that "it was a rather disconcerting experience for an American lawyer to be guiding a Czech government official through his own bureaucracy."

Scott said several nations have tried to spur investment by granting tax credits and amnesty for the first two years. Without realizing that these incentives were completely useless because the investors couldn't hope to turn a profit for at least the first five years.

Another problem American firms face in Eastern Europe is the environmental catastrophe Scott noted that in Czechoslovakia there are 90 year old waste dumps for which there are no inventories of pollutants. Eyewitnesses have reported seeing retreating East German soldiers dumping ammunition and cadavers of nerve gas. Germany has attempted to minimize this problem by granting immunity to any investor who purchases land in the former East German sectors by the end of March. After that, officials will negotiate the liability exposure of new investors.

Despite these problems, Scott said he thinks that "ten years down the road, [current investors] will have more success than [they] will be able to harvest."

He predicted the first countries to turn around will be Germany and Hungary. For students who wish to get involved in international work, Scott had several recommendations. Although there is "no single best way to get into international law," he strongly recommended getting involved in international trade groups—several exist in the D.C. area—as well as state bar associations. Networking is invaluable, he said, as well as some luck. Students should also try to develop a proficiency in a second language and perhaps familiarity with a technical subject.

Scott said many students err in directing their search too narrowly at firms, and in expressing an interest in international law without really knowing what it involves. Scott said that a student's statement of interest in International Law in an interview will generally provoke a request for more specifics, and interviewers usually enjoy "watching the students squirm" because they can't come up with any details.

Scott recommended that students look at a plethora of government jobs in International Law. He noted that he has one friend—a W&M Alumnus—who is currently shuttling back and forth between Europe and Washington negotiating resolution to the break down in the Uruguay round of the GATT talks. The talks have halted because of a dispute over agricultural subsidies.

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pelled with sensitivity marshmallows and may even fear for your grade," he suggested.

D'Souza, enjoying his time away from the White House as a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, said he thinks his book has had an effect on the "P.C." activists. "They've been put on the defensive. If Jean Kirkpatrick visits campuses today, she's less likely to have blood thrown at her."

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representation for people who cannot negotiate the system. Thomas described the legal aid experience as frustrating at times, but added that the frustration was more than offset by favorable decisions and appreciation from clients.

Thomas noted that while many legal aid attorneys would like to do "impact" litigation, simply helping individual clients often provided just as much personal satisfaction. Thomas concluded her remarks by saying that she is "proud of being a lawyer at a time when lawyers are not held in high regard by society."

Following the panel presentation, PAD hosted a reception in the student lounge where many students discussed their personal interests with panel members.

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Service with a Smile
The name of an accused student is part of the whole story

Kevin Kroner
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This Crossfire piece is not about the legal rights of a student newspaper. It is about the moral and community responsibilities of a student newspaper. As law students, all of us are aware of the right to publish the name of the accused in a public trial. As a newspaper, it is far more difficult for us to decide whether or not we should extend that right to our students.

As difficult as that decision is, I believe we have a moral obligation to publish the name of the accused student charged with making obscene harassing phone calls. We have an obligation to print all news of importance to the community, and I think we have a moral obligation to publish the name of the accused.

The right to print does not create the obligation to print.

By Heather Sue Ramsey
Co-Managing Editor

Freedom of the press may give the Amicus the right to print the name of the man arrested for making obscene phone calls to university women, but it does not give us the obligation to print it. We have an obligation to print all news of importance to the law school community, but we also have a moral obligation to weigh the newsworthiness of the information against the potential harm its printing could cause. In my opinion, the importance to the community to know the accused's name in the Amicus is far outweighed by the effect doing so will have on the accused.

Just how news worthy is the accused's name? The alleged crime is disgusting, as is anyone who would commit it. I sympathize with the victims and respect the courage of the woman or women who are pressing criminal charges: their story is news that belongs in the Amicus. The fact that both the victims and the accused are members of our community is news that belongs in the Amicus. But until he has had a fair trial and offered his complete defense, the student's name is not news that belongs in the Amicus.

While the law considers a person innocent until proven guilty, the Marshall-Wythe rumor mill view the arrest as proof that the accused is guilty. Academically, we know that probable cause does not equal proof beyond a reasonable doubt, but will that stop the average person in the law school community from treating the accused differently?

The trial is scheduled for March. Why not wait until the trial is over and the titer of fact has heard all the evidence and returned a verdict before printing the accused's name? If he is found guilty, the Amicus can report the whole story: the prosecution's evidence, any defense evidence and the guilty person's name. If he is not found guilty, the Amicus can print everything except his name.

There are two reasons people might want to know his name: fact and gossip. If you fear the accused is your legal skills partner, your barrister's ball date or someone who knows your girlfriend's phone number, please feel free to go to the courthouse; since the arrest is a matter of public record, the authorities will tell you his name. If you just want to know what the face chart. While only about six hundred people (hopefully) read this paper, six hundred of us will share some long term professional associations. What the Amicus prints about this student will effect both his reputation among the present student body, and his future reputation as an attorney. If the accused is found not guilty, will you remember that five years from now when someone mentions his name in a professional context? Memories fade, and perhaps all a present reader will remember was his name and the fact that he was accused of making obscene phone calls to a lot of women.

Between the time we print the story about the arrest and the story about the verdict, the accused has to live in a community that knows little more than why he was arrested. If he hasn't done so already, he will probably ask professors to recommend him to potential employers. Can we honestly expect a professor who reads about the arrest in the Amicus to give an unbiased report of him? Personally, I don't believe I should take the charge into consideration. I would write a recommendation, but I know I would.

I strongly believe the Amicus has a moral obligation to not print the accused's name until he is convicted. While I recognize that on this, like many moral issues, reasonable minds may differ, I do not think in good conscience remain a member of the editorial board of a newspaper that would print it. While I have the utmost of professional and personal respect for both Jenny Click and Kevin Kroner, our fundamentally different views on the morality of this issue necessitate my decision.

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Candidates for SBA President present platforms

John Brownlee, 1L

My name is John Brownlee and I am a first year law student. I feel that I should first address the issue of why someone should vote for a first year student as Student Bar Association president. An initial reason is accountability. As a first year, my performance can be evaluated by the student body. The accountability feature will guarantee that the student leadership will always be listening. Secondly, I am qualified to serve as your president. Although I have not served with the SBA, I do possess the fiscal responsibility to properly account for all SBA funds, and the requisite leadership and management experience to provide solutions when the library won’t. The Student Bar Association president must listen to the concerns and ideas of the student body, create new and unique proposals for our school, and possess the patience, endurance, and tenacity to implement the desires and needs of the law school community. A primary concern for students is the job market. I believe that the Student Bar Association can do more to assist students in their search for employment. As president, I will aggressively encourage the Office of Counseling and Career Placement to provide the most advanced resources for job placement. An example is the acquisition of a standardized mail-merge file. This WordPerfect file will ensure that students do not waste valuable time typing numerous addresses. The SBA can be instrumental in assuring that this type of package is provided for the students.

An important concern of many students is the current class ranking system. I propose to abolish the class rank for all students except for those in the top ten percent of each class. This plan will continue to provide a reward for the best students, but will remove the “punishment” for the majority. No member of the student body should be labeled as “bottom-half.”

As president, I will forcefully represent the law school students on the campus. One issue is the recent reduction in the College’s medical services. It is practically impossible for a woman to physically impossible for a woman to become pregnant while on the pill. The library certainly has a valid position, but at the same time, it seems unfair to penalize the majority who are “good” stapler users. Perhaps a document preparation table in a more secure location could be arranged. Another library concern that has personally affected me has been the “unknown” where abouts of needed resources. I have often been told, “Well, one of the faculty probably took it without checking it out.” This is absurd for faculty to disregard such procedures while students are nitpicked about them.

Concerning the parking/Garage Housing problem, it seems that the only thing reasonable to promise here is that the students deserve to know when and if they will regain decent parking facilities. Also, I noticed that the “paved sidewalk” that was promised never materialized. Regardless of whether you are bothered by the parking, the “Tomahawk walk” across a sidewalk, or mudwalk if there has been rain, is no substitute for the cement.

The final issue I will mention here is the course registration procedure. I think most of us appreciate Dennis Nagel’s efforts in achieving some improvement in this area. Students continue, however, to desire a more equitable system, possibly a random selection method prioritized only by year — L.L.M., 3 years, 2 years. A related issue is course availability. For one, it seems disingenuous to list a myriad of courses in the Marshall-Wythe catalogue that are never offered. Similarly, several students have expressed disgust that more courses in a given area are not offered.

Many other issues of interest to us exist that cannot be addressed in this writing due to space constraints. Most importantly, though, I promise the attention and follow-up necessary to adequately address any issue brought to the SBA.

Although I feel hard work, diligence, perseverance, and a good ear (or two), are the most needed to continue to advance the SBA and student concerns, other candidates will of course offer their experiences. So without getting too far from the issues: I am currently SBA representative and PDP treasurer; have held four fraternity offices; worked as both a legislator and Student Services Councilor; served in undergraduate student government; and served as one or more of president, vice-president, or treasurer of four honor societies.

While I will not promise you Wrigley’s in your hanging file, you can count on my best efforts if elected president. Thank you for your time.

Joe Carrete, 2L

Hello, my name is Joe Carrete, and I am running for SBA president. I feel that representing the law student body is a serious matter and, as such, have given much thought in deciding to run. Having represented you this year as the law school’s representative to the Board of Student Affair (BSA), I was reminded of the diligence, care, and interpersonal relations necessary to accomplishing anything in a representative group setting.

By obtaining a seat on the BSA Finance Committee, I believe the law school and other graduate schools will receive fair representation in allocating your student fees, current and future.

Daily at law school, I hear students complain or express concern regarding a multitude of issues; we need to seek improvement and solutions, not just complain. As president, I actively would seek all students’ opinions and concerns and would have no issue without thoroughly investigating all possible means of resolution or improvement.

Here are several issues, among many, that come to mind. First, the Grad Thing is important to law students both socially and professionally. As a means of support, maintaining good graduate student relations. This year, financial constraints have put the Grad Thing in jeopardy; however, I have spoken to a member of another graduate organization who indicated that they would consider co-funding the Grad Thing — this approach seems possible.

Secondly, the library continues to be the focus of some complaints. The fact that our library stays open more hours than most, in my opinion, is not an answer to requests for longer hours. Also, I believe that the “stapler fiasco” was ridiculous. The library certainly has a valid position, but at the same time, it seems unfair to penalize the majority who are “good” stapler users. Perhaps a document preparation table in a more secure location could be arranged. Another library concern that has personally affected me has been the “unknown” whereabouts of needed resources. I have often been told, “Well, one of the faculty probably took it without checking it out.” This is absurd for faculty to disregard such procedures while students are nitpicked about them.

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Tracy Humphrey, 2L

Greetings fellow law students! I am Tracy Humphrey, 2L, and at this time I ask for your support in my efforts to become your SBA PRESIDENT.

As your SBA President I will bring to the office considerable leadership experience. Here at Marshall—Washington College of Law, I have served as a member of the School of Law’s alumni association, SBA, and a member of the Marshall—Washington College of Law’s student government. I have also served as a Miller Fellow Leadership Intern, Chair of the Council of Campus Leaders, and a Virginia Governor’s Fellow.

The President of the SBA must be organized, articulate, creative, dependable, and have the ability to motivate others. Through my extensive leadership experience I have developed each of these skills. More importantly, my agenda is comprised of those issues that are of critical importance to the needs of law students during the 1992-93 school year.

They are as follows:

**Cost of Living Assessment**

As SBA President, I will work with Ed Irish, Director of Financial Aid, to attempt to reevaluate the current formula to create a more accurate figure in the cost of living for law students.

**Social Events**

This year the current SBA administration decided not to sponsor many “Grad Things.” As hard working law students we need social outlets. The financial burden for these “get togethers” can be distributed throughout the graduate and professional schools. Under this plan we can have more “Grad Things.”

**New Graduate Housing**

The new luxury graduate housing located next door to the law school may cause problems for the law school community. The lease of which will be parking and the residents using the law library or computer lab. As your president, my administration will work to come to equitable solutions. We will also attempt to insure that the rents are reasonable and an adequate number of apartments are available to law students.

**SBA Funding**

As law students we pay approximately $90 per semester in student activities fees and receive minimal funding from the Board of Student Activities on the undergraduate campus. I will seek more funding for SBA organizations such as the Journal of Practice Journal, Mary & William Society, SERCH, Black Law Students Association, and the International Law Society. Furthermore, I will endeavor to receive money through the SBA Speakers Fund to bring more interesting and diverse speakers to the law school community such as Senator Robb.

**Self-Scheduled Exams**

This would allow each student to create their own exam schedule. In an academic environment with an Honor Code this is a feasible alternative to the present system.

**College Level Input**

For years the College has focused primarily on the concerns of the undergraduate student body, meanwhile the needs of graduate and professional students have been unnoticed. This must stop and to make it stop, law students need a loud and determined voice to call attention to their needs. I will be that voice. I will increase our participation on campus wide committees that make decisions that affect our lives: Parking committee, Transportation committee, Board of Student Affairs, and Housing committee.

**Your Concerns**

This is probably the most important item on my agenda because the gravamen of the SBA President is to address the concerns of the law student body. My list of critical issues is not exclusive of the particular concerns my colleagues.

As SBA President I will dedicate my efforts to insure that the needs and wants of the law students of Marshall—Wythe do not go unnoticed. I can promise you that I will utilize all my skills to address the issues and facilitate a solution most favorable to our needs. I hope I can count on your support on March 22nd.

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John Brownlee is a first year student from Fairfax, Virginia. He graduated from Washington and Lee University with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting. He has also earned an MBA in management. John has served as a military aide to the President of the United States, and as an infantry platoon leader and commander in the U.S. Army.
A Midsummer Night's Mare: What if Butler taught Torts?

By SUZANNE FITZGERALD and ANDREW HERZIG

Hard as it may be to imagine, in the following hypothetical you are an unlabeled first-year "associate" (read: gofer) from Marshall Wythe School of Law, working for the Virginia Attorney General. She drops the following facts on your card table, set up at the end of the hall near the janitor's closet. Your future, as always, depends on the quality of your work product.

It is the heat of the cold and flu season. Vie O. Later, hard at work in the Bag-O-Meal Flour mill of Wythe City County, met with a cloud of meal dust. Already feeling a bit congested, the dust only worsened the phlegm problem. For an instant in vain for a vapid cuspidor, he could hold back his spittle no longer. He let one fly against the back wall just below the "No Expectorating" sign, hoping no one would notice. He did not catch a glimpse of him.

As the work day wore on, Vie became more and more drowsy. After a whole-grain snack for two, he decided to curl up in a pile of meal sacks with his vegetarian pet pig and company mascot, Ima Frankfurter, for a nap. As he curled up in a pile of meal sacks with his vegetarian pet pig and company mascot, Ima Frankfurter, for a nap, he decided to curl up in a pile of meal sacks with his vegetarian pet pig and company mascot, Ima Frankfurter, for a nap. As he curled up in a pile of meal sacks with his vegetarian pet pig and company mascot, Ima Frankfurter, for a nap, he decided to curl up in a pile of meal sacks with his vegetarian pet pig and company mascot, Ima Frankfurter, for a nap.

Pat, groggy from his bout with the Wythe City Flour County, emerged from his house gently caressing his AK-47 and smiling at his neighbor. Vie, "This is the last straw. I mean, first you sleep with my daughter of previous character, next, that damn pig befouls the whole neighborhood, and now you send my Nash Gardens up in smoke.

"Well, what do I do in the privacy of my own home with my daughter is my business," Vie retorted. "Do I go around saying that we were compromised? Besides, look at those two," pointing to the Simmons sisters who were knowing each other by and with the mouth in broad daylight.

Mary Sue Terry asks you to take 15 minutes to write a well-structured, organized and legible treatise discussing all the applicable law regarding who may bring suit against whom and what, if any, claims the state should file. She suggests that you take time to outline your answers before writing. Remember, do not be conclusive!

The following is a catalog of the statutes that could be included in an answer. The list is not exhaustive; it is merely one of many possible responses (read the answer).

§ 46.2-1086. Devices for emission of smoke screens, gas projectors or flamethrowers; prohibited. Shall it be a Class 6 felony to install... on any motor vehicle any device... designed for generating... what is commonly known as a "smoke screen" or emitting any gas or flame which may be a hindrance or obstruction to traffic.

§ 3.1-375. Sleeping arrangements... no person shall sleep in any place where flour, meal or the manufactured products thereof are stored.

§ 3.1-376. Domestic animals. No domestic animals, except cats, shall be permitted to remain in any room, used for the manufacture or storage of food products.

Ask Miss Demeanor

By MISS DEMEANOR

Greetings once again Happy Students! I must say I was pleased to see so many of you having such a delightful time at Barrister's Ball last week. It certainly was a lovely affair this year, and sparked a nostalgic twinge in me, as I'm sure it did in many others who remember last year's event.

The entire evening found me reeling with excitement as everywhere around me, handsome couples and small groups of revelers gibbered about the elegant Virginians who had gathered from near and far to celebrate the annual Happy Students' Spring social. It was a gathering unlike any other I had attended in the past, a memorable night filled with laughter, love, and a chance to let our hair down and enjoy each other's company.

Soon the beauty of Spring would surround each Happy Student as we ventured into the fresh air and enjoyed the vibrant colors of nature. The air was filled with the sweet fragrance of flowers, and the gentle breeze carried with it the promise of warmer weather to come.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I am writing to ask your advice on a matter that has been bothering me. I have been experiencing some difficulty adjusting to my new environment at the law school. I have noticed that some of my classmates seem to have a lot of confidence and are always the life of the party, while others appear to be more reserved and introverted. I feel like I am struggling to fit in and make new friends.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been struggling with the idea of pursuing a career in law, especially after taking a gap year to travel and gain some perspective. I have heard mixed opinions from friends and family about the benefits and drawbacks of law school, and I am not sure if this is the right path for me. I feel like I have a lot to offer and want to make a positive impact, but I am not sure how to go about it.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been feeling a lot of stress and anxiety lately, and I am not sure if I am just adjusting to the demands of law school or if something more serious is going on. I worry about my ability to handle the workload and keep up with the expectations of my professors and peers.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been experiencing a lot of depression lately, and I am not sure how to address it. I feel like I am constantly thinking about everything that is going wrong in my life, and it is overwhelming me. I have tried to talk to my friends and family, but it seems like no one understands.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been feeling a lot of pressure to succeed at law school, and it is causing me a lot of stress. I worry about not living up to the expectations of my professors and peers, and I feel like I am constantly comparing myself to others.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been experiencing a lot of anxiety and panic attacks lately, and I am not sure how to address it. I feel like I am constantly thinking about everything that is going wrong in my life, and it is overwhelming me. I have tried to talk to my friends and family, but it seems like no one understands.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been experiencing a lot of stress and anxiety lately, and I am not sure if I am just adjusting to the demands of law school or if something more serious is going on. I worry about my ability to handle the workload and keep up with the expectations of my professors and peers.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been feeling a lot of pressure to succeed at law school, and it is causing me a lot of stress. I worry about not living up to the expectations of my professors and peers, and I feel like I am constantly comparing myself to others.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

I have been experiencing a lot of depression lately, and I am not sure how to address it. I feel like I have a lot to offer and want to make a positive impact, but I am not sure how to go about it.
Naugahyde

PROF. BUTLER CAME IN FOR PROPERTY LAST WEEK.

SHE GOT A STANDING OVATION. SHE WAS REALLY SENSITIVE TO WHERE WE'RE AT AFTER 3 MONTHS OF PROF. ROSENBERG.

CENSORED?

by Bob Dickinson

I DON'T KNOW IF I'D CALL THAT SENSITIVE AS MUCH AS EXPEDIENT.

Life after law school

Dave embarks on political career to pay off GSLs

By DAVID ZIEMER
Midwestern Correspondent

Well, the solo law practice plan crapped out. Holidays really are a terrible thing for a small businessman, especially when they fall in the middle of the week. You party all weekend, party on Christmas, party on the weekend, party on New Year's, party on the weekend... Even if there had been any work to do, my skull was either numb or thick as a brick.

The next thing I knew, the landlord kicked me out. My furniture was taken back, and loan officers started harassing myself both unemployed and incessantly useless. So I opted for what then seemed the final refuge of the incompetent law.

Three years and a J.D. later, I found myself both unemployed and in considerable debt. I realized that I was still essentially useless. So I opted for a job as a parking lot attendant. None of these positions are a refuge for me any more. I've found a lot of other ways that I could be useless after all these years. I know what I'm doing now. I've realized that I really realized then that this doesn't mean I didn't give any of them a try — so I opted for what I then believed to be the last refuge of the incompetent: studying literature.

Four years and a bachelor's degree in English later, I hadn't even begun to write the next Brothers Karamazov. I took a long look at myself, and realized I was still essentially useless. So I opted for the final refuge of the incompetent law.

Well, that's my report on life on the campaign trail. Time for me to go lies to some more voters. Wish me luck, and if you have any dead relatives from the 5th Aldermanic District in Glendale, Wisconsin, be sure and cast their absentee ballots in my favor. If dead voters were good enough for the Kennedys and the Johnsons, they're good enough for me. After all, those guys were some of the biggest crooks that ever lived — I'm just trying to make a little extra beer money. God, I love democracy!

Collect them all! This week: the hottest dates at Marshall-Wythe!

More clip 'n' save Marshall-Wythe trading cards

Jayne $420

Debbie $220

Ann $165

Heather Sue $165
Student injured in cycling accident
Robert Church, a second-year student at Marshall-Wythe, was injured in a car accident on Sunday, February 16th. Church was cycling on Route 143, approaching Interstate 64, when he was struck from behind while attempting to make a left turn.
Initially, Church was transported to Williamsburg Hospital, but was transferred to the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond once the severity of his injuries was diagnosed. The most serious injuries were 3 fractured vertebrae and a lacerated calf.
Church underwent surgery on Tuesday, two days after the accident. The three fractured vertebrae were realigned and fused, and metal rods were inserted along the spine to protect the injured area during the healing process. The metal protective rods will be removed once healing is completed, 1-2 years from the date of surgery.
While his injuries are severe, Church will be returning to classes soon. He will, however, be very limited in the physical activities he is permitted and will be required to wear a sculpted plastic torso cast for the remainder of the semester. Church received an outpouring of cards, letters, balloons, and flowers from fellow students and wished to thank everyone for their kindness and emotional support.

Plan to reform ranking system takes shape
By next year, students at Marshall-Wythe may not be ranked with individual numbers any more.
Over the last month, an ad hoc group including Professor Hardy, Chairman of the Academic Status Committee, Associate Dean Rob Kaplan, Associate Dean Connie Galloway, and Vanessa Elliott (SU) SBA Career Planning and Placement Liaison have been meeting and discussing options to the present ranking system. On February 25, the group chose an alternative system which will be made available to students for input before being presented to the faculty for a vote.
Currently, students are issued a numerical position in the class based on their grade point average calculated to the thousandth decimal point. Concerned that individual ranks may inaccurately reflect the narrow separations between students, the group developed another ranking option, based on an idea suggested by Elliott.
According to Elliott, the group will present students with details of the suggested plan at informational sessions to be held after Spring Break. She emphasized that while students will not determine whether the plan is adopted, their opinions will be consulted through an informal hanging file survey.

Libel Night returns March 21st
Trinkle Hall will be the setting on Saturday night, March 21st for SBA’s annual Libel Night. The show will begin at 8:00 pm and the $2.00 admission charge will include free beer and sodas as well as music after the show.
Libel Night is the perfect opportunity for students faculty, and members of the administration to take a look at the lighter side of law school and make public all those great jokes and comments that are usually reserved for a select group of friends. Skits last year included “The Wizard of Marshall-Wythe”, “Law School Jeopardy” and a special segment of “Wayne’s World” featuring special guests Neal Devins and Bob Dylan.
All members of the law school community are invited to put together a skit or song for the show. Broadway production standards do not apply. Good taste, tact, and style are also not prerequisites. Those interested in participating should contact SBA president Richard Brooks or Libel Night organizer Kevin Walsh (SL) before March 20th.
Although there is no formal dress rehearsal, a meeting for all participants will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. Those needing props should contact Walsh or Brooks as soon as possible.

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Jayne Barnard
As the old adage goes, once a power-broker, always a power broker. In scenes reminiscent of an festival-singing concert, students mobbed the stage during bidding for the James River champagne cruise with corporate law goddess Jayne. Remarked one bidder, who requested anonymity, "They say a recommendation from Jayne is worth 200 billable hours at some of the better firms in Chicago. Imagine, with a single letter, it's conceivable that I could not only get a job, but a week of vacation during my first three years as an associate."

Debbie Barr
Fresh from the premiere of Wayne's World, Debbie was crowned on the stage by constant companion John McNalley and Thing King Steve Shebest. The two hours of lost drinking while at the movies explain Debbie's refreshingly modest demeanor on the catwalk. Upon learning that the ingenuous look still suits, Debbie has begun exploring the possibility of becoming a model for Seventeen magazine if the legal job market remains depressed.

Ann Rogers
Dazzling in a slinky red dress, Ann hardly needed to pay off the evening's first bidder, but she's just a generous gal when it comes to her favorite charity. Joe English, the lucky winner, threw caution to the wind in shelling out $165.00 for Ann, especially considering that their names are frequently linked in the better gossip circles at M-W. As a result of Joe's profligate spending (Ann was his third purchase of the evening) Dean Galloway has announced that the College will audit his finances for the money missing from last year's SBA treasury.

Heather Sue Ramsey
Despite disapproving glares from PSF Commissioner Elizabeth Dopp, Heather Sue chose to stroll the catwalk with a lit cigarette in hand. Few admirers seemed to notice the flagrant breach, perhaps because the revelation of the teeny black cocktail dress beneath her demure cardigan set the bidders' affaire. Even normally reserved students, such as high bidder James Schles娘娘, were moved to heated bidding at the sight of last year's Lounge Lizard Rookie of the Year all gussied up for a night on the town.
**Dancing About Architecture**

The early '80s Renaissance is right around the corner!!!

**By KEVIN WALSH**

In November, SPY magazine ran an article exposing the quickening pace of nostalgia and noting how the "good old days" seem to be getting closer and closer. "Come 1992," SPY predicted, "The eighties will be back!" I am happy to report that, ever alert to the shifting winds of trends, I actually began what I will call The Early '80s Renaissance sometime last Spring when I dusted off a handful of old 45s and made a tape 1 call "Early '80s Nostalgia -- CATCH IT!!" As those who were fortunate enough to have spent Beach Week with me last year will tell you, our house was filled with the half-forgotten sounds of the early '80s for an entire week, often into the proverbial wee hours of the morning.

It's actually become pretty fashionable to slam on the '80s lately. Yes, people dressed from head to toe in second-rate haircuts too much and actual songs too little. Yes, 

"everything" was retro. Yes, Olivia Newton-John hit #1 with [("Let's Get") "Physical"].

Such blunders ignores the fact that some pretty great music was made back then, way back, oh, seven or eight years ago. The range of music covered in this era is actually pretty impressive: from classics-for-the-ages (Spandau Ballet's "True"); to Ray -Chains' "Time"; to Elvis Costello's "Verite"; to Rockwell's "Somebody's Watching Me"). And remember the first time you saw Boy George? Remember the above list?

After combing through dusty record store and friends' record collections, I've come up with a three-tape compilation that pretty much sums up the era: soadad York on the Rock \\

Rhino will be selling a facsimile of it. So in a couple of years when everybody's dressing like Duran Duran and covering their faces with smeared makeup and Fox's "I Ran", you can say you read it in the Amicus first.

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Of course, one of the "important" bands to emerge from the early '80s scene has proven to be REM. Success, as usual, has spawned a bunch of sound-alike bands, or at least divers.

The food is well prepared, centered on the milder Cantonese options. For those accustomed to spices that induce cardiac arrest, the Szechuan dishes are fairly mild but still tasty. Particularly favorites for the hot and spicy crowd are anything in garlic sauce and the Kung Pao Chicken. If you like a more Americanized dish, try something with a brown sauce (Pepper Steak, Beef and Broccoli, Three Delicacies, Buddha's Delight).

The Gin Blossoms have been getting a veritable Chinese restaurant

The Gin Blossoms promise big things on Up and Cramming, their relatively single-sized five-song debut EP. The Gin Blossoms practice classic "jangle" pop that became so big in the wake of REM, but has really fallen out of vogue now. It's good to hear it make a return, especially in such an inventive and tuneful way.

More than REM, the Gin Blossoms recall the Byrds and, at times, Tom Petty (who, at times, also recalls the Byrds). On songs like "Allison Road" (the first single) and "Kelt Richards", the Gin Blossoms make a bid for the title of Next Great Twelve-String Rickenbacker Band. These guys make especially effective use of harmony to emphasize the strengths of the tunes they've written on songs like "Angels Tonight" and "Mrs. Rita".

The Gin Blossoms have been getting a lot of airplay on WVOG and it's not that hard to imagine them making the leap to AOR radio. Their sound is friendly, open and fun. I can't wait to hear a whole album.

It ain't Chinatown, but you can still get decent chow mein

**By MIKE AND LISA LAWRENCE**

In the article in the last issue snuggled

avoiding anything on the most 

chinese place in town, although

they get a big red

Japanese beer. Lunch prices are

a McRib.

The clear leader, however, for
title of worst Chinese restaurant in the "burg is Dynasty. The atmosphere is far too cute, and the food far too unpleasant. The service isn't spectaculac. Avoiding anything on the most
tourist-infested sections of Route 60 is probably a good plan. The prices are higher than the other options and the food is worse. Need we say more?

As a final note: After seeing our article in the last issue snuggled next to an ad for Berret's, we think that Berret's is a better choice than ever. If that cute little Scottish restaurant would take out a full page ad, we might suggest you all rush out and have a McRib.

Don't forget the next meeting of the Amicus Curiae

Wednesday, March 4, 1992

7:00 p.m., Room 239
Double Vision video reviews

Hot Shots comes close; Hitchcock war film still a classic

By STEVE SCHOFIELD

and MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Hot Shots!" (1991; starring Charlie Sheen and Lloyd Bridges, directed by Jim Abrahams)

This "Top Gun" parody tells the story of the world's best pilot, played by Sheen, who is asked to return to the Navy after being drummed out for insubordination, because his flying skills are needed for a dangerous mission in the Middle East. While training for the attack he meets the love of his life and contracts his "paranoid conflict syndrome." Actually, the plot is irrelevant and the jokes are the thing. This movie was produced and directed by one of the guys who made Airplane! and Naked Gun, so you know what kind of humor to expect.

Unfortunately, Hot Shots doesn't rise to the level of these movies, at least in terms of the "low" humor. It just doesn't seem to have the same energy and inventiveness that characterized its predecessors. There are plenty of sight gags and bad puns but they seem to fall a bit flat — you sometimes groan rather than laugh.

Nevertheless, the movie contains so many jokes that some are bound to hit the mark. It's not a bad rental if you like this sort of movie, so we give it a limited recommendation.

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In an effort to find video gems that many people may have missed, we decided to check out a few classics from yesteryear and more recent films that didn't stay in the theaters for long. Our first review in this category:

Foreign Correspondent (1940; black & white; directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Joel McCrea and George Sanders)

New York reporter Johnny Jones, played by McCrea, is sent to Europe to dig up a big story on the impending war (that's World War II). Almost immediately upon arriving in London, he becomes involved with the leader of Holland, who is a peace advocate. The Dutch dignitary is later shot dead in front of Jones, who begins to pursue the conspirators. A startling discovery endanger's his life and gets him more than just the news story of the century.

Hitch weaves another wonderfully engrossing web of mystery, suspense, and action. Because so many of his techniques and methods have been copied, parts of this film may seem a little tired. Nevertheless Hitchcock did most of it first, and few of his imitators have been able to get it quite right.

This movie moves along a steady pace, but rarely goes exactly where you might expect. There are several good plot twists as well as a few nasty foreign villains. Surprisingly, there are also quite a few deaths for a film made in 1940.

Foreign Correspondent needs to be viewed in the context of America preparing for war, and it is something of a propaganda piece. Still, if you like a good mystery or just classic old films, this is definitely one for you. We give it a high recommendation.

Introducing: an alternative to the stuffy Academy Awards

By Ralph L. CLAY

Well, the Academy Award nominations are out, and as usual they are disappointing to the charge that the Academy is out of touch with the average movie-goer, I've fashioned my own awards for cinematic excellence. These new and highly prestigious awards will be named The Kimberrys. (My wife is gonna love this!) Unlike the Academy, I'll provide the criteria for each category of Kimberly, and there will be no unnecessary month-and-a-half delay in announcing the winners.

Best Film

To be nominated in this category, a film must have some meaning rather than merely being exciting or interesting. It must examine or expose some social condition, or move the audience towards personal growth (don't gag yet, stay with me). Comedies and horror/sci-fi flicks are excluded (but at least on the roll-up — they should!).

The nominees are: Boyz n the Hood, Fried Green Tomatoes, JFK, and Thelma and Louise.

Drum roll — "And the winner is . . .

Boyz n the Hood!

Long, uproarious staring competition. Anyone who missed this film will now, presumably, run out and see it ASAP, as well they should!

Best Actor/Actress

Nominees in these categories must convincingly express a range of emotions: those capable of portraying only one dimensional characters need not apply. The nominees for Best Actor are: Cuba Gooding (Boyz n the Hood), Robin Williams (The Fisher King), and Nick Nolte (Prince of Tides). Now we see a major difference between the Oscars and the Kimberrys. Only worthy nominees will be considered; if there are only three worthy contenders to an award, only three nominees will be given out. (You're starting to like this new award aren't you?)

DeNiro's performance in Cape Fear was great, but the range of emotions rule keeps him out of contention (Robby's heart is broken, I'm sure). The same goes for Anthony Hopkins in Silence of the Lambs.

Drum roll — "And the winner is . . .

Cuba Gooding!

Dumbfounded silence. A MONUMENTAL difference between the Oscars and the Kimberrys is revealed. If someone deserves an award, they get it.

There will be no Kimberrys given out merely because someone has had a distinguished career. Once this explanation is given the crowd goes wild! I should point out that those of you reading this will now realize that A) you are instantly jumping up and down, or B) tears are welling up uncontrollably in the corner of your eyes.

The ceremony continues.

The nominees for Best Actress are: Susan Sarandon (Thelma and Louise), Patti Smith Masterson (Fried Green Tomatoes), Bette Midler (For the Boys), and Joie Fester (Little Man Tate)(— who's that? Little Man Tate). Drum roll — "And the winner is . . . Susan Sarandon!"

Another BIG difference between the Oscars and the Kimberrys is that in the awarding of the Kimberrys, no pre-judging is allowed. Even the man-bashing films are recognized.

Best Supporting Actor/Actress

This category requires that the film have a plot, which rules out half the movies released these days. Without a recent plot, supporting roles don't make any sense. Second, the range of emotions required of the nominee are the same as in the Best Actor/Actress category.

"And the Winner in the Best Supporting Actor category is John Goodman (Barton Fink)"? Sorry, nobody else's performance was comparable to Goodman's, hence the deserved nominations only rule kept the others from being included.

The nominees for Best Supporting Actress are: Juliet Lewis (Cape Fear), Mercedes Reuhl (The Fisher King), and Mary Louise Parker (Fried Green Tomatoes). Drum roll — "And the winner is . . . Mercedes Reuhl!" Applause, Applause.

Since the awards are named for my wife, she gets to pick one winner each year. She made a pretty good pick for the inaugural award: Nice job, sweetie!

Comedy Film

Only one requirement, it has to make this reporter laugh. It is doubtful that any film without Billy Crystal, Tom Hanks, Eddie Murphy or Robin Williams in it could win. The nominees are: Home Alone, Defending Your Life, Father of the Bride, and City Slickers.

Drum roll — "And the winner is . . . City Slickers!"

Horror/Sci-Fi

To be nominated in this category, a film must either save your imagination or scare the bejesus out of you. The nominees are: Star Trek? (who can keep track of those numbers anymore), Silence of the Lambs, and Terminator 2.

Drum roll — "And the winner is . . . Silence of the Lambs!" Anyone who saw this film that wasn't terrified should immediately seek psychiatric help. Please.

Worst Film of the Year

Finally, the category we've all been waiting for. The title just about says it all doesn't it? The nominees are: Highlander II, Freejack, and Anything with Sean Young in it.

The crowd goes wild, there is dancing in the streets, and newsmen across the nation are named Kimberly, after the new awards. Too bad, but life is going to be tough on some of those male newsmen.

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March
* DESIGNATION: Women’s History Month
* MOTTO: In like a lion, out like a lamb.
* TO DO: Register for VA Bar Exam.

Monday, March 2
* PRESENTATION: “Women Who Believe, Achieve,” will be presented by Sandra Johnson, a member of CW’s African American Interpretation Department, in room 134, 4 p.m.
* BANDS:
  - Night Ranger - Kahootz (Richmond)
  - Erogenous Jones - Twisters (Richmond)
  - Allison Moyet - 9:30 Club (DC)
  - Arvin McClellan - Green Leafe

Tuesday, March 3
* PARTY: Fat Tuesday - Be in New Orleans if at all possible for the last night of Mardi Gras.
* STATE: Florida joins union in 1845 to avoid annexation by Alabama.
* BANDS:
  - Steel Pulse - Flood Zone (Richmond)
  - Tailgators - Bayou (DC)
  - Live - 9:30 Club (DC)
  - Graham Island and the Shades of Blue - Props (Richmond)
  - Ja Trippen - Green Leafe

Wednesday, March 4
* LENT: Ash Wednesday - give up class attendance for 40 days.
* BIRTHDAY: Chastity Bono born in 1969.
* BANDS:
  - Boy-o-Boy - Kahootz (Richmond)
  - “The Country Club” (two step lessons) - Tobacco Company (Richmond)
  - Judy Vents - 9:30 Club (DC)

Thursday, March 5
* BIG STICK: In 1927 U.S. Marines land in China to protect American property.
* TYRANNY: Five killed in “Boston Massacre” in 1770.
* BANDS:
  - Paul Stokes - Rick’s Cafe (Richmond)
  - Neil Lockman - Bayou (DC)
  - My Bloody Valentine - 9:30 Club (DC)
  - Grateful Dead - Hampton Coliseum

Friday, March 6
* BREAK: Spring Break begins.
* VIRUS: “Michelangelo” computer virus expected to affect computers worldwide - real threat or virus protection software marketing campaign?
* SKI: PAD Ski Weekend at Silver Creek Resort in Snowshoe, WV, runs through Sunday.
* BANDS:
  - Pat Travers - Kahootz (Richmond)
  - Trip Shakespeare - 9:30 Club (DC)
  - Kicks - Bayou (DC)
  - Grateful Dead - Hampton Coliseum

Saturday, March 7
* RACE: Iditarod Trail dog sled race from Nome to Anchorage starts - top racers should finish in about 10 days. Brrrrrr!
* BANDS:
  - Blue Miracle/Next Step Rare Daze - Grog & Tankard (DC)
  - U2 Pixies - Hampton Coliseum

If you know of an event that would benefit from publicity or would like to find out more about one not included in this calendar, drop a note with your information or questions in the Amicus Curiae hanging file.
Barrister's proves crowning event of M-W social season

BY SERGIO HIRSCHBAUM, ROXIE MEOW and MUFFY ST. ARMAND

Amicus Social Correspondents

Saturday, February 22, marked the high point of the Marshall-Wythe social season when the Barrister's Ball was held at the Williamsburg Lodge.

One of this year's more enchanting surprises was the senior citizens' group the Williamsburg Lodge. The Lodge's entrance and revellers. It provided a nice "homey" touch—rather like meeting your grandmother's bridge club your way to your high school prom.

Partygoers were treated to the sound stylings of "Baby Huey and the Babysitters" whose next law-related gig will be the wedding reception of Michael Chu (3L) and Stephanie Reyer (3L). The happy couple were among the many students of the M-W "in-crowd" who tripped the lights fantastic at the Lodge.

As always, the Barrister's Ball provided the opportunity for students and faculty to display the fashion sense for which Marshall-Wythe is so renowned.

Paula Sinozich (3L) fairly sparkled with her thin gold headband—a delightful showcase for short hair. Speaking of hair, Jane Sherman (3L) wowed the crowd with her "Lady Miss Kier" flip style, while Julie Gilges (2L) was absolutely lovely with her hair in a softly curled style.

The finest in Williamsburg clothing was also on display at the Lodge. Darby Gibbs (3L) typified the retro '60s look with her opera-length gloves and upswept hair. With the number of women's gloves on display, it is truly a shame that so few opera companies perform in Williamsburg.

Claudia DelGrosso (3L) glimmered in multi-colored sequins and, in a move that delighted everyone present, Elizabeth Dopp (3L) wore a dress that was neither green nor sequined. The most eye-catching dresses of the evening belonged to Charlene Hicks (1L) whose full-skirted white dress could be an ersatz wedding gown if the top half were not white, and to Professor Miller's guest who wore a dark, sparkly gown with a delightful flounced white tulle effect.

Black was the color of choice for most women at Barrister's. Stephanie Coleman (2L) sizzled in a sophisticated black and ivory cocktail dress. Jenn Rademacher (2L) was demure in an elegant tea length black dress that—surprisingly—covered most everything. Also in black, tall and slender Natalie Guterman (3L) showed off most of her back and shoulders.

Not to neglect the men present, Michael Jacksons (1L) looked sharp in a dress military uniform. One of the snappiest dressers of the evening was Brian Alperstein (1L) whose dinner jacket was a vintage muted plaid. Scooter Zimmerman (3L) who, yes folks, had a date, wore rhinestone shirt studs. John Bard (2L) was coolly elegant in his black tuxedo. A special commendation goes out to Joe Somerville (2L) for keeping his tie on and not going swimming during the evening. The evening's fashion surprise was Chris Farno (3L) in a morning coat—evidently, his party plans were to extend until Sunday morning.

Some partygoers complained about the room's set-up as compared to last year's Barrister's Ball. The hors d'oeuvres were hidden in the back behind the band and this year's event had fewer bartenders, making the wait for drinks much longer than last year.

Despite the wait for drinks, everyone was able to enjoy themselves. During the final dance of the evening, Hannah Sims (1L) displayed plenty of leg, thus making her the recipient of the first annual Victoria's Secret Award given at Barrister's. During one of the band's breaks, Bryan Bonner (2L) led a group of thirty or more spirited partyers in the "Electric Slide," making him a deserving recipient of the Bouncing Booty Award.

This year's Arts & Crafts Award goes to Dee Cohen (2L) for her innovative use of double-sided tape.

For the uninitiated, certain items displayed at this year's Ball would be better left at home next year. These include video cameras, red bow ties and cummerbunds, white shoes, 3-piece tuxedos, peplums, and corsets.

Barrister's Ball ended all too quickly. At 11 a.m. exactly, the band started to pack up. Some in attendance commented that the evening went by much more quickly than in past years. Most partygoers continued the fun at private parties throughout the 'Burg until the early hours of the morning.

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Photos By GREG BRUMMETT

Natalie Gutterman lunges for the cocktail offered by one of the bartenders in the Virginia Room. The open bar kept at least one hand of many party-goers occupied. Fearing he would be unable to talk, Pete Liaskos chose to forego liquid refreshment.

Some dedicated dancers could not endure a sustained absence from the dance floor. Bryan Bonner led a group of close to thirty party-goers in the Electric Slide during one of the band's intermissions.

Couples dance the night away to the sounds of Baby Huey and the Babysitters, unanimously acclaimed the best band ever to appear at a law school function.

Impressions of the evening were varied. Amicus photographer Greg Brummett either enjoyed the party a bit too much, or thought he had found the perfect opportunity to display his more artistic side.
Mychal’s Myopia
Basketball dream team named; Kaplan takes Koch award

By MYCHAL SCHULZ

No doubt, you’ve all been waiting for this. With the end of the intramural basketball season quickly approaching, it’s time to name the All-Marshall-Wythe Dream Team. So, without further ado:

First Team: Jeff Huber - Steady and quiet, but can dominate a game offensively. Competing with Moses Malone for the Black Hole Award.

Joe English - Lightning quick guard who scores mostly from the paint. Steals the ball so much it’s annoying, which is why you want him on your team.

Dave Douglas - He’s all. Only one thing separates him from people like Stuart Gray, Greg Drelling, Eric Leckner, Christian Welp, Uwe Blab and Bill Wennington. He’s a professor.

Mark Vann - Away from balance and with the grace of the Irish bobsledding team, this Mark Knopfler (Dare Sought) look-alike lights up the scoreboard like nobody else in law school. Screams ala Jimmy Conners while doing it, too.

Rick Carlton - A sharp-shooting power forward who has yet to venture into the lane this year. Possesses all the athletic hopes and aspirations of the Law Review Staff. Despite that burden, he plays the game well.

Second Team: Tony Johnson - A man without a position, he rebounds and runs the court well. An ideal athlete for the shooting guard spot, but he can’t shoot. Can’t really dribble either. Nor catch the ball. But he is an ideal athlete.

Eric Chasse - Despite his Tar Heel roots, shoots the ball well from the perimeter. Has a deadly fadeaway jumper from the block which he learned from Dean Smith, the bartender at the Canton You-Say-Duke-is-#1 tavern.

Jubal Miller - This seemingly placid center learned his on-court manners from Mike Tyson. Known as “Sir” to his friends, “Mr. Sir” to his teammates.

Bill Fitzpatrick - Simply out-hustles everyone else on the court. Would have joined Notre Dame this year, but the Irish were afraid he might hurt LaPhonso Ellis on a rebound.

Eric Finley - He’s tall, too. Reminds many of Will Perdue, or is that Frank? Was thought to have jumped over a phone once, but shanks were found in his shoes.

Honorable Mention: Bill Connolly (II), too slow even to walk the ball up the court; Mike LeBeck (II), often plays with the style of another famous LeBeck, Eddie (of Cheers); Dave Whited (II), big, bad, baby bull Barkley; George Kostel (II), if only he wasn’t afraid to sweat; Mychal Schulz (II), it’s still my column, baby, so I get a little P.Y.; Todd Pilot (II), had the courage to play on the same team as Professors Koch and Rosenberg, once; Vic Miller (II), he paid me enough to appear here; Kevin Fleming (II), a shooting point-forward who can neither shoot nor point.

There it is. Disagreements with these selections may be dropped in my hanging file. Letter bombs may be directed to the office of the Amicus Curiae, c/o HeathSte Ramsey. Pipe bombs may be dropped in Keith Finch’s hanging file.

From the “Has Anybody Noticed” department:

UNLV moved up to number 7 in the latest AP basketball poll after winning 17 straight! Now, of course, Jerry Tarkanian has rescinded his resignation. What a mess.

- Bryant Stith last week moved into first place on Virginia’s all-time scoring list? Stith plays the game like few play it today, hard and fundamentally sound.

- Notre Dame won the college football recruiting campaign? Think having its own broadcasting system (NBC) helped.

- The Olympics are over? Did anybody notice that out of twelve figure skaters, men and women, who skated in the last round, not one had a clean program?

- The William and Mary men’s team had a 3-1 record in conference play in early January and was in second place? Of course, they haven’t won a conference game since.

- Spring training for Major League Baseball began last week?

- The library staff is nicer now that the spring weather is upon us? Not.

- The New York Knicks are in first place in the Atlantic division? How annoying.

- Georgetown atop the Big East? How doubly annoying.

What the law school women lack in terms of quantity intramural participation they make up for in quality of participation. The wallyball (Yes, Mr. Chekov, Mr. Spock said “Wallyball.”) team of the Losers (self-titled) recently won the intramural tournament for women. Congratulations to Jan Brown, Laura Kerrigan, Abby Perkins and Debbie Barr.

Finally, this week’s coveted Professor Charles Koch Award, given to the person who actually possesses athletic talent, though you’d never know if by looking at him, goes to that power of placement, the emperor of employment, Dean Robert Kaplan. Shy about flashing his athletic prowess in front of students, Dean Kaplan instead competes in the James City County Volleyball League, where his exploits are well-known. Though mild mannered in school, Kaplan unleashes vicious barrages of high-powered spikes upon an unsuspecting foe. If only there was no net. Until next time, peace.
Amicus Computer-like rankings

Horsemen maintain top slot in IM basketball poll

By BILL MADIGAN

BASKETBALL: The end is at hand, and the Horsemen have appeared on the horizon. However, in this case the end is not of the world, but of the basketball regular season (there may not be a difference), and the Horsemen are not the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, but the five Horsemen of M-W, who have vindicated the preseason prognostications by finishing the season undefeated. The votes have been counted, the checks have been cashed, and the final poll of the regular season is in.

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In swimming news, Lawschool finished second in the Men's 200yd Medley Relay and 200yd Free Relay, coming in ahead of all the fraternity teams. Other law school participants did well. Chris "Carp" Smith (2L), finished third in the 100yd Individual Medley and fifth in the 50yd Freestyle. Matt "Barnouada" Rea (2L), stroked his way to first place in the 50yd Breaststroke, and Christian "Flounder" Connell (3L), came in third in the 50yd Butterfly. Congrats to all.

The inner-tube water polo tournament has been postponed until April. However, you can sign up now for W&M's squash (the sport, not the vegetable) tournament. Entry forms are available at the rec center, and the fee is $2.00.

Next time around, we'll have the final regular season hockey results, as well as the beginning of the soccer season.

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BUCKS THING, from page 1

The Student Association (GAPS) has approved funding for next year's the Grad Things, so the event will not longer be solely a product of the law school.

While funding of the Thing is intact, what is not so certain is who will be King of the Thing next year.

"I am the King of the Thing," explained Shebest. "I inherited the throne from George Leedom, who inherited it from Lisa Ng, Queen of the Thing." According to Shebest tradition dictates that the crown go to an heir apparent, and none have presented themselves as of yet.

The duties of his or her highness include not only buying the beer and munchies, getting the ABC license, and scheduling entertainment for the graduate student party, but also creating neat flyers and coming up with cool themes to get people to come out.

GRAD RAGS, from page 1

she felt it would require too much manpower to pack up the gowns following graduation and send them back to the rental company.

A representative from Jostens will be at Marshall Wythe tomorrow and Wednesday (March 3 and 4) to take cap and gown orders. Orders will also be taken for hoods at that time.

Payment of $32 must be made, by cash or check only, with your order. Lynch recommends bringing two checks—she is not sure if the Jostens representative will take payments for hoods as well as caps and gowns.

For those who miss the representative this week, phone orders will be taken. Orders received after March 13th will be subject to a $10.00 rush fee, so Lynch urges students to place their orders before spring break.

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