Student referendum on ranks slated for next week

By ANDREW SMITH

The Office of Career Planning and Placement, in conjunction with the SBA and the Academic Status Committee, has devised a new class ranking system, whereby GPAs will be calculated to two decimal places and then rounded to one. In addition, the proposed system provides that first-year students would not be ranked until the end of the first year, while second- and third-year students would continue to be ranked each semester.

The new system will be the subject of a non-binding student referendum to be held next week. Results of the referendum will be submitted to the faculty, who must give the proposal their approval in order for it to be enacted.

Under the current scheme, GPAs are carried to three decimal places. Many members of the M-W community, both students and faculty alike, feel the current system is unfair because an incremental difference in GPA can result in an enormous disparity in class rank.

For example, last year’s graduating class, a student with an average of 3.045 would have been ranked 90th in the class and fallen in the 46th percentile, while a student with an average of 2.951 would have been ranked 30 students lower, in the 62nd percentile. While the difference between a student’s being in the top half or the top two-thirds of his or her class understandably makes a significant difference to employers, for students the difference can be less than one-tenth of a grade point.

The proposed system will be much more forgiving. Both of the students in the above example will have their GPAs rounded to 3.0 and both will be ranked in the 46th percentile. While the student with the 3.045 may be upset that she is being lumped with the 2.951 GPA, she will not suffer actual harm because her class rank will remain the same. In addition, if this student can manage to raise her cumulative GPA by only 0.005 of a grade point in the next semester, then she can join the next higher echelon of 3.1 GPAs, collectively ranked in the 34th percentile.

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Moot Court’s ABA team sweeps regions

By STEVE SHEESE

The Marshall-Wythe ABA Moot Court team of Rick Hricik, Lauren Schaefer and Bill Wilder dominated the Regional Tournament in Baltimore, last weekend, capturing the Best Brief Award on their way to an undefeated 11-0 record.

The team of Rob Farbour, Cliff Corker, and Mike McVicker advanced as far as the semifinal round, missing third place by a mere half a point. The patented laid back approach of the Corker, and McVicker had made a technical error in one of their preliminary rounds, causing the team to lose a point.

Simon, the tournament administrator who’s last name remains a mystery, described himself as “a self-proclaimed arrogant asshole” and “proud of it”. He began the meeting by requiring someone from each team to wave when he called. Wilder, apparently misunderstanding the instructions, started a stadium style wave when M-W was called and was quickly joined by Hricik. The wave didn’t catch on, with Simon being particularly unappreciative and chastising.

Cartee elected new SBA president

By KEVIN KRONER

Joe Cartee (2L) fought off tough competition from first-year candidates John Brownlee and Kyle Short to win the SBA presidential election last week.

Cartee avoided a runoff election by garnering 51% of the vote, against 29% for Short, 17% for Brownlee, and 3% for write-in candidate Dave Permini (1L). Overall, 394 students turned out to vote. Judicial Council member Steve Gerber (3L) said that the turnout was especially high among first-years.

Cartee attributed his victory to his reputation among second years and the support of outgoing SBA president Richard Brooks. According to Cartee, students who knew him, knew he would represent them well. Additionally, Brooks lobbied members of the third-year class, attempting to explain Cartee’s qualifications for the post of SBA president.

Perhaps the biggest story of the election was the withdrawal of Traye Humphrey (2L) from the race, only days before the election. When asked about the effect of Humphrey’s departure, Cartee said it had a “very big impact.” He speculated that Humphrey’s action was one of the keys to avoiding a runoff election.

When asked why she withdrew from the race, Humphrey said she entered the race when she thought that no other second-year student would be running. Humphrey felt the voters should at least have a choice between levels of experience, as well as different platforms.

When Cartee entered the race, Humphrey not only felt that he was the best candidate for the job, but that he wanted the post more than she did. When faced with the dilemma of campaigning against the person she felt was most qualified for the job, Humphrey decided to withdraw on the Friday before the election.

Humphrey said she wanted to “thank everyone, tremendously,” for their support and said she was “tremendously happy with the way things turned out.”

Both Brownlee and Short said they didn’t regret running, although both feel that Cartee will do a fine job as SBA president. Brownlee decided to put his name on the ballot for SBA vice-president saying he still wants to contribute and that he counts the election as a great learning experience.

Short said he “appreciates everyone voting and getting involved, and hopes it [the involvement] continues.” He decided not to run for any other office after Monday’s defeat.

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Inside this issue

Out of our heads

In an intense setting like law school, people often neglect their more artistic and creative sides. Yet these sides are as important to one’s long term health and happiness as any book award or six figure starting salary. Luckily, I have been graced with the presence of many such talented souls on the staff of the newsletter this year.

In keeping with a tradition begun long ago, and renewed last year, I have the distinct honor of publishing The Weekly World Ambulance Chaser in this issue as our April Fool’s Day tribute to the law school. As with Libel Night, no aspect of life at Marshall-Wythe has been deemed taboo. To those who we have not offended in this issue, we sincerely apologize and express our sincerest intentions to make up the slight next year.

This year’s gloomy job market, parking woes and general malaise have provided rich fodder for this year’s Chaser. In addition to events unique to Marshall-Wythe this year, readers will find features about the usual cast of characters who make life here so lively.

While some will find a hint of truth in this satire, we urge everyone to read these pages in the spirit in which they are intended. We are, of course, powerless to prevent subjective projections of underlying themes or author’s intentions by members of our audience.

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To the Editor,

Monday marked the beginning of the Public Service Fund’s annual Pledge Week, a five-day fundraising drive revolving around student and faculty pledges of one day’s worth of summer earnings to PSF. Additional events during the week included the annual PSF Night at the Comedy Club on Thursday and the popular Chili Cook-Off/Grad Thing combination on Friday evening.

Representatives will be collecting pledges in the lobby from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm each day. We are requesting that individuals calculate and pledge the equivalent of one day’s earnings from their upcoming summer jobs. All of the money raised will go toward summer stipends for Marshall-Wythe students who take on low-paying or non-paying jobs in public interest law.

To the Editor,

Two events happened my way recently to give me more gray hair. Both grounded in prejudice, they again demonstrated problems I view as endemic at William & Mary.

The first was a prejudicial attempt to remove funding for a gay student group on the main campus. The attack outwardly appeared to be a legitimate technical matter. It was one which I was in the unfortunate position, by being in a responsible position on a school publication, to have to help to advance. I did so very reluctantly, knowing that the motivation was not an effort aimed at good student government but an effort at undermining the efforts of gay persons from gaining true acceptance in our campus society.

The second was a reaction to what one person believed to be a racial attack. Knowing the players involved, I say with certainty that the action taken was not a prejudicial attack, but, in fact, an action taken without consideration of race. The reaction to what one person believed to be a political attack, however, was just as hurtful and harmful as any racial attack.

The events demonstrated to me the two dangers which lie in the atmosphere at William & Mary. On one side, prejudice does exist and motivates injurious and detrimental events. On the other side, perceptions of and reactions to perceived prejudicial events results in equally painful and unhealthy events, especially when undeserved.

Make no mistake, I know that every person involved has the right to do what they did. I also know that all groups—those steeped in prejudice, those who act on that prejudice, and those who actively fight prejudice—have to begin to change their methods.

Those steeped in prejudice should learn some tolerance. They have every right to feel those prejudices, but they need not attack others based on those prejudices. Those who are the targets of prejudice can more effectively advance their position by dialogue rather than engaging in counter-attacks and by understanding that not all actions taken which impact a member of their group are grounded in prejudice. Those who actively fight prejudices can best fight those prejudices by bringing all sides out to the public forum.

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McHale will provide the musical entertainment for the evening.

The Grad Thing officially begins at 7:30, but early arrival is advised so that the widest range of chills will be available for sampling. Twenty contestants are expected to put forth a pot of their best chili, and the results will be awarded the general consumption immediately following the judging at 6:30 pm.

PSF night at the Comedy Club is a new event this year, made possible by the generosity of Anita Fletcher at the Comedy Club. Tickets for the Thursday night laugh fest are available for $7 from PSF board members and at the pledge table in the lobby. The doors open at 8:30 and the show begins at 9:30 pm.

PSF is grateful for any and all contributions from the members of our community. Not only will Marshall-Wythe students benefit from these funds, but our law school will be a more diverse and dynamic entity because of your generosity. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the activities planned for the week.

David Pfefferkorn (L)

PSF Board Member

To the Editor,

The desire to change our ranking system is not to cushion bruised egos, but to provide a fair system that presents our students in the best possible light to employers. The joint efforts of Deans Kaplan and Galloway, Professor Hardy, and Vanessa Elliott (L) appear to have produced this system. Numerous proposals were examined before selecting the most beneficial and equitable.

By mitigating the currently pronounced effect that a mere half letter grade can produce in the ranking system, the proposed system will answer some of the arbitrariness of semi-subjective grading. Also, because the new system only helps students while hurting no one, it should be recognized as an equitable change that hopefully will benefit Marshall-Wythe students in their job search.

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John V. Edwards (3L)
Law-Related Ed program reaches out to local schools

By PAULA HANNAFORD

Unconvinced by the circumstantial evidence offered by the plaintiff Prince Marshall-Wythe Law School (Criminal Law - Related Ed) program director William DeVan (3L), the jury rejected the plea of a citizen who claimed $50,000 worth of gold pieces and returned a verdict for the defendant Don Pieman, played by John Lohman (2L). Charming sued Pieman for injuries allegedly caused by Pieman's negligent contamination of the local water supply.

According to Charming, the contamination caused him to revert to a handsome prince from his previous TV appearance, to the delight of the legal community in the Kingdom ofrypton. The legal community's most recent television show and its assessment of the trial's impact on the community were covered by six hundred school children in grades 3 through 12 in the Williamsburg-James City County and York County School System this semester.

According to Professor Fred Lederer, author of the trial fact patterns, the ten-year-old trial program is designed to introduce children to the concepts of civil and criminal liability in a manner that is entertaining for both children and adults. Lederer credited much of the success of the trial to the student at Marshall-Wythe. "The student body has been fabulous. They show tremendous willingness to participate in the trials, and some have shown extraordinary ability as actors."

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In the newest segment of the Education Project, the classroom teaching component, subjects are determined in conjunction with the curriculum needs of local teachers. Last week, nine Education Project volunteers took part in small group discussions with fifth-graders at Norge Elementary School about Bill of Rights issues. This month other volunteers will lead a high school Advanced Placement government class in discussions on the First Amendment.

Him, who taught high school for three years prior to enrolling at Marshall-Wythe, said the goal of the teaching component is to introduce children to our judicial system in the hope that they will become more committed to the community. "The focus is on teaching children that they have both rights and responsibilities in this society."

"The response of the M-W volunteers has been very positive," said Him. "All of them said that they had a lot of fun, and the experience really pays law school in perspective." Although this is the first year that the Education Project has been involved with in-class teaching, Him indicated that the response of the children and teachers has also been positive.

Future plans for the Education Project include development of a more cohesive curriculum for the teaching component, with a greater focus on disadvantaged children. Video recordings of the trials will be made available to the public.

SBA submits $20,000+ budget proposal to Student Affairs

Leaders of the SBA and other law school organizations have presented a proposal for next year's budget to the Finance Committee of the Board of Student Affairs (SBA). The $23,608 budget proposal includes funding for the SBA, BSA, most Court of the Environmental Law Journal, the Environmental Law Society, the International Law Society, SERCH, and Mary & William. Final budget allocations will be announced by the Board within a few weeks and will then be subject to the approval of the Board of Visitors.

The SBA and other graduate student organizations took a new approach to the budget process this year that student leaders hope will result in higher funding levels. According to SBA treasurer Stephanie Cangin, "We took a lot of time and effort in this ahead of time, and hopefully that will be reflected in our allocation."

Prior to submitting a proposal to the BSA, the SBA held its own budget hearings and received $23,608 of proposed expenditures from the ground up. Richard Brooks, SBA president, indicated that "We tried to pare the budget down in advance." Last year, the SBA received $32,000 and received only $20,000. Brooks hopes the new approach will ensure that the SBA will get the full amount requested.

In previous budget cycles, student groups have submitted figures based on the previous year's allocation, plus a moderate increase in funding. This year, Cangin said, "We asked organizations to reevaluate how their money was spent. A lot of them came back with items that were out of date. For example, most Court budgets included an allocation for the expenses of having college employees type their briefs, a practice that has been long-abandoned. 'I think it impressed the BSA that we had already held budget hearings.'

Joe Carter (2L), a member of the Finance Committee and the newly-elected SBA president, agrees. 'There have already been positive comments on the Committee about how the SBA has been asked to make this year's budget prorated Sal.

The fairy tale trials are the oldest component of a wide range of activities sponsored by the Marshall-Wythe Law Related Education Project. In addition to the trials, Michael Hirm (1L) has organized and directed over sixty Marshall-Wythe students in the classroom teaching component of the Education Project.

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Real World Department...

Students get practice pointers free of charge

By BOB DICKINSON

Are these problems familiar? You know what the Rule Against Perpetuities is, but you couldn't do a residential real-estate closing if the client was standing right there with cash in hand. You know how to handle the appeal for a breach of contract in a defective bull semen case, but you couldn't write the underlying contract if your life depended on it.

For students who thought they might actually learn how to deal with a client's problems in law school, there is hope. It's called Continuing Legal Education (CLE). CLE course are mandatory to maintain a license in most jurisdictions. But one of the best kept secrets in Virginia is that there are courses that are eligible to take CLE at no charge.

Tom Strassburg, Assistant Director of the Virginia CLE program said that with the expiration of a few courses, the only cost to a law student who wishes to take a CLE program sponsored by Virginia CLE is the cost of the printed materials used in the program, plus sales tax—on average, about $30.

Three local attorneys interviewed concerning their experiences with CLE were surprised to learn about the availability of programs to students at law school. They said they would encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity. Ruth A. Gibson, a Norge attorney specializing in bankruptcy law, recently took a course dealing with two hot topics, environmental contract provisions, and real estate workouts. Gibson said that the course was very practical, with immediate applicability in her practice. She regularly uses the forms and checklists that were part of the materials she received. "CLE is academic, but practical, too. It covers current decisions and other updates in the law, but also gives you practical guidelines and a better idea of applications."

Wilson F. Skinner, Jr. is a solo practitioner in Williamsburg. He has taken CLE courses on employment law and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Skinner said a course on employment law was presented even before new legislation on the subject became effective. Another course he mentioned dealt with creditor's rights and bankruptcy.

Although he finds CLEs to be a valuable tool for his practice, he remains to be whether it will help us get funds." According to Carter, "The unit concept is a huge departure from the traditional approach. More than just getting money. It was the right approach because it organized the students' interests and brought them together." Carter said that he would like to continue these reforms next year during his tenure as SBA president. "GAPS is a great forum through which we would to favor putting forward an honest-budget effort. The BSA appreciates it."

Skinner suggests students consider the depth of the material the course will cover. "A law student doesn't want to find himself sitting through an advanced tax seminar. Many courses are held as being for the new lawyer. I would look for these."

"Some are excellent, some are dog's. "Williamsburg attorney William F. Miller says of CLE "You never know what you are going to get. Programs run from a real good to pretty weak. I look for the "who" and the "what of the course. You get to know the professors, and I don't take any courses that aren't going to apply directly to my practice."

Miller has accumulated credit hours in excess of the requirements, and feels that mandatory CLE is a good thing for the bar. See REALITY, page 24
Candidates seeking to replace Verkuil tout qualifications,
[Hooker emphasizes “laid back” style]

By NANCY KILLIEN

“We are going to be nationally known as the best undergraduate institution in the country,” said Michael K. Hooker, one of the five finalists in William and Mary’s presidential selection process, when he spoke to approximately 30 students at the final presidential candidates forum yesterday.

Following the format prescribed by the College, Hooker began his presentation by speaking about his goals for William and Mary over the next five years. Hooker has been Provost at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) since 1986, and served as president of Bennington College in Vermont from 1982 to 1986.

“One of the best undergraduate institutions in the country,” said Hooker, “will have to make a list of what it takes—we will give us self-knowledge we don’t know.”

Hooker said he wants to imbue the school with “a more robust sense of community” and said, “I’m told that the administration has not adequately communicated with students. These things would disappear.”

In response to a question on his management style, Hooker said he is “very laid back, very open—almost to a fault” and “delighted to have an open line of communication.”

One student asked about Hooker’s views on political correctness. Hooker said that “political correctness is the creation of the media, and there are limits in our right to free speech to the extent to which we may insult each other.” He is “sensitive to the difference between proffering an opinion versus insulting someone just because you don’t like them. It’s very difficult to draw the line. I would rather risk allowing too much speech than offensiveness not enough speech.”

“I am ubiquitous on campus,” said Hooker, addressing how he would interact with students. In 1982, Hooker didn’t have his own parking space, and Hooker said he “carried that philosophy” with him to UMBC. “I eat in thecaf, work out in the rec center.”

In earlier comments, Hooker said “students have a right to a voice just as much as I do as president.”

Regarding student groups, Hooker said he would meet with “focus groups—students who share a common focus, such as their residence hall, sorority, major, or, for example, the gay-lesbian alliance, and I’ll tease out of them, in the beginning, the glory and misery of being a student at William and Mary. I’ll meet long enough to get to know them, and I’ll also do this with the staff.”

Hooker admitted that the process “is very time intensive, but there’s no other way to get to know a school.” He said “I will not have the luxury” to get to know the school at a leisurely pace because of the tenurability in the population at large, because of economics and “to understand the way the world works.”

Hooker said “it’s possible to galvanize the state legislature around the idea that Virginia could have the best education for students in the country. I think I can pull it off.” He said that during his presidency at UMBC, “the state worked for over three years, against opposition, to persuade the state legislature to refinance the school’s debt with tax-exempt bonds and he was eventually successful.”

Hooker said he values international studies because “the world is rapidly moving to a global village. If we don’t want that village to be represented by West Beirut, we must learn about the rest of the world.”

Hooker says he has emphasized an international outlook at UMBC, in part, by increasing the number of international students who attend school there, promoting faculty travels, and creating ties with learning institutions in other countries.

Hooker said he “will be one of the leaders to push athletes under the control of college presidents,” in reply to a question on the high athletic fee. He said, “you have more sports here than at schools of comparable size.”

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Packard sees ‘Centers of Excellence’ at the College

By CHRIS FARRIS

George R. Packard, current Dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, outlined his goals for William and Mary if he is made president of the College to a group of about 100 students at a candidate forum on Wednesday, March 18.

Packard’s first goal is to double the endowment of the University. He emphasized that more than half of William and Mary’s graduates, who graduated 1972, being that many are at the point in their lives where they are best in a position to give to the College.

Packard discussed how he would like to be referred to as the “centers of excellence” at William and Mary and make them even stronger, primarily by attracting even better faculty. When asked to expand on this notion of “centers of excellence,” he replied that he would use Princeton as a role model and make the most prominent graduate programs—such as Law, Business, Education, and VIMS—build upon the undergraduate programs instead of drawing from them. He specifically mentioned the law school at this point, describing it as a “very strong institution,” that should be ranked 5th or 6th in the country.

Packard’s third goal is to see William and Mary nationally and internationally recognized as “the pre-eminent institution of liberal arts and undergraduate teaching.” He was disturbed that the list of the top five finalists for the presidency of the University President was not printed in the Washington Post or the New York Times. He emphasized that as a former journalist, he “saw a great story waiting to be told there. It should not be hidden under a bushel.”

Packard claimed that he would stay on the spirit of Thomas Jefferson in encouraging students to get involved in politics. He wants to see leaders and voters come out of William and Mary. He also wants to encourage the “ferment” of 1776, emphasizing the creation of the new nation.

Addressing one of the greatest concerns of the undergraduate student body, Packard said he envisions no growth in the size of the University. In addition, he insisted that he wants to be someone who is accessible to the students. Emphasizing that “There is no constituency more important than students,” he claimed that a President should never take an initiative without first soliciting student opinion.

In response to student questions, Packard noted, “I have all my life believed in affirmative action. The next President should go out of his or her way to hire the best people,” he joked, “as an ethicist.”

Further emphasizing the need to make minority students feel comfortable at William and Mary, Packard also responded to a number of other student questions. When asked how he felt about establishing a Women’s Studies Department, he observed that he had never been convinced that of any need for such a program, but said he was at least open to hearing an argument in favor of it. When asked about the possibility of a Lesbian and Gay Studies Program, he answered, “I don’t know what has to be studied about that.”

In response to a question about the school’s sexual assault policy, Packard joked that at schools of comparable size, “Students have resisted moves to cut sports last year. If you have many sports, then it’s going to cost.” He said he would also deal with the problems of athletic finances by “rolling back the number of scholarships and coaches.”

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Lyall Envisons PResidency

By NANCY KILLIEN

"In 1997, William and Mary will be about the same size. The campus will be fully renovated physically, and the Master Plan, also fulfilled. And there will still be a parking problem."

Amid laughter, Katharine Lyall described to an audience of about 150 students what William and Mary would look like after five years of her leadership. Lyall is currently acting president of the University of Wisconsin System, was executive vice president of the System for the last five years, and is actively seeking its presidency as well as that of William and Mary.

Lyall emphasized the importance of private fund-raising in light of reduced operating funds, heightened cooperation among Virginia state schools, and a better, more modern library. She also said she would like to see Williamsburg students admitted to campus, and hoped to increase "hands-on experiences" for undergraduates.

In a short interview after the session, Lyall said she had "no particular vision for the law school" or MBA school, and had not closely examined any particular departments of the college, but said she would look into their well-being as part of her duties should she be named president.

"You have a good law school here," said Lyall. "I don't think more."

Lyall took questions from students, fielding such diverse topics as homosexuality and ROTC, political correctness, affirmative action, the master building plan, keeping in touch with students, and censorship of offensive groups.

The first question was whether she would permit the only Army ROTC unit to continue its campus program as long as the Defense Department maintained its prohibition on commissioning homosexuals into the Armed Forces. Lyall said the government policy was "outdated," and would put his energy into ROC off campus for [this] policy, we will lose grounds for speaking on this issue. Instead, I will support change in federal policy.

Another student asked Lyall about political correctness.

"I've always maintained that 'politically correct' is a misnomer. The real debate—intellectual at heart—is to do with knowledge, and what perspectives are appropriate for students to learn in higher education.

It's not a political issue, as such, at least not for me."

For example, Lyall said, "ethic perspectives and studies are set up in false opposition to Western studies. The argument is not, which do we do, because all perspectives cannot be available. We should teach about these, and debate intellectually. But does anyone have a lock on knowledge, and neither does Eastern society. We need broader perspective in this global society."

At another point in the session, Lyall said that her view "does not mean there is a major in everything; majors are wrapped into funding and other communication with the president.

Asked about her position on affirmative action, Lyall said William and Mary's teaching staff and student body "will become much more diverse" under her direction. "Welcoming minority students to school is an important, difficult process," said Lyall. "I do not want students graduating hating the campus."

One student asked how Lyall would "handle massive student-faculty opposition to the Master Plan," alluding to a comprehensive campus construction plan initiated by President Verkuil.

"If the decision was made without the input of certain groups, then we must consider those opinions," she added, "buildings often seem unneeded compared to other things, but money is often a gift for a particular purpose."

On the issue of maintaining contact with students, Lyall said that in Wisconsin, by law she must consult students, faculty, and staff for certain decisions, a requirement known as "shared governance."

"It is exceedingly important to consult with groups affected," said Lyall, but admitted she could not always take their advice. "The president oversees the entire campus. What is in the best interests of the school in 2000 and 2100."

Lyall said that in Wisconsin she maintains a student-open-door policy on Friday afternoons. "My style is to want to hear from students and interact, but students must take some responsibility regarding communication with the president."

A student asked about the censorship of "offensive groups" in the Wisconsin system. Lyall said that PBS has filmed a documentary on her university system's handling of the issue, and asked that all students watch the program.

The problem in Wisconsin was that the Ku Klux Klan had targeted campuses for membership. We live in a democratic system, and they can do that. However, they cannot yell at targeted minority students, following them from class to class and to their dormitories. Some argue that you can't do anything unless students are touched. I do not agree with this. One may not single out and harass individuals.

The spirit of freedom of speech is the diversity of expression. People are trying to suppress diversity by driving a limit on free expression."

Lyall said that Wisconsin's hate speech disciplinary code is based on the "fighting-words doctrine in constitutional law. It was developed by an expert in constitutional law at Wisconsin, and he says it will be upheld by the courts."

One student wanted to know why Lyall chose William and Mary. "I have heard this question several times," said Lyall, "and it puzzles me. It sounds like, why would anyone come to William and Mary, one of the best schools of higher education in the country? I say, why would anyone not want to be president of William and Mary?"

Schiavelli Optimistic about the Future of William and Mary

By SEAN SELL

Melvin Schiavelli, William and Mary Provost and Interim President, rejects doomsday scenarios. Because of the "incredibly strong foundation" William and Mary has, Schiavelli is optimistic about the college's future, and would like to take that optimistic viewpoint with him if he becomes President.

Speaking to students at a forum for candidates to the College's presidency on Friday, March 27, Schiavelli said he is "incapable of being anything other than an optimist."

To address the issue of what life would be like if he became President, Schiavelli pointed to recent improvements that he feels should help create a strong future. The undergraduate applicant pool increases in quality each year, he noted, and in "numbers, in numbers, and the law school is even more competitive with over 3,000 applicants for about 200 spaces. Other graduate programs that used to征集 students, Schiavelli said, "and never been disappointed by the graduates.

The College's ten-year plan calls for no growth in undergraduate class size, so Schiavelli would put his energy into improving and enhancing existing programs. "We've done enough expanding."

The College will have to adjust its recruiting methods to deal with changing demographics, Schiavelli said. "We shouldn't assume continued strength in the Northeast, in the number of students going down. Number 1, we are competing in places like Florida, Georgia and California, and Schiavelli would want the College to recognize that.

When asked about the problem that exists between William and Mary, Schiavelli said he would put internal communication at the top of the list. As president he would encourage debate about critical issues before problems arise, not wait until the crisis stage. He said that when it came to dealing with campus diversity, he had never been disappointed with the students and faculty. They tended to come up with reasonable, not radical, suggestions, and Schiavelli would want to hear from them.

The governing board of the College has three major constituencies, according to Schiavelli: students, faculty and staff. Any governing board whose decisions are not popular to those three is "not long for this world."

External communication was second on Schiavelli's list of problems. Many alumni have worked hard for the College and haven't been thanked "unless they give a million dollars or more."

Schiavelli said it bothered him that people graduate from the College feeling "unconnected" and we then must expend great effort to reconnect them.

Schiavelli also spent a considerable amount of time discussing the issue of whether the College should put stronger emphasis on faculty teaching or publishing. He does not think the two should have to compete. When a questioner phrased the issue as one of "teaching versus publishing," Schiavelli said he would take out the words "vs" between the two. Both are part of a professor's duty to educate. "The only thing that changes is the sophistication of the audience."

Schiavelli added that if professors teach without informing themselves about their disciplines, then "we are a high school, not a university."

When asked how closely he would follow in the footsteps of recently departed President Paul Verkuil, who was somewhat unpopular, Schiavelli said he would respond to comments. "If Lloyd Beutner: he knows Paul Verkuil, he has worked with Paul Verkuil, and he is not Paul Verkuil. He went on to say that he has taught Chemistry here for 23 years, and he likes being at William and Mary with the students and his friends on the faculty.

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Sullivan addresses W&M students at candidate’s forum

By NANCY KILLIEN

“We have the chance in our time to make William and Mary a place to educate men and women to enable them to be happy in their lives as well as strong in their careers...we can create students with disciplined minds and caring hearts,” Law School Dean Timothy J. Sullivan spoke to a group of about 50 students on the main campus as part of his candidacy to be president of William and Mary. He was asked to speak on the topic given all aspirants, what William and Mary would look like in 1997 after five years of leadership.

Sullivan has been Dean of Marshall-Wythe since 1985.

In his opening remarks, Sullivan said that “one weakness of William and Mary, in building the college, is that a gain for one is treated as a loss for others...zero-sum game.” The school should remain at its present scale, he said, and efforts should instead be directed at raising the entire institution, “rejoicing in success of any part.”

“It’s time to take a thorough look at the quality of student life,” said Sullivan. “There is room for improvement. It should be looked at systematically,” adding that he would emphasize the quality of student government, residence hall life, visiting lecturers and placement. “I want my success to be measured by the quality of student experience.”

Another weakness at William and Mary, said Sullivan, is “insufficiency of planning. We need a strategic plan, to define a mission, and set mutually agreed-upon priorities.”

Sullivan answered student questions regarding the role of students in developing the school’s agenda, how he would run Verkuil as a president, the difference between running the law school and a college, fund-raising, appreciation of the school’s history, and growth of the school.

Sullivan also asked the students what they believed was “most important for a president to bring to the school.”

When asked how students would participate in improving the school, Sullivan said that in his “strategic plan” he “wants every part of the community to comment—it will not be sprung full-blown.” Sullivan added later that his “way of working” is the “team approach.” He said he anticipated working with students often in informal settings, saying he did not want “audiences.” “I’ll be out and about,” said Sullivan, “and I want suggestions from students on how to communicate.”

One student asked how Sullivan would evaluate Verkuil’s presidency. “Verkuil appointed me,” said Sullivan. “He added great faculty, and was great at raising private money. We need to continue the successes, plus build William and Mary as a community, with every president contributing to success of the school.”

In answer to a question about the difference between running the law school and the college, Sullivan responded that he had never run a college. “But the law school is similar,” he said, “although not prioritizing. There is fund-raising, students, faculty, budget management, and placement. Of course, I will adjust my style to the job. I believe in achieving excellence on William and Mary terms. The success at Marshall-Wythe defines my own standard of excellence. It is unique, singular, and based on our own tradition.”

As for fund-raising, Sullivan said he would work to maintain and increase state funding. “I have much experience with state government—I know that line of work, and I’m comfortable in Richmond,” he said. Sullivan worked for now-Senator Chuck Robb in the Virginia Governor’s office from 1982 until 1984.

The Dean said his private fund-raising efforts at Marshall-Wythe have been a great accomplishment. When I arrived at the school six years ago, the funding was at $140,000 per year. Now it’s $1.4 million,” he realized student appreciation for the College’s history, saying the school’s tradition “is one of the most special things about William and Mary.” The Dean recalled the four arrangements for first-year students because some third-year law students the year before had never seen the Wren building. “I felt it was a shame, and I would never let it happen again,” he said. “I love the college,” said Sullivan, explaining why he would like to be president of William and Mary. “It has been my life. And I have the range of skills and experiences to make William and Mary a great institution.”

Marshall-Wythe Annual Fund launches 3L pledge drive

By GREG BRUMMETT

Last week, third-year students received written notification from the Marshall-Wythe Annual Fund that they are more than just a number. As graduation looms weeks away, 3Ls learned that they are pre-alumni and thus a potential revenue source.

Beginning this week, each third-year student will be contacted by a member of the class Annual Fund Drive Committee seeking a pledge. According to Page Hayhurst, Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, those concerned about the present state of their finances need not be overly worried, as the first of the three annual pledges will not be due until June 30, 1993.

William and Mary is a state supported institution that derives revenue from the operating budget, tuition, fees, and donations. Hayhurst said the 20% of Marshall-Wythe’s current budget that comes from private sources represents “funds for excellence.” This money helps provide faculty stipends and student scholarships, as well as support for student publications, Moot Court, and other extracurricular activities.

According to Hayhurst, without private donations, these activities would be eliminated or curtailed, thus affecting the quality and diversity of legal education.

The recent Virginia state budget problems have decreased state educational support, with a cut this year totaling about 22 percent. Hayhurst said that in this economic climate, private donations provide an important way to preserve the quality of the programs offered at Marshall-Wythe.

According to Hayhurst, students can help Marshall-Wythe continue to provide both a solid legal education and the extraprograms that have enriched their years here through class fund pledges and continuing alumni support.

About 40% of the class of 1991 made Annual Fund pledges, and this year, 1992, Hayhurst said that the Committee would like to see at least 50% participation by the class of 1992. The results of this year’s Pledge Drive will be at the graduation party hosted by the Law School Association on April 10.
Women's History Month panels explore roles in law

By PAM ARLUK

As part of its celebration of Women's History Month, the Mary and William Society sponsored two programs involving women in political and legal professions. A March 30 program featured a panel discussion about women in the legal profession. On March 24, Women in Politics was the topic of a panel presentation hosted by M&W.

Panelists for the legal profession discussion were the Honorable Lydia Calvert Taylor, a Virginia Circuit Judge in Norfolk; Gammuel Poindexter, a Commonwealth's attorney for Surry County; Sally O'Neill Mauldin, an attorney advisor for NASA; and former staff attorney for the Virginia Poverty Law Center Cherry Harmon.

Each woman spoke about her career and the changing position of women in the legal field. Although all agreed that women have made great strides in the legal profession, they said women still have a long way to go. "We, as women, do not have a presence in the General Assembly. All the lobbyists are men, and women and children are hurting in this country," said Harmon.

Poindexter told the audience that when she graduated from Louisiana State University in 1969, there were only three women in her graduating class. "It was a hostile environment for women back then," she said.

Norfolk Circuit Court Judge Taylor, said that when she graduated from college in 1962, she didn't even realize that women could be lawyers: "Although my father and grandfather were judges, and my brothers were all lawyers, I honestly never thought that a woman could be a lawyer." Taylor also spoke about the importance of having women on the bench. "The public perceives the bench to be biased. They don't see anyone who looks like them. When troubled young girls come into a courthouse and see me, they see what they can be." Taylor said that pressure from women's groups helped open the bench to women.

Mauldin, a William and Mary graduate, said that it was important for women to do more than just complain about inequities in the legal profession. "Women need to do more than just bitch and gripe. They need to take action and do something to change the situation," she said.

When asked about sexual harassment in the workplace, the panelists agreed that it is necessary for both men and women to be sensitized to the issue. "Women need to stop laughing at jokes that demean women," said Poindexter. However, the panelists agreed that until the majority of the population refuses to tolerate sexual harassment, women will find themselves in difficult situations. "Unfortunately, sometimes if you like your job and want to stay, you may just have to ignore some comments," said Mauldin.

On March 24, Virginia delegates Shirley Cooper, Ann Rhodes, and National Women's Political Caucus chairwoman Sandra Brandt, were the panelists for the discussion on women in politics.

The common theme among the panelists was the need for women to become involved in the political process. "I want to give you a challenge," said Brandt. "I want to challenge you to become involved. You can't rely on other people. You must do things for yourselves.

Both Cooper and Rhodes spoke of their early involvement, stemming from interests within their local communities. Cooper said that she originally became active in politics because she had been a teacher and was concerned about the issues affecting women's issues. Before she decided to run for the General Assembly, Cooper was the first woman ever elected to the Board of Supervisors for York County.

Before becoming involved in politics, Rhodes was an engineer and a teacher who was active in her community. In past years she has been chair of such organizations.

CAAP offers real-world experience in criminal defense

By KEITH FINCH

Two years after its inception, the Marshall-Wythe Appointed Attorney Project (CAAP) continues to be one of the most heavily subscribed activities in the law school, despite its low profile. The program offers an excellent opportunity for law students interested in getting involved in the community and gaining some practical legal experience as well.

CAAP volunteers assist local attorneys representing indigent criminal defendants in the Williamsburg-James City County courts. The volunteers interview clients and potential witnesses, do legal research, visit crime scenes, and sometimes represent clients in court. Jubal Miller (2L), the present coordinator of the program, said that even though no meetings have been held this year, volunteers have signed up to serve with the program through the end of finals.

Tom Barrett (3L) characterized CAAP as "one of the best things I did at the Law School in terms of getting involved in the local community" and "an excellent, excellent program" which allowed him to experience a "complete panorama of small-town, local practice." Enjoyment of the experience is related to the quality of the attorney with whom a student gets to work. Barrett noted that he worked with Paulette Cole Takaferro, a M-W graduate who was "an outstanding attorney... who added that personal, human dimension to the practice of law, and who never gave up on a client."

Other volunteers have been less enthusiastic about their experience. One 3L, William Devan, noted that the attorney with whom he worked "was just plain incompetent" and that he was somewhat ashamed of some of the things he let the attorney get by with.

John Edwards (3L), who founded the program in 1990 and acted as its coordinator for two years, said that most attorneys in Williamsburg are happy to receive the extra help. According to Edwards "the program benefits everybody. The attorney gets the extra help he needs. The defendant has an extra body doing research and investigation and the student gets experience in-court and in dealing with clients." Edwards said many students also find that listing participation in the program on their resumes provides an interesting talking point during interviews.

According to Miller, "Feedback from the attorneys has been very positive. The only complaints I've received have been difficulty in contacting the attorneys and the occasional time when students have had more work to do. This is the exception and not the rule and generally involves dates when DUI's are arraigned."

Miller noted that not even the attorney assigns this work, and the student receives the benefit of not knowing what cases he will receive. "There are sometimes quite a number of DUIs and the attorneys usually can do a DUI in their sleep." He said that many attorneys have had more work for the students to do if the appointed cases are unchallenging.

According to Miller, the program is run with a minimum of paperwork. The local General District court maintains a list of court-appointed attorneys who serve on a rotational basis. Every Tuesday morning, Judge J.R. Zepkin provides a list of attorneys that he has assigned during the weekend and the attorney who is "up" for that week to represent the indigent defendants.

CAAP maintains a list of these attorneys and the dates on which they are to appear and periodically signs-up meeting schedules during which students volunteer to assist an attorney.

Students in the program have worked on a wide range of cases from shootings, to drug busts with search and seizure issues, to weapons charges. One CAAP volunteer worked with a defendant in the tourist shooting that rocked Williamsburg in the summer of 1990.

Miller said that Ed Bell, a Legal Skills adjunct faculty member, has recently volunteered to serve as the "stable faculty presence" to help insure the program's continued viability and continuing contact between Judge Zepkin, the students and the Williamsburg attorneys.

Although the program is currently subscribed through April 28, CAAP will be holding a meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th in Room 119 to fill court dates over the summer break with the popular defense of students who will be in the Williamsburg area during any part of the summer to attend the meeting.

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M-W needs increased student-faculty interaction

By Brian Alperstein

I want to talk a little about the “vision” thing. I’m not referring to domestic or foreign policy, but rather perceptions I shared with my classmates regarding life at Marshall-Wythe. Before I came here, I envisioned a vibrant community enriched by students from various backgrounds and experiences. In this I have not been disappointed. My classmates are a diverse group of people who came to Williamsburg with credentials that are, at the least, very impressive.

There has, however, been one area in which I have been thoroughly let down: the interaction between the faculty and students. It appears that this community I imagined, where students and faculty members interrelate outside the classroom environment, is a myth.

As an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, some of the most meaningful intellectual experiences I had were in personal and social discussions with various faculty members. The faculty there impressed me as open and willing to engage students in dialogue ranging the spectrum of intellectual curiosity. I was invited to their homes or offices and was able to begin friendships which continue to this day.

And so, back to the “vision” thing. I expected Marshall-Wythe to provide me with even more opportunities for student-faculty discourse. The disparity that exists between undergraduates and their professors in terms of age and education is not nearly as stark in law school as it was in college. Students at Marshall-Wythe were selected to attend because they have special qualities which could have a mutual benefit in any relationship, including the student/professor one.

I am not angry with any one professor, nor am I a student scorned by one thing or another. I am simply a person who sees an opportunity being missed. What I want is for people to change their attitudes and be more open with those around them.

I have found the majority of the faculty members to be non-communicative outside of class and in the hallways. Too often I find a faculty member/awhile by a student without acknowledging her presence. Many of these complaints are admittedly petty, but they speak to a much larger problem: that many Marshall-Wythe students feel alienated from the faculty and administration.

The perception seems to be that a tiered system operates here. The faculty and administration run the school, and the students merely pay tuition. I realize that students contribute on many levels of the school, but I argue that we don’t get the respect we deserve. I think this lack of respect regarding what the students think or do has affected the relationship between students and the faculty. Many members of the faculty appear to have an air of superiority around them that makes them unapproachable.

One might say that the faculty members are superior. After all, they’re already lawyers. For anyone who hasn’t noticed, being a lawyer does not give one a monopoly on knowledge and skills. I have experienced a few situations where faculty members were in the dark about certain managerial issues, yet never thought to consult students on these easily solvable problems.

Yes, believe it or not, being a law professor does not make one an excellent manager. I think part of what the faculty and administration do here is to try to manage the different programs that make up the law school experience. I feel they would be more successful if the dipped into the deep well of student experiences in running the various programs around school.

I am confident that my experience here at law school would be greatly enhanced if I were able to develop personal friendships with the faculty and administration. The interaction I have had with some faculty members has solidified this belief. In fact some professors and Deans go out of their way to interact with students. I am certain that Professors Devins, Grover, Felton, Levy, and Gerhardt, for example—who make a serious effort to mingle with the students—command more respect and interest from the student body.

The conversations I have had with some of the more approachable faculty members have been interesting and enlightening. I think other faculty members would do well to act slightly more personal and open to student ideas. A greater degree of interaction would naturally result.

It would be slightly hypocritical to write this article and conclude without offering a few solutions. First and foremost, please try to smile when you walk through the halls, and don’t act like you’re five minutes late to a meeting with the boss. Please don’t hide in the safe confines of your offices. Students and faculty should be more aggressive in starting conversations with each other and willing to follow up on past discussions. I hope the SBA will implement a happy hour in the school one weekday afternoon where both students and faculty can interact. Far too few people show for lemonade and cookies and unfortunately, those that come usually eat and run.

I hope students and faculty members can take advantage of the unique opportunity we have to learn from each other and help make our time spent here in the ‘Burg all the more memorable. I realize that a fair number of our faculty do reach out to students, and they should be aware of the positive impact they have had. I am hopeful that some closed minds will be opened and everyone will be better off.

Law Watch

KATIE FINLEY

Around the Nation:

TYSON SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS Judge Patricia J. Gifford rejected Mike Tyson’s plea for leniency and sent the former heavyweight boxing champion to prison for six years for raping an 18-year-old beauty pageant contestant last July. Gifford said that Tyson was capable of raping again and had not expressed sufficient remorse for the crime. Tyson will not be eligible for parole for at least three years.

PROPOSAL TO OPEN JFK FILES Key members of the House and Senate introduced legislation that would require public disclosure of the most secret files compiled during the investigation of the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The bill is expected to add hundreds of thousands of pages to the public record about Kennedy’s murder.

SOUTH AFRICA WILL COMPETE IN BARCELONA The International Olympic Committee announced that South Africa will participate in the Barcelona Summer Olympics after being banned from competition for 32 years.

DO-IT-YOURSELF DIVORCE SOFTWARE A new computer software program called “DivorceWare” provides forms and instructions for everything from property settlements to custody arrangements. Currently available only by mail or phone order, the program should reach local computer stores soon. Creator Howard Whetzel says that so far his biggest customers have been lawyers.

FORMER COLLEGE B-BALL PLAYER FILES EDUCATION CLAIMS The Seventh Circuit held that a former basketball player at Nebraska’s Creighton University, who attended remedial classes with grade school children after he left college, can sue the university for breach of contract claims for his educational deficiency. The plaintiff in the lawsuit, Kevin Ross, attended Creighton on an athletic scholarship from 1978-1982. Ross alleges that in exchange for his promise to play basketball, the school breached its promise to allow him to participate in a meaningful way in its academic program by providing tutors and other special means.

FIRST JUSTICE Leah Sears-Collins has been George’s first female Supreme Court justice and the first black woman to sit on a state high court in the Southeast. At 36, Justice Sears-Collins is the youngest person to serve on Georgia’s high court since the Civil War.

TENNIS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE To avert a potential lawsuit, the University of New Hampshire has reinstated its men’s tennis team and has agreed to develop a plan to ensure compliance with Title IX and other sex discrimination laws. And Closer to Home…

SIT IN FOR GAY RIGHTS Last weekend, gay-rights supporters staged a sit-in at a Cracker Barrel restaurant in Spotsylvania, Virginia to protest the restaurant chain’s firing of homosexual employees. About 100 participants attended the protest.

ROUTE 64 DRUG BUSTS Virginia State Police report that routine traffic stops on Route 64 in Hampton and Newport News have turned into sizable drug busts proving that the interstate is a major thoroughfare for moving drugs between the Northeast and the South. Numerous piles of cash, weapons, and cocaine and marijuana have been seized during vehicle searches.
By KEVIN KRONER

Scandal rocked the Student Bar Association last week after the revelation that President-elect Joe Carter engaged in numerous sexual liaisons during his stint as SBA representative, as well as during his campaign for SBA President. There were also reports of several instances of public drunkenness.

The story unfolded last Wednesday afternoon, less than 48 hours after Carter won the SBA's top slot in a hotly contested race. Jennifer Flowers, known for her allegations of an affair with presidential candidate Governor Bill "Slick Willie" Clinton (D-Ark.), held a press conference at the Williamsburg Lodge. There, Flowers disclosed that she and Carter had an affair which began in January of 1991 and ended only one month ago.

Flowers said she met Carter at a Christmas party in Georgetown in 1990. According to Flowers, she was in the ladies room, powdering her nose, when Carter stumbled in so drunk that he apparently couldn't tell the difference between the "Men's" and "Ladies" signs. Flowers said Carter immediately realized his mistake, but instead of leaving, straightened his tie and cummerbund, and introduced himself.

Flowers said she was taken by Carter's southern gentleman charm, although it was difficult to understand his slurred speech. Though nothing more happened that evening, Flowers ran into Carter a few days later, at a New Year's Eve party.

According to Flowers, she was seated at a table at the posh Mayflower Hotel when she felt something moving under the table. "I lifted the tablecloth, only to see Carter's smiling face looking at me," she said.

"We've got to stop meeting like this," was Carter's immediate response. Flowers said she spent the rest of the evening trying to keep Carter's hands to himself as they danced the night away.

A torrid affair soon followed, with Carter driving up to Washington D.C. some weekends and Flowers coming to Williamsburg in between visits to Arkansas.

The romance ended when Flowers discovered Carter had been jumping from bed to bed with some Washington's most famous mistresses. Flowers said she learned Carter was seeing Tia Collins, Donna Rice, and Fawn Hall—as well as herself—all at the same time!

Although Flowers wasn't troubled by the her Billyburg lover seeing other women, who he was seeing and his total lack of discretion caused her great embarrassment. "He was cavorting around the swankiest places in D.C. with these tramps. It was shameless."

Friends of Collins, Rice, and... See FIEND, page 8

ZIEMER TAPPED FOR CJ SEAT!!

In a move that shocked and appalled both liberal and conservative Senators, Marshall-Wythe alum David Ziemer ('91) was nominated yesterday to serve as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Upon hearing of President Bush's choice to replace the retiring William Rehnquist, Senators Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) both asked "Who the hell is he?"

Sources inside the White House say that although Bush has never met Ziemer personally, his qualifications are in line with those of recent nominees. According to one source, Bush, upon learning of Rehnquist's resignation, said "Mediocritiy! Mediocrity! I want the most pathetic scholar the legal profession has produced since Justice Sutherland!"

In pursuing this goal, Bush turned to "the stupidest rubber-stamp in the Senate" Wisconsin Republican Robert Kasten for advice on nominees. Although Kasten at first suggested several lawyers who had helped him personally with drunk driving tickets and fraudulent real-estate schemes, Bush vetoed those potential candidates.

Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater, in announcing the nomination, listed Ziemer's qualifications. "He has neither published nor sexually harassed anyone, mostly because he's never had a real job. And unlike Doug Ginsberg, we know for a fact that Ziemer spent the '80's playing in the back yard with his twin sister, rather than blowing dope at Harvard."

The nominee, when questioned as to any misgivings about the nominating process, said he had none. "If I get this job I won't have to get haircuts anymore, I can re-pierce my ears... I won't even have to bathe if I don't want to. They can't fire me! It's worth a few hours of... See SUTHERLAND CLONE, page 8

ELVIS SIGHTED (NOT CITED) IN LAW LIBRARY!!

MARIE CURIAE

"Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis has now left the building." That announcement, made yesterday over the little-used library PA system, capped a remarkable day of multiple Elvis sightings at Marshall-Wythe. The identity of the announcer remains unknown.

Initial reports that the library staff made the announcement to lure students into abandoning the library in the hope of finding the King—and thus providing the library Gestapo an opportunity to paw through personal belongings in search of contraband—were discredited in the wake of a rash of Elvis sightings throughout the day.

Reported sightings included one by library usher Jim Heller, who unwittingly threw the King out of the library for eating Ding Dongs in the State Materials area. When notified of his gaffe, Heller remarked, "He looked like the kind of ruffian who would steal a staple. Besides, he was using the pages from a free reporter for napkins."

The King also made an appearance in Professor Margaret Spencer's Civil Procedure class. Clearly unfamiliar with Spencer's modus operandi, he tried to sneak in undetected after class had begun. Of course, his tardiness immediately made the King a target.

Students' suspicions were aroused when the King, in response to a tedious grilling from the Civ Pro goddess, answered that "getting someone to stay off of my blue suede shoes" was sufficient grounds for obtaining a TRO. Before Spencer could respond, the King was gone. Later in the day, Weenie Wagon workers reported the King had wandered into the... See THE KING, page 8
Out of our minds

One of the greatest mistakes any divine leader can make is to lose contact with his people, however-lowly or unsightly they may be. So, I now take a break from putting the current edition to bed in order to speak to you, the reading public.

Or, perhaps I should say MY reading public.

As the new Commanding Editor in Chief, I would like to take a moment to thank all the hapless weaklings I stepped on in the course of my ascendency. Thanks to Mom and Dad, who struggled daily to keep up with their child prodigy.

Thanks to all of the little people who made my work look good, and who will next year live or die at my whim.

Not that I’m not humble—in fact, I am far more humble than any of the other candidates for this job. The realization that I will spend the next year surrounded by ass-kissing sycophants, and will determine the contents of your very thoughts hasn’t gone to my head in the least.

Really.

THE WEEKLY WORLD

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The Weekly World Ambulance Chaser is published once a year for consumption by students of the Marshall-Wythe Food Mart. The staff of the Amicus Curiae have a lot to do with putting it together. Nasty comments should be directed to Vice President for Administration and Finance, William Merlo.

* Newspaper parody—not to be taken seriously.

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter to thank, in advance, all of the students at your fine law school who will undoubtedly consider our firm in their employment searches.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any student at Marshall-Wythe a position at this time. Though we have not filled all of our vacancies as of yet, we feel we must reserve these precious positions for applicants who have the fortitude, good breeding, and connections necessary to get into private schools in the Northeast.

We are sure that your students’ resumes would most likely be stunning illustrations of the dedication and post-seassembled by the student body at your fine, state-supported institution. We hope that none of your readers will interpret our decision as a value judgment or statement regarding their abilities to practice law.

We are sure that they will find more than ample opportunities in cities like Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Hurricane Mills, Kentucky.

Indeed, while the members of our hiring committee have every confidence that each student at Marshall-Wythe will have a successful and prosperous career, the skyrocketing cost of malpractice insurance causes us to conclude that it would be an unwise business decision to hire any student or graduate from a school below the Mason-Dixon line.

We are sure that your students will not send us any resumes or cover letters until such time as your institution places within the top ten in the U.S. News and World Report survey. Perhaps then we will be better able to appreciate the unique perspective and slower pace of a Southern education in the law.

We wish all of your students the best of luck in their efforts as they embark on what we are sure will be promising legal careers.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fopp

BAG!

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Library of Congress Report

Increased Security Measures for Restricted Areas

ATTENTION PATRONS:

The Library of Congress has taken steps to increase security measures for restricted areas in the Library.

Any person entering restricted areas will be subject to a bag search and may be required to remove items prohibited in those areas.

These measures are being implemented in response to the recent security concerns that have affected our institution.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these new security policies.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Library of Congress

The Editrix’s coffee table...

Elizabeth Fopp

A group of students committed to self-righteousness and the ability to get whatever we want on a regular basis has recently begun pursuing a new regulation to limit tacky clothes in the lobby of the law school. We are not trying to subjugate the rights of people with bad taste; we are merely trying to limit the tacky clothes people there tend to dress nicely.

As the law in this school now stands, tacky individuals can exercise their privilege to dress-down from one end of the lobby to the other. Whenever we of more refined sensibilities try to chat, meditate, or dine in the lobby, a lowly plebeian can always intrude and shock us rudely back into reality. I do not mean to imply that all who have not been blessed with my exquisite taste are rude and inconsiderate and intentionally distract me from my fabule-mite — the poor souls are quite unaware of their faults. The problem is that they have the right to intrude, and that I would have to defend myself by affirmatively requesting that they please desist. We have to rely merely on our fellow students’ courtesy and etiquette to refrain from annoying us with their presence — courtesy and etiquette that are all too often lacking in persons of such questionable breeding.

This law should be changed. The lobby is the primary means of entry into the building; one must walk through the lobby to get to classes, the library, the hanging files and, most importantly, the mirrors in the bathrooms. To allow tacky clothing throughout this entire area severely limits our ability to relax and enjoy the naughtiness. (If I were to wear a dress to work, I would reserve my strong disdain for vinyl for a future referendum.)

We should obviously restrict tacky clothing for health reasons. It is well known that “when you look good, you feel good.” Additionally, some students are allergic to synthetic fibers. It is curious that the administration is sensitive to one student’s paint allergies, yet does not recognize the same health needs of students who are allergic to dacron.

Aside from health reasons, there are also aesthetic reasons which compel restricting the usage of casual attire. I did not choose Marshall-Wythe because I liked the idea of going to school in a bus terminal. I chose Marshall-Wythe because I didn’t get into UVA. At least people there tend to dress nicely. Marshall-Wythe, however, is more like a bus terminal: People dress like swine, most are unemployed, there are long lines, and vulgar graffiti on the walls. I can only imagine how unappealing this place must be to visitors and prospective students. I can only imagine because I personally never bothered to come and see what the school was like before I decided to spend the next three years of my life here. Because of this unfortunate omission on my part, everyone else here will simply have to do everything possible to keep my life carefree and my mind utterly oblivious to more pertinent concerns.

I do not object to a person’s right to have bad taste. I merely think it should be restricted to a certain room, preferably a small one enclosed in glass so that we can look at them as if they were in a museum for bizarre freaks. Tacky people definitely do have some rights, but my rights should be paramount.

Elizabeth Fopp is a third-year student from La-La Land. She received a B.A. in B.S. from Puke University in 1997. She had planned to eventually become a prosecutor and seek the death penalty for all tacky people, but instead has decided to get a life.
By KEVIN WALSH

In its never-ending quest to provide the students of Marshall-Wythe with a full complement of learning tools and experiences, the administration has for the past seven months provided, in secret, what they call a “Blue Collar Zoo” between the law school and the conveniently located law school parking lot. The cock-eyed stunt was revealed yesterday.

At the “construction site,” the “workers” are provided with an authentic work habitat, complete with pick-up trucks, baseball caps, and a big trailer office. Students walking past the “Zoo” to get to their cars assumed it was a real construction site.

“We just thought it was a really nifty idea,” said one anonymous administration source, as he absent-mindedly licked cookie crumbs from his greying moustache. “Sort of like a Habitat or an art farm for the students to watch as it developed. Only, unlike a Habitat or an art farm, this is more sized. And it contains construction workers, instead of gerbils or ants. We really feel that, like Legal Skills—which is not as much like a Habitrail—this is one more recruiting tool we have to trap incoming students.

The following story was related by another anonymous, yet mustached, administration official—“I was approached one day in my office by a young woman who was concerned about some of the cat-calls, leers and whistles she was getting from the ‘work-site.’ She was quite upset. And understandably, I think. But, of course, when I explained to her that it was an educational experiment, a ‘mechanism’ if you will—and we’re on the cutting edge of education here, really—she seemed to understand.”

Student reactions to the experiment have been mixed. One second-year student, still without a summer job prospect, said, with a choke in her voice “There but for the grace of God...and Dean Kaplan...go.”

Another student, who appeared to have been brainwashed at some point, remarked, “I can’t tell you how happy it makes me to see those guys out there working. It reminds me how lucky I am to be a law student, just sitting in the heated /air-conditioned luxury of the law school eating my brain. I love the Law!”

The same student was later heard espousing his belief that Professor Douglas was really Elvis. “He’s almost got the voice down!” he exclaimed.

Other responses by students about the revelations of the “construction site” experiment included the admirably single-minded response, “I blame Alces,” the all-purpose, typically high-minded “Cool!” and the charmingly leathosome “How will this affect my rank?”

Other law schools, including Harvard and Yale, have visited the school in order to observe the “Blue Collar Zoo” in action. The Harvard representatives visited on a Friday afternoon when the “workers” were participating in their ritual Friday afternoon six-pack. One of the representatives remarked, “It was amazing how realistic their drunkenness was...I mean, if that wasn’t real vomit, I don’t know what it was!” The Yale representative was heard to exclaim, “I can’t believe the students get any studying done. It’s just so fascinating to sit here and watch the heavy machinery push all that mud around!”

Robert Kaplan, Dean of Pencil Mustaches, giggled maniacally as he said, “Maybe some of our students could get summer jobs over there! Summer jobs? Hell, why not permanent jobs?” As it is, only about half of the “workers” on the site are actually Marshall-Wythe graduates, but Kaplan predicts that this could change as soon as the third-years graduate.

The “workers” are finished putting up the “proposed graduate housing,” a new crew will be brought in to destroy the structures. One administration official—who apparently either owns a razor and puts it to good use or is a female—said, “We think it will give students a real insight into the futility of life itself.”

EPA Seizes Lee’s Office

By JOHNNY T. WADD

In a shocking flip-flop action yesterday, the EPA declared academic freedom a “critical habitat” for the endangered species toxic substances. Tuesday’s action halted toxic substances from activities by an EPA crew which seized Lee’s office only days before. Earlier in the week, the EPA had moved the office up to first priority on its list of Superfund sites.

EPA director Aldo Leopold praised the action as a signal of the agency’s new flexibility and said “This just goes to prove that toxic wastes aren’t a valuable resource in the earth’s ecosystem.” Leopold added that he hopes the action will “prove that George Bush really is the environmental president.”

Marshall-Wythe Dean Timothy J. Sullivan hailed the EPA decision as a great honor for the school. Sullivan also noted that the declaration will make it easier for the school to get increased state funding and said that parking services would use the monies to paint more of the neighborhood white.

According to Sullivan, such action on the part of “otter” Services would allow the College to force the droves of tourists coming to the school to observe the rare creatures in Lee’s office to buying stickers before leaving Williamsburg. Sullivan said that he would use those funds, rather than the piddling amount expected to be obtained directly from the state, to establish a new “Institute of Endangered Species Studies” to be chaired by Professor Ron Rosenberg. The Institute would not be expected to do anything.

Lee’s office first came to the attention of the authorities when the Marshall-Wythe Housekeeping Crew described seeing snakes and rodent-like creatures in Lee’s quarters. Though Flo claimed the rodents were mice, Darlene swore they were rats. Williamsburg animal control swung into action, but team members were unable to fully investigate the creatures of the room before being repelled by noxious fumes. Samples of the air were taken and sent to EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Two days later, the agency sealed off the room.

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Elmer publishes again!!

By KEITH FINCH

Professor Elmer J. Schaefer has just completed work on his new twelve-volume treatise entitled, “Bailey v. West and American Jurisprudence.” The encyclopedic work, which includes two volumes of citations and an index, describes in scrupulous detail how the totality of modern American jurisprudence evolved out of a three-and-a-half-page Rhode Island Supreme Court case from 1969.

Earlier this year, Schaefer spent an entire month discussing the case with his contracts class. Their enthusiasm for the case was so intense that Professor Kaplan...again!!

One faculty member disputed the significance of Schaefer’s accomplishment. “I think it’s absurd to spend so much time on one case,” said Professor Ron Rosenberg. “It’s a complete waste of time.” Rosenberg’s own eighteen-volume treatise, “Pierson v. Post and the Problem of Constitutional Interpretation,” is slated for publication next June.
M-W Faculty takes practical approach to curriculum

By MARIE CURIAE

At a recent meeting, the faculty curriculum committee presented a number of proposals to give M-W a more practical approach to legal education. After some lackluster debate, faculty members voted to add the following new courses to next year’s catalogue.

Whether or not any of the courses will actually be offered—as opposed to merely being listed in the catalogue like half of the courses in the current curriculum—will be the subject of a faculty meeting scheduled for the day before Add-Drop ends next August.

The Ambulance Chaser, after rummaging around in theDean’s trash can, has obtained the following draft of the course descriptions.

FIRST YEAR COURSES

106 Prosperity, (3), Mr. Rosenblum

A course that skips the theoretical mumbo jumbo and instead focuses discussions on the real reason students come to law school: to get a six figure job. Lecture topics include: “Having a Baby While Keeping Your Cushy Teaching Job.”

109 Inconvenience Law. (3), Mr. Earhart

This class simulates the panic and anxiety that is part and parcel of exam period. Two weeks of exam anxiety will be spread out over the fifteen-week course. The class prepares students for the moment when they turn over an exam to begin and realize they have learned nothing during an entire semester. Topics include: “Those Who Lack Bowel Control: A Suspended Class?”

111 Useless Skills. (2), Mr. Letterhead

A hands-on approach to the skills students need in the jobs they will actually be doing as a first-year associates in a large urban law firm, such as getting coffee for partners, running the photocopier, sorting paperclips and padding billable hours. Discussion topics include: “Kissing Ass All the Way to Partner.”

ELECTIVES

305 T&A. (3), Mr. Donalduck

If you need a description of this class, don’t bother registering for it.

311 Taxing the Feds. (3), Mr. Millertime

A course focusing on how to evade the federal government for every tax dollar it gets. Lecture topics will include how to evade the IRS and claiming dependents of furniture as dependents. A special presentation entitled “Canada, It’s Better than Jail!” will be given midway through the semester.

404 Secured Transmissions. (3), Mr. Salem

This course teaches students how to keep their cars running on a law student budget. Also discussed is the proper method of selecting which sports car to purchase with a signing bonus.

413 Home Remedies. (3), Mr. Tom Collins

This course explores the variety of intoxicants available to make students forget the seminar paper that’s due tomorrow. Topics include: “Approaching 30: Older, But Wiser.”

440 Ring Around The Collar Crimes. (3), Dean Willekebaby

The course describes the techniques and ploys that can be successfully used to get mothers to continue doing a student’s laundry even though they no longer live at home. Course topics include: “Spring Laundry: Is Separating Whites From Colored an Equal Protection Issue?”

450 Jurisdictions. (3), Mr. LiBe

This class explores Supreme Court rulings on obscenity and fashion. Topics include “What Bill Reinquist Really Wears Under His Robes.”

Sully lists Admin. achievements

In an effort to better inform our readers about the qualifications of candidates for University President Dean Timothy Sullivan, the Ambulance Chaser recently conducted an interview with the Dean regarding some of the most significant issues in the law school this year. What follows is the text of that interview.

A.C.: Sorry I’m late.

DEAN: That’s all right. It’s not like I would have been doing something useful.

A.C.: I couldn’t find a parking place and had to walk all the way from Charlottesville.

DEAN: Well why didn’t you just take a faculty space? I’m sure no one would have minded.

A.C.: Seriously? You mean the administration is ready to reach a reasonable accommodation with the student body about the parking issue?

DEAN: No. That was just a little joke.

A.C.: Oh.

DEAN: If it’s not one thing it’s another.... No, I was not aware of that.

A.C.: Would you be willing to discuss the situation with City officials and see if something more convenient could be worked out?

DEAN: I guess I could look into it. But if it doesn’t involve someone smoking, then I’m afraid I’m powerless to act.

A.C.: Is that a rule?

DEAN: I don’t know.

A.C.: Anything else I’m supposed to be doing?

DEAN: The wood-chip “sidewalk” from the law school to that parking lot down the road?

DEAN: Have people been smoking there or something?

A.C.: No, I was asking when it is going to be replaced with a real sidewalk, one more conducive to, say, walking? Is additional safety lighting going to be installed?

DEAN: Well, I wouldn’t know. My job, except for the smoking thing of course, is to sit here and look official.

A.C.: No, that’s Dean Williamson’s job. You’re supposed to be in charge.

DEAN: Oh?

A.C.: The law school.

DEAN: Oh, that.

A.C.: How about your candidacy to become the new president of the College?

DEAN: I can say that my record speaks for itself. What I have done to, uh, I mean for the law school, I can do to, I mean for the William & Mary as a whole.

A.C.: As I’m sure you’re aware—

DEAN: Aware?

A.C.: —the recession is still keeping many graduates from finding employment. Does the administration have a plan to assist jobless students?

DEAN: Yes, we have that covered. As usual, any student who cannot find employment can seek a position with Professor Devins, who is always willing to hire new assistants. Another possibility is the bus station. Any student familiar with the lobby should be more than qualified to work there.

John Freeman says...

“If you didn’t buy it at the College Bookstore, you didn’t pay too much!”

This Week’s Feature:

Some people think requiring students to buy useless books for pass/fail classes is cruel, but not me! I jack the prices up 60% on almost every item in stock! So shop at the College Bookstore and never pay mere retail again!

“An absolute triumph! The height of Chutzpah!!”

—Alan Dershowitz
Law School horror stories available for home viewing

By STEVE SCHOFIELD and MICHAEL REYNOLDS

As exams approach, we thought we should provide a list of little known movies you may want to check out at your local video store: "All That Spazz" — starring Neal Devane — The intimate story of how a complete dweeb overcame great odds to become (arguably) a law professor. A Fish Called Butler — starring Linda Butler. Enough said.

One Night With You — starring Faye Shealy and Richard Brooks. The story of how Richard really got into M-W. Thelma & Louise II — starring Kate Atkins and Pam Merlis. Just when a white guy finally realized his potential, he joined the efforts of Mort Zuckerman and Renaldo Williams to resolve their rancorous relationship.

Merlis. Just when a white man got into M-W. Brooks. The story of how he finally realized his potential, he joined the efforts of Mort Zuckerman and Renaldo Williams to resolve their rancorous relationship.

The Man Who Knew Too Much — starring Christian Connell. A one-man show consisting totally of dialogue with no plot structure or point, really.

Field of Reems — starring any first year law class. How to take it and like it.

Deliverance II — starring Glenn Cowan as the mountain man. A camping trip that turns into a torrid nightmare. The scene with Neil Robinson is especially terrifying.

My Life as a Day Worker — starring William Devane. After years of faithful service and bootlicking, a brave pup reaches the pinnacle of Legal Skills to become Fred Lederer’s lap dog.

Dead Zone II — starring Elmer Schaefer. A mysterious malaise infects all who take Contracts I stealing their intellectual willingness to progress.

My Brilliant Career...Not! — starring Ronald Rosenberg. A greaser in tight black jeans masquerades as a Law Professor until his inability to teach gives him away.

The Robert Bork Story — starring Steve Wermiel with Tom Collins as his brother Adolph. The story of the flamboyant jurist, his even smarter brother and their foiled plot to take over the world.

Dr. Strangelove — starring Rod Smolka and himself. A man looks in the mirror, fails in love with himself, and never leaves his reflection.

American Gigolo II — starring Dick Goddard. The story of a law professor who moonlights at night as a leather clad monster of lust.

Out of Africa II — starring Alemante Selassie. A wise and learned man matriculates from Ethiopia to Williamsburg and confounds law students with his idioms and pronunciations.

Little Shop of Horrors, 1992 — starring Fred Lederer and Jim Molitor. Under the guise of a new legal program, two evil, demoted scientists devise a way to keep law students permanently apathetic.

The Wilt and Magic Story — The untold story of two men who play Russian Roulette by

Elvis is EVERYWHERE and other late-breaking rock & roll news

By PHIL NUGENT

“Ojne man’s vulgarity is another’s lyric.”
—Justice Harlan, Cohen v. California

Inspired by the success of the Elton John/Bernie Taupin tribute album, Guns ‘n Roses will be honored with a double CD of O’Jays songs as interpreted by various artists. Look for Sting’s rendition of "Welcome to the Jungle," Harry Connick, Jr.’s cover of "Paradise City," and Paul Simon singing the gentle ballad, "Night Train."

Terminally angry John Mellencamp is apparently still not happy with his name. After first referring to himself as "Johnny Cougar" in 1976, the Little Bastard has undergone three additional name changes to get back to his original, God-given name on his most recent release, Whenever We Wanted. Admitting that he’s always hated his last name, J.M. recently revealed plans to record in the future as simply “John.”

After months of politicking, fund-raising, and negotiation, Don Henley finally overcame the efforts of Mort Zuckerman and associated developers to turn a plot of land near Thorough’s Walden Pond into an office park. Henley thanked everyone who helped to save "the environmental integrity of this historic site," and announced that in order to pay off the debt incurred by the acquisition, the area would be zoned for toxic waste dumping.

Speaking of former Eagles, fans of the group that epitomized the Seventies will be thrilled to hear that the band has announced a reunion tour for sometime later this year. Reunion plans have been stalled in the past by the inability of Don Henley, Glenn Frey, Don Felder, and Joe Walsh to resolve their differences.

The problems have now been solved: "The reunion tour will go on without them," according to Timothy Schmit, the lone band member to agree to the tour. Dismissing concerns that the reunion band, to be known as "The Eagles," will be a mere shadow of their former glory, Schmit said, "Those guys were always stealing my ideas, anyway."

Tracy Chapman will have a new album out soon, and the word is that it’s a sharp departure from the style of her first two efforts. After having gone multi-platinum, Chapman has now her own fast car, and she says she no longer feels the kinship with the downtrodden that she expressed on Tracy Chapman and Crossroads. "I’m moving with a new crowd these days, I’m feeling good, and my new album just naturally reflects that," Expected hit: the pulsating dance track “Talkin’ Bout a Capital Gains Tax.”

Members of 2 Live Crew have announced a compromise with the Parents Music Resource Center concerning what the PMRC has termed the Crew’s “vulgar, obscene, and utterly vile” lyrics. Luther Campbell said that the band would be able to avoid obscenity charges if the group agreed to perform gratis at elementary schools around the country. Campbell appeared pleased by the prospect, mentioning that the band already had a collection of nursery rhymes that would be perfect for the young audiences.

Correction: Contrary to what was reported last issue, Sined O’Connor and Frank Sinatra did not sing a duet of “Love and Marriage” at Michael Jackson’s wedding to Lisa Taylor; Larry Fortensky did not elope with Bubbles; and, photos of Malcolm Forbes were not among those in the Mapghanite. Distraught over the word that a diehard U2 fan in Williamsburg was less than overwhelmed by the band’s recent show at the Hampton Coliseum, Bono has announced that the group will give a free concert at Zable Stadium. U2 agreed to perform the show, scheduled directly after law school graduation ceremonies on May 10, after Bono was convinced that there would be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open audience participation in "I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For."
Restaurant Critics

By Lisa & Mike Lawrence

Williamsburg police today disclosed that they have taken the restaurant critics for the Amicus Curiae into custody based on charges filed by several local chefs. The pair were allegedly demanding cash and free meals in exchange for favorable reviews in the nationally renowned Marshall-Wythe newspaper.

Amicus Editor Jenny Click vehemently denied rumors of an agreement to share proceeds of the extortion scam with the editorial staff. She also said a lot of hostile things about libel suits and restraining orders, but Managing Editor Kevin Kroner said Click had probably just forgotten to take her medication again.

Williamsburg police Chief Buford T. Redneck said the scam began when the pair tried to parlay their position as critics into free meals. Redneck stated "Apparently they only took the job under the mistaken impression that the paper would pay for their meals. When they discovered the laughability of that notion, they started shaking down local restauranteurs for free meals. Eventually they began demanding larger and larger amounts of cash."

A shaken local chef, who requested anonymity, told the Ambulance Chaser "It was really frightening. They found out about that little Health Department problem we had last year and just wouldn't leave us alone. What choice did I have? I had to pay. Of course, when they find out what I put in their soup they'll be sorry."

Despite repeated attempts to reach them for comment on the matter, the critics have been unavailable. Some speculate that the two have taken the phone off the hook.

In what may be a related development, Professor Jim Moliterno reported that some Legal Skills firms have been contacted by a couple masquerading as Client F. Despite the transparent and obviously fraudulent nature of this approach, Moliterno has decided to make Client F mandatory for anyone so approached.

Redneck also noted a puzzling new twist in the case, uncovered just yesterday. Redneck said that in a police search of the pair's residence he located hundreds of staplers and machinery apparently designed for mutilating staplers. City police are requesting that anyone able to shed light on the situation contact them at City Hall.

Some Amicus staffers, who declined to speak on the record, suggested that those with such information may wish to first contact the critics through a personal ad in the Daily Press' SPLASH! section. Rumor has it that the two will meet any reasonable offer.

CLARIFICATION

Recent reports from the Office of University Relations regarding the speaker for the William and Mary Commencement Ceremonies contained a typographical error. The commencement speaker will be former Reverend Jim Bakker, not Secretary of State James Baker as previously reported. The College sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this misunderstanding may have caused graduates and their families.
Cummings in Scandal; Dick takes Devins Award

By Mychal Scultz

A scandal has rocked the Marshall-Wythe athletic community. Schizophrenia has learned that Joy Cummings (3L) may have misled the admissions committee by claiming to have been a professional tennis player in the Far East before she came to law school. We, or that I, or he, contacted several players on the women's tour, and this is what they had to say.

Monica Seles—"Excuse me, you're standing in the light that gives me my naturally blond hair."

Martina Navratilova—"Joy Cummings? Isn't that one of those 900 numbers? You know, 10 dollars for the first minute?"

Steffi Graf—"I don't know. I can't keep track of who my father has been with."

Sources have confirmed that, while maybe not a tennis player, Cummings was perhaps the finest blond American female sumo wrestler in Asia. She was the only blond American female sumo wrestler in Asia. Said Cummings, "I only said I played tennis so I could be in the admissions catalogue. I didn't think anybody here could actually speak Japanese, Chinese or any other Asian language so that my story could be checked."

Professor Ron Rosenberg today claimed eminent domain at the Rec Center basketball court while Professor Charlie Koch attempted to administrate a labor dispute between Professor Dave (or is it Davison?) Douglas who maybe should have kept his beard but then would have been mistaken for Professor Jim Moliterno who does look like Jeff Reardon though he isn't paid nearly as much as Reardon though by looking at Dean Timothy Sullivan's new car you'd think that he just signed a major league contract as a pitcher which he does anyway in trying to attract dollars to the law school which are obviously not put into athletic scholarships for the law school because if they were then Professor Douglas wouldn't have been in a labor dispute on the court with Lance High who we all know has no athletic talent because Columbia football is about as successful as the third year class is at finding jobs. Scholasticism strikes again.

Sports Illustrated sent representatives to Marshall-Wythe on a talent search for the 1993 swimsuit issue. They thought they had struck gold, but then Ali Amishah turned around and they discovered he was male. After a total of 2 minutes the representatives left muddering something about checking out the mail.

In a surprise announcement, Pat Connolly (2L) was signed to a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Louisville. Said head coach Denny Crum, "Well, we were looking for a token white player to sit the bench, and Pat's pretty adept at being useless anywhere, so it seemed like the right move."

In a related move, Liberty University signed Jesse Erwin (3L) to a football scholarship. Said school president Jerry Falwell, "My goal is to one day beat Notre Dame in football. Jesse is the token Black I think will take us one step closer to that goal."

Meanwhile, Ami Kim (3L) was signed by Yeshiva University to play volleyball. Said a Yeshiva spokesperson, "Well, all great athletic programs have a token, so we have our Asian token.

The William and Mary men's basketball team was set to sign Jeff Huber (3L) to a basketball scholarship, but then reneged. Chuck Swanson, coach of the Tribe, said, "I understand that lots of teams are getting token players, but my team has no need for a token athlete. Besides, I wouldn't know how to coach an athlete. I've never had one and I'd like it stay that way because I'd always have an excuse as to why we're so bad."

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Quote of the week. "It's over. See ya. Wouldn't want to be ya." Gina Love (1L) to the 81 representatives when she found out that she wouldn't be taking Naomi Campbell's place in next year's calendar.

Quote of the week II. "This is an AB conversation, so you can C your way out of it." Neal Robinson (3L) to a student who tried to muscle his way into a conversation between Neal and Professor Peter Alaco that took up the first 50 minutes of class.

Reports out of Durham, North Carolina indicate that Professor Rod Smolla was suspended from his visiting teaching position at Duke University for slanderously libeling Duke center Christian Laettner. Smolla apparently referred to Laettner as a cross between Christian Connell and Jerry Brown—an obnoxious blond guy who thinks he can run. In a related story, the Raleigh-Durham Seahawks of the World Football League have retained Smolla as offensive coordinator. A spokesman for the Seahawks said, "Take a look at what the guy wears. He's obviously he can coordinate the most offensive ties with anything."

Professor Paul LeBel was recently spotted at the Green Leaf sobbing, "Jack, Jack, how could this happen?"

It is unknown whether LeBel was talking about the defection of Jack Morris from LeBel's beloved Twin(kies) to the Blue Jays or the empty bottle of whiskey next to him as he watched Minnesota lose another training game.

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Kevin Kroner (2L) was recently selected in the 3rd round of the Greater Siberian Floor Hockey League draft by the Sevastapool Smegtrons. Upon signing his contract, which calls for $3 a week and an old Soviet flag as a blanket, Kroner commented, "Hey, this is more than I'll earn in any law-related job I could get."

Another Marshall-Wythe athlete was also recently signed to a professional contract. Heather Sue Ramsey (2L) recently inked a 2 year deal to become an American Gladiator. Said Ramsey, "I just wanted to dress up in the Gladiator outfit because they make me look like Wonder Woman." Ramsey will report to the Gladiators as soon as she completes her latest stint in the Greater Yorktown Water Aerobics League where she is currently tied for 35th.

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Finally, the Professor Neal Devins Award, given to the person who possesses no athletic talent, doesn't even look like he has athletic talent, shouldn't even pretend that he has athletic talent, and looks foolish when he tries to do something athletic, goes to that wizard of white collar crime, Dean Richard Williamson. Williamson continually wows the law school women by stepping out of the building dressed in nothing but a tee shirt, running shoes and tiny neon pink running shorts. With shorts flapping in the breeze, Williamson quickly plods to his car, then proceeds to drive around for an hour. He then parks around the corner, then jogs the 50 yards back to school, just far enough to work up the requisite amount of sweat to show that he had a good workout. Has us fooled, doesn't he?

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THE KING, from page 1

student lounge, where he was discovered fishing through the refrigerator for leftovers. At least one worker said she saw the King stuffing semester-old sandwiches in his black-sequined spandex pants.

One student said that as Elvis sat beneath his velvet portrait in the lounge, several people remarked that the hard-case stranger looked somehow familiar, though they were unable to place the face. Before anyone could make the connection, the King lumbered off.

Eric Branscom, High Priest of the M-W congregation of those who believe Elvis, has no doubt the reported sightings are legitimate. Branscom claims to have developed stigmata resembling sideburns, despite the fact that he was at home in bed, at the same time the King was visiting the law school.

While even Branscom is unsure as to why Elvis made an appearance at M-W at this particular time, some conjectured that the King was here to show his support for Dean Timothy Sullivan's bid for the College presidency. Others speculated that the King had grown weary of his William and Mary hide-out, where he has been teaching first-year students Property Law while disguised as Professor Ron Rosenberg, and wanted to share his secret with his adoring fans here before heading for a new retreat.

BUSH CALLS ZIEMER SUTHERLAND CLONE, from page 1

RAT'S NEST UNCOVERED IN ROOM 207, from page 3

On Monday, the EPA clean-up crew, completely ensnared in white suits and equipped with breathing apparatus, burrowed into the room where they found specimens of the new species lurking behind a pile of human bones and ancient parchment scrolls signed by Sir Francis Bacon. EPA taxonomists were unable to identify the creatures, which have a brown felt-like skin, and after DNA testing determined them to be a new form of rodentia.

Apparently, the animals are related to the common field mouse, but have mutated over time by feeding on too many IRS letter rulings and Lee's porculli.

William and Mary Campus police and the EPA are currently contemplating various charges against Lee. EPA Investigator J. Riffin noted that Lee may have violated the Endangered Species Act by converting pelts from the animals into one of his trademark white-brimmed hats. Riffin noted that incarcerating Lee for the potential violations may not be a viable enforcement method, however, because he is an integral part of the office's environment.

Campus Police are more concerned about the human bones and parchment scrolls found in the office. Bruton Parish officials denied that the items could have been removed from the churchyard because "there is no evidence whatsoever that Bacon's vault could possibly exist—dammit." Police speculated on the possibility of human sacrifice, although Professor Tom Collins believes the bones may be those of a law student rumored to have died several years ago in an avalanche of papers off of Lee's desk.

Steve Shebest

Steve attributes the denudation of his patte to his massive responsibilities as this year's "King of the Thing." While convinced of the salutary effects of the Thing on the students' morale, Steve admits on a Friday, when I look at that crowd of tanked-up animals and realize what I'm going to have to clean up, I feel like I'm going to cry. Sometimes I really wish that I could draw stupid squirrels well enough to get into the International Fine Arts Correspondence School."

Bob Dickinson

Unlike most male law students, who have the pleasure of watching their hair disappear along with their ethics and the possibility of gainful employment, Bob has achieved semi-cushy status before even entering law school. Married and the father of two, Bob sees hair loss as an unavoidable consequence of a full domestic life. "You go clean pizza art off the living room wall, then sit and watch the Little Mermaid thirty-nine times in a row, and see what happens to you," Bob comments. "I can't even hang out with the other Deadheads anymore.

Joe Cartee

Rumor has it that Joe, this year's SBA President Elect, intentionally caused his condition by experimenting with synthetic hormones and Agent Orange. "All of the really great politicians have been bald," Joe was overheard saying. "Mussolini, Khrushchev, Martin Van Buren, even Yul Brynner in The King and I. Nothing detracts the press like a thousand points of light reflecting off the top of your head." Asked about the future of the SBA, Joe replied, "I've got to be able to do better than someone with a head that looks like a pooh's butt."

Mike Raush

Mike would be too happy to abandon his dignified, if glamorous, appearance. "If you look too neat and professional, everybody asks for your notes, and professors are always calling on you in the hopes of getting an intelligent response. If I grow a nice, disorganized mop of hair and pick up some really disgusting t-shirts and jeans down at the Salvation Army, I can spend the next two years sleeping in the back of the room."
Speakers Forum sponsors Gates visit April 8

The Marshall-Wythe Speakers Forum will sponsor a discussion of national security issues by CIA Director Robert Gates next Wednesday at 4:00 in Room 120. An alumnus of the College of William and Mary, Gates also received a Masters degree from Indiana University before joining the CIA as an intelligence analyst in 1966.

Gates served as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence under President Reagan from April 1986 to January 1989 and acting director of the CIA from December of 1986 to May 1987. Questions about his role in the Iran-Contra scandal during the later years of the Reagan administration caused the Senate to scrutinize President Bush’s recent appointment of Gates to head the CIA during confirmation hearings.

Marshall-Wythe student gets probation

Leonard Spady, a first-year student at Marshall-Wythe, pled guilty to Class 1 misdemeanor charges on March 26th for violation of Virginia Code §18.2-427, using obscene language over public airways. A plea agreement reached with the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office obviated the need for a trial in the case. Spady was unavailable for comment regarding the matter.

According to officials in the Court Clerk’s office, Spady was sentenced to 6 months probation for the offense. Judge J.R. Zepkin also ordered that the incident be expunged from Spady’s record if he does not violate the law in any manner during the probationary period.

Baker to speak at College Commencement

Secretary of State James A. Baker, III will deliver the commencement address at the graduation ceremony to be held Sunday, May 10 in William and Mary Hall. Baker has held a variety of positions in the federal government, serving under Republican presidents since 1975, when he was named Under Secretary of Commerce by President Gerald R. Ford.

In the Reagan administration, Baker served as the President’s Chief of Staff from 1981 to 1988, when he left the post to become Secretary of the Treasury. In 1989, Baker was appointed Secretary of State by President Bush, a post he has maintained through a series of dramatic international events that include the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union.

VITA offers help to those with tax phobias

If it’s April, and you haven’t done your tax return yet, right? For those who just can’t face it alone, relief is just a consultation away. The Marshall-Wythe chapter of VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will hold two tax preparation counseling sessions from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th and Monday, April 13th.

All VITA volunteers have passed an I.R.S. examination that prepares them to assist taxpayers with most types of returns. Those wishing assistance should bring their tax information to the interview rooms in the basement of the law library on either of the two dates, and beat the April 15 deadline.

—Bob Dickinson
The Brandy of the Damned

It’s not your grandma or your grammar, it’s your grammy

By PHIL NUGENT

"The man’s vulgarity is another’s lyric."

— Justice Horlan, Cohen v. California

Ennui Sweeps the Grammys

Yeah, I know the Grammys were a month ago, but a few things need to be said about them. Certainly, all the usual criticisms of the awards are true: the members of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences are hopelessly behind-the-times, and they overwhelmingly favor the traditional, the mainstream, the over-the-hill, the safe, and the sentimental. Sort of like the Oscars.

Yet, the Grammys are trying. Just look at the fact that they have rap and heavy metal categories, even if most of NARAS doesn’t really know what’s going on within those categories, as witnessed by D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince winning over Public Enemy, and Metallica winning the heavy metal award for the third straight year.

The only problem I have with the Grammys concerns the voters, the award categories, the nominees, and the winners. The more than 7,000 National Academy members who have “taken part” in at least six recordings are eligible to vote for the Grammys. I’m not sure what constitutes “taking part,” but I’ll let you know when I get to L.A.

Anyway, these are music biz insiders, no doubt, and as Rolling Stone recently described them, they are “white, middle-aged males who have impeccable taste in hors d’oeuvres and date women much too young for them.” So, don’t expect to see the critics’ and cult favorite In Dispute nominated anytime soon.

As far as the categories go, what is R.E.M. doing in the Alternative Music Album category? When an album such as Out of Time has sold over 3 million copies, a band has been cranking out music and hits for over a decade, and hundreds of wannabes have been spawned, the band is hardly “alternative.” Unless you’ve been eating too many of those hors d’oeuvres. Super album, great band, but they’re not the Stat Boys.

My pick for the worst song to get the most nominations goes to Bryan Adams’ instpid and sappy (Everything I Do) I Do For You, which was nominated for six(!) awards. It makes me wonder how much influence those much too young girls have on those middle-aged males, and also, just how young those girls are. However, proving that there is some sense in Grammyland, (El D.) D.F.Y. won only one Gramophone, for best song written for a motion picture.

Among the winners, there were predictably both winners and losers. Natalie Cole was the big winner of the night, as Unforgettable, the song and the album, garnered seven awards, including the Big Three: Best Song, Record, and Album of the Year. It’s a beautiful album and a 90’s technological wonder, interspersing Nat King Cole’s recordings with his daughter’s voice. But should it really have won Best Song, which goes to the songwriter, Irving Gordon, for something the seventy-seven year old composer wrote forty years ago?

Gordon apparently thought so. He commented that it was nice to have a Grammy winning song in which the singer did not scream, yell, or get a hemiulla while singing, and which did not involve a nervous breakdown. Ah, tradition. Love those Grammys.

But lest we forget, music appreciation without the Grammys would be like journalism without Richard Nixon: Who would we have to kick around?

Diversity Sweeps the Anti-Grammys

As a fast-acting antidote to the Grammys, the Village Voice ran the results of its national critics’ poll, which surveys 300 music critics as to the best albums and songs of the year. The results of what it calls “The 18th (or 19th) Annual Pazz and Jop Critics Poll” [sic] are not surprisingly, a bit different from what those hors d’oeuvre-scarfing guys at NARAS are listening to. Without further ado, the envelope, please, for the critics’ Top Ten Albums of 1991, in order of preference:

1. Nirvana—Nevermind
2. Public Enemy—Apocalypse 91: The Enemy Strikes Back
3. R.E.M.—Out of Time
4. U2—Achtung Baby
5. P.M. Dawn—Of the Heirs, of the Soul, and of the Cross: the Utopian Experience
6. Richard Thompson—Rumor and Sigh
7. Matthew Sweet—Girlfriend
8. Metallica—Metallica
9. Chris Whitley—Living with the Law
10. Mekons—The Curse of the Mekons

Please direct all questions concerning the Mekons to Kevin Walsh.

Chris Whitley sweeps the Amys

The Amicus Curiae Music Award (popularly known as the Amy) for Best New Artist goes to Chris Whitley, whose debut album Living With the Law has got the coolest sound around. Whitley’s songs have a unique feel: a stripped-down, sparse bluesy style that combines a National steel guitar, hushing lyrics, and an unusual timelessness.

Often compared to Ry Cooder, the thirty-one year old Whitley leaves the listener feeling as if he had just stepped into an eerie Texas tableau of wide-open spaces with nowhere to go. Think of the film, Paris, Texas. The themes of drinking, desire, and desperation echo throughout the soulful work, which for all its depressing fare, is neither dispiriting nor dismal.

Be warned, however, this is not “music to dance to.” It’s more like “music to drink whiskey to.” Straight, with no glass. Radio stations such as WVOG (FM 106, out of Richmond) have given a generous amount of airplay to the songs Big Sky Country and Poison Girl, which are expressive of the album’s underlying sexuality.

Equally striking is the psycho-spiritual imagery of Dan Radio and PhoneCall From Leavenworth. The latter song tells of an inmate’s vision: “Three o’clock this morning/When I thought I saw Jesus coming down/He came through the concrete baby/He came through the walls without no sound.” Ultimately, readers of this column may identify most with the title song, and its seasoned judgment: “There ain’t no secrets in the city/It’s hard living with the law.”
Beyond Pancake Row

A survey of Billyburg restaurants in the Schulz tradition

BY LISA AND MIKE LAWRENCE

There is a fine line between a carefully crafted article which artfully blends several different themes in a beautifully woven tapestry and a hodgepodge collection of random musings. In order to spare our readers from the convoluted trail of classifying this article we will remain squarely in the latter category.

We have reached a pivotal point of the newly crowned column on Italian restaurants. We have found a place we like and refuse to try the remaining alternatives, due to dubious promotional gimmicks. We are predisposed to bypass any place that calls itself a family restaurant, since that usually means a proliferation of noncephalic monsters. Another item often avoided by us is a main sign proclaiming "ALL YOU CAN EAT!"

To get to the matter at hand, we would like to mention a few restaurants that we enjoy and would like to correct this over-sight by advising anyone interested in a good meal to stay away from both.

Basic Instinct: the best of this month's new releases

By R.L. Clay

"BASIC INSTINCT"—Starring: Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone.

A murder-mystery writer, portrayed by Stone, has her latest plot come true when a retired rock star is brutally killed. The question is, did she do it, or was it a copycat killing? The investigating officer, Douglas, becomes the topic of her next book and the plotline predictably shifts to whether or not he will suffer the same fate as her last main character.

Stone and Douglas both put forth quality work in Basic Instinct. With Douglas, a quality performance is expected, but while Stone has had roles in several films—including Total Recall and Year of the Gun—this is her first big role. Her performance earns much deserved kudos.

Suspense and mystery are the lynchpins to this film and they are used wonderfully. The possible suspects are numerous, and all seem viable, with each having more than adequate motive, opportunity, and so forth. The plot twists are numerous and the tension mounts to a very satisfying finale.

Basic Instinct received a great deal of advance press, most of it dealing with the graphic nature of the sex scenes and the protests of gay activists. The film certainly does push the boundaries of the R rating—not only are the sex scenes explicit but they are a varied, including a rough sex scene that has been described by some viewers as depicting date rape.

I have never understood why groups upset with a film are so vocal about their feelings prior to its release. As with The Last Temptation of Christ, demonstrations against Basic Instinct will most likely only lure more people into the theatre to see what all the commotion is about.

This film is not for everyone. There is emphatic sex and violence, and all of the plot twists mentioned earlier don't get tied up nice and neat at the end. But if mystery and suspense are to your liking, give it a try.

WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP—Starring Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson.

This is the story of two street basketball hustlers who team up to earn some cash. However, this is not a happy-go-lucky buddy sports movie. There is some real development of the characters, as well as some interesting plot twists.

Snipes and Harrelson seem well suited to their roles. Both are able to handle the range of emotions exhibited by their characters, and are believable as basketball studs. The hoop scenes, however, are disappointing. The action was a lot better in the Ohio State-North Carolina game I watched later that night in the NCAA.

The movie bogs down a bit trying to decide if it is going to be a hoop-it-up jock film or a delving into the characters' psychology. A great film would do both. While White Men Can't Jump is entertaining, it is not a great film.

MY COUSIN VINNY—Starring Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei.

This film involves a classic case of mistaken identity. Two kids from New York get accused of murder in a podunk southern town (not Billyburg) while on their way to college. Luckily, one of the students' counsels is an attorney who can fix everything—maybe.

As it turns out the court isn't exactly a law review type, or a moot court type or even an accredited law school type. He's more of a take-the-bar-six-times-before-you-pass type.

Legal and cultural hijinks ensue, and while I'm a fan of both Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei, I must say, they've done better work. With all due respect to Brett Johnson, who loved the movie, I found it a bit stale.

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Libel Night: a “zesty knee-slappin’ good time,” even for the defamed

By PETER KUBIN

“A zesty, knee-slappin’ good time,” was how Ken Dodds (1L) described SBA’s annual Libel Night, which took place Saturday, March 21, at Trinkle Hall.

The evening’s entertainment was a lively melange of ten skits, each featuring one or more law students parodying a variety of topics. While the dominant theme of the gala was to poke a little fun at some of the law school’s more colorful figures, other aspects of law school life did not escape unscathed.

On stage, first-, second-, and third-year students were all on hand to release pent-up creative and comedic energies.

The first skit, sponsored by SERCH, featured three students “coming out” and revealing to the audience that they were white heterosexual males. Each student discussed the obstacles and prejudices which he had encountered and overcome while trying to come to terms with his heterosexual identity.

Next came Patrick Hanes’ (1L) musical portrayal of professor Neil Devins as a guitar player in a late-night TV commercial. Highlights included a parody of Neil Young’s “Hey Hey, My My” (“The hair is gone, but it’s not forgotten”).

One of the more surreal aspects of the evening was an anonymous group portraying student thoughts in a classroom during a lecture. The group stood behind a blackboard in order to aid the Good Witch (Lynda Butler, 3L), before being allowed to see the Wizard. Dorothy (Dee Cohen, 2L), the Tin Woodman (Pat Connolly, 2L), and the Scarecrow (Sean Sell, 2L, as Peter Alces) met several strange characters in the course of their journey to meet the Wizard (Dean Sullivan, played by Pat Connolly, 2L).

The cast included the Cowardly Lion (Neal Devins, played by Greg Schwind, 2L), the Tin Woodsman (Ron Rosenberg, portrayed by Rich Brooks, 3L), and the Scarecrow (Sean Sell, 2L, as Peter Alces). Dorothy, aided by the Good Witch (Susan Grover, played by Natalie Gutterman, 3L), must “book” the Wicked Witch (Lynda Butler, played by Jenny Cick, 3L) before returning for a third year as Professor Marcus, Gerhardt and Rosenberg were each portrayed in separate class-room teaching scenes. Joe Quigley (3L) as Marcus, Bob Dickerson (2L) as Gerhardt, and Rich Brooks returning for a third year as Rosenberg (“Can you say ‘reimander’?”) all gave hilarious and insightful depictions of the individual professors.

Another skit featured Kyle Short (1L) and Brian Alperstein (1L) as “Men on Law” in a spoof of the popular “In Living Color” segment. While I was unable to hear much of the skit (the acoustics weren’t very good in the beer line), I can testify that the crowd laughed merrily all through the segment.

A first-year ensemble cast highlighted an ingenious takeoff on the TV show “Studs.” Mark Capron (1L) proved he had a flair for accents in his role as the more, Alemanie Selassie. The two “stud” contestants were Dave Spooner (1L) as Elmer Schafer and Matt Holloran (1L) as Rosenberg—for some reason, the most popular target of the night. The female contestants were Teresa Brazzel (1L), Judy Conti (1L) and Sue Fitzgerald (1L).

One of the more surreal aspects of the evening was an anonymous group portraying student thoughts in a classroom during a lecture. The group stood behind a blackboard in order to further the illusion of hearing thoughts. The skit drew peals of laughter from the audience as the players succeeded in touching funny and poignant common veins in classroom musings such as “Is that clock still moving?” and “I’d do her; I’d do her…. The coup-de-grace of the evening was a long, large-scale spoof of the “Wizard of Oz,” depicting a first-year student’s journey through the magical world of Marshall-Wythe. Dorothy (Dee Cohen, 2L) and her dog, Torto (Jane Anne, NoL), meet several strange characters in the course of their journey to meet the Wizard (Dean Sullivan, played by Pat Connolly, 2L).

The whole show lasted almost three hours, and played to a sizable audience, comprised of both students and faculty. The SBA-sponsored event was held free of charge, and included all the beer, pretzels, and Cheese Doodles that anyone could possibly desire.

Richard Brooks reprised his award winning role as Professor Ron Rosenberg leading a discussion of the seminal case Pierson v. Post for the Libel Night audience.

Patrick Hanes (1L) wowed the crowd with his innovative lyrics.

Alemante Selassie, portrayed by Mark Capron (1L) contemplates his next question for Sue Fitzgerald (1L), Teresa Brazzel (1L), and Judi Conti (1L), the lucky dates of professors Schaefer and Rosenberg on “Studs.”

Kyle Short (1L) and Brian Alperstein (1L) congratulate one another with an enthusiastic full-body high five as the Men on Law dished the dirt on Marshall-Wythe.
Events Calendar

Wednesday, April 1
* SPORTS: Entries close at 5 pm for IM Track Meet and Softball
* MUSIC: W&M Chorus, Bruton Parish Church, 8 pm.
* FAITH: Blue Devils fans still talking about predesnation.
* BANDS: The Duffs (formerly Mine is Bigger) -- Green Leaf
Metallica -- Capital Center (DC)
Radiators -- Floodzone (Richmond)
LA Guns -- Kahootz (Richmond)
November Tribe and Heard -- Twisters (Richmond)
Toad the Wet Sprocket -- 9:30 Club (DC)
Authority -- Bayou (DC)
Yo La Tengo, Scrawl, and Velocity Girl -- Trax (C'ville)

Thursday, April 2
* MUSIC: W&M Chamber Orchestra Wren Building Great Hall, 7:30 pm.
* YOUTH: Fonse de Leon lands in Florida, 1513.
* CAUCUS: Alaskan Presidential Caucus.
* BANDS: Grateful Dead Night (live music) -- Twisters (Richmond)
Zag Man Zig -- Kahootz -- Richmond
Metallica -- Capital Center (DC)
Chris Whitley Band -- 9:30 Club (DC)
Sunday's Child and Chapter 11 -- Bayou (DC)

Friday, April 3
* GOLF: PDP Golf Tournament
* GOLF2: Entries for IM golf Tournament close.
* MEETING: Soberfest '92 organizational meeting, Campus Center, room E, 3 pm.
* FASHION: American designers present fall ready-to-wear collections in New York.
* BANDS: Yams from Outer Space -- Paul's
Technical Jed -- Twisters (Richmond)
LA Guns -- Bayou (DC)
House of Freaks -- Floodzone (Richmond)
Radiators -- Trax (C'ville)
Monsterspawk -- 9:30 Club (DC)
Artistic Art Ensemble (AAD) -- Trax (C'ville)

Saturday, April 4
* SOFTBALL: VA Law School Softball Tournament begins.
* RUN: 5K run to benefit Housing Partnerships, W&M Hall parking lot, 9 am.
* INEBRIATION: Cap-City Bar Crawl in Norfolk.
* BANDS: Hootie and the Blowfish -- Green Leaf
Unrest and Young Love -- Twisters (Richmond)
King Missile -- Kahootz (Richmond)
Bryan Adams -- Capital Center (DC)
Crazy 8s, Full Stop -- Bayou
Shakedown Street, Rare Daze -- Pepperment Beach Club (Va Beach)
Private Property -- Trax (C'ville)

Sunday, April 5
* MARCH: March for Women's Lives -- Washington, D.C.
* WEEK: AIDS Awareness Week begins -- "I love you" with latex.
* RUN: Rain date for 5K.
* BASKETBALL: Women's NCAA championship in LA.
* TIME: Daylight savings time starts -- set clock ahead 1 hour.
* BANDS: Eddy Money (acoustic) -- Bayou (DC)
Mr. Bungle, Gratts -- 9:30 Club (DC)
Van Rypers Lake Music Festival -- Afton, Va (295-8729)
Blues Traveler
Indecision
Dave Matthews Band
Wolves in the Kitchen

Monday, April 6
* SPORTS: Opening Day at Oriole Park, game time 3:05 pm.
* BASKETBALL: Men's NCAA championship in Minneapolis.
* SPORTS: Congratulate, console or harass FINAL FOUR fans as appropriate.
* BANDS: Kyle Davis -- Green Leaf
Shrimp Boat -- Twisters (Richmond)

Tuesday, April 7
* DISCUSSION: CIA Director Robert Gates will address national security issues, a Speaker's Forum presentation, room 120, 4 pm.
* FINANCE: Student Loan Exit Interviews begin at Blow Hall, call for your appointment.
* PRIZES: Pulitzer prizes announced, Amicus disappointed, alleges vote buying by major dailies.
* BANDS: Head Cleaner -- Green Leaf
Bryan Adams -- Hampton Coliseum

Wednesday, April 8
* MOVIE: The Seventh Seal with Ingmar Bergman, Washington 201, 7:30 pm.
* RELIGION: Buddha born, 563 B.C.
* BANDS: Hellhounds (former Georgia Satellites) -- Kahootz (Richmond)
Uprising -- Trax (C'ville)

Thursday, April 9
* STATEMENT: Bill Clinton issues statement that he has never slept with the majority of women in Arkansas.
* SURRENDER: Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House, 1865.
* BANDS: Conjunction Funception -- Green Leaf
John Perry with the Cowboy Junkies -- Richmond Mosque
Dave Matthews Band -- Floodzone (Richmond)
Gibb Droll -- Trax (C'ville)
Wedding Present -- 9:30 Club (DC)

Friday, April 10
* RECEPTION: 3L's, faculty and staff, please RSVP.
* BANDS: BS&M -- Paul's
Toasters -- Twisters (Richmond)
Spin Doctors -- Kahootz (Richmond)
TV Personalities -- 9:30 Club (DC)
Boy-O-Boy -- Bayou (DC)
Sunny Sharrock Quintet -- Trax (C'ville)

Saturday, April 11
* RECEPTION: Admitted student reception at M.W.
* FESTIVAL: National Cherry Blossom Festival opens.
* BANDS: Agnostic Front -- Pepperment Beach Club (Va Beach)
Judy bets and Paleface -- Trax (C'ville)
Betty -- Kahootz (Richmond)

Sunday, April 12
* BANDS: Digits -- 9:30 Club (DC)
John Perry and the Cowboy Junkies -- Chrysler Hall
Mychal’s Myopia

Myopia bids farewell; Chasse named sports guru

By MYCHAL SCHULZ and ERIC CHASSE

Baseball. The very word leaves a bad taste in my mouth. Oh, well. Since there are baseball fans out there, I suppose I need to cover the sport where overpriced mediocrity is becoming the rule rather than the exception.

I think Boston will nip the Blue Jays in the AL East. This is really a tossup because it hinges upon which team signed the biggest free agent bust, Toronto with Jack Morris or Boston with Frank Viola.

The Chicago White Sox will win in the AL West simply because they didn’t lose any body of significance over the winter. Frank Thomas will be able to DH now that Bo is no longer in the show, which means that Thomas will be even more of a one-man wrecking crew.

In the NL East, the Mets should slip past the Cubs and Pirates. Bobby Bonds will be too busy wondering where he’ll be next year to have a good season and Ryne Sandberg will be complacent after signing his $7 million contract. The Mets will win, but only after the New York press wonders what is wrong with them. Finally, the Dodgers will crush the Braves in the West.

The Braves are young, and they’ll learn this year how hard it is to repeat a performance when you’re supposed to be good. Last year they had almost no pressure upon them. This year they will have lots. So there it is, baseball fans.

Duke, Indiana, Cincinnati and Michigan. What a Final Four! I have to admit though, I thought the Wolverines would check out early. It’s amazing what a talented team with absolutely no pressure on it can do. Chris Webber will zone out at times, witness his 4-point, 2 rebound, 5 foul game against Oklahoma State, but Jalen Rose is steady as a rock.

But Cincinnati could give Michigan trouble because Herb Jones is doing his best Charles Barkley imitation. In addition, the Fab Five may wilt for the first time in the tournament against the Bearcats withering full-court pressure.

Who will win the Duke-Indiana game? Who knows? As Duke’s miracle against Kentucky shows, anything and everything is possible during March Madness.

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Commentary. I am a basketball referee. As such, I was pampered to see the technical foul called on Massachusetts coach Jim Calipari in the Sycamore game. If a referee looks for a technical, he will find it. Teams choke under tournament pressure, and so do referees.

Believe it or not, however, the Calipari blunder pales in comparison to the farce at the end of the Notre Dame-Utah game in the NIT semifinals. With Utah ahead by 1 and 9 seconds left in the game, Irish star LaPhonso Ellis dribbles the ball off his foot while making a move into the lane. After the ball has rolled over ten feet the whistle sounds with a foul called on the Utah defender.

Replay after replay shows no foul. Utah coach Rick Majerus, incensed, knocks some papers off the press table (while standing in the coach’s box, mind you). Technical. The Irish hit 3 of 4 foul shots, get the ball back on the technical, and hit another free throw for a 3 point win.

While I’m happy the Irish made it to the NIT finals, I know the referees actually won the game for them. Referees are human and so will make mistakes, but they’re also supposed to be highly trained. Don’t tell that to Jim Calipari or Rick Majerus.

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The final Professor Charles Koch Award goes to Professor Charles Koch. Charles, known as "The little white dude with an attitude" at the Rec Center, has brought the game meaning to the term "jump shot.

Koch astounds teammates and opponents alike by rising into the air, softly landing a half second later, and then shooting. Apparently, he doesn’t know that the "jump" and the "shot" should happen at the same time.

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Well, folks, this is the final episode for the Myopia. I hope you’ve had as much fun reading my column as I’ve had writing it. Thanks to all of you who have given me ideas for the column. They were invaluable. Thanks also to those who I poked some fun at here. You took it as it was meant—all in good fun.

Much as I’d like to think that nobody can gun like I can gun, Eric Chasse is taking over this space. He does know something about sports despite the thrashing I’ve given him to the basketball court on many occasions. Peace.

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And so, from the primordial ooze that was Mychal’s Myopia arises a new column, the very latest in the evolution of law school sports journalism. This new development is such a great occurrence that it transcends the vestiges of a by-gone era in chronometry, vests like the trite title of my predecessor—at least until I can think of something neat.

Perhaps my ooze analogy is short-sighted, however. The loyal reader will soon note marked similarities between my writing style and that of the previous author, such as free-flowing (read: unorganized), stream of consciousness (garbled) dissertations on pertinent issues of the day (whatever is in the headlines of USA Today). So rather than ooze, let us compare our situation to that of the Phoenix, rising anew from its ashes to once again pontificate and prognosticate. That being said, on with the column...

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Let’s get one thing clear from the very get-go. I ball in my column will certainly reflect as much, an unabashed North Carolina/ACC fan, and a Duke hater of the highest magnitude. By means of warning the reading public, however, I am prone to fits of objectivity. We all have our faults.

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In a scant two weeks, baseball season begins in earnest and I, for one, am glad. The crack of the bat, the smell of the rosin and pine tar in the air, the baseball wars, the whim of overpaid crybabies about yet another salary dispute...what was my point again?

For better or worse, baseball is America. To paraphrase a famous saying, baseball is probably the worst sport going, except for all the rest.

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A wise man once said, "Baseball is like life. Some days you win. Some days you lose. And some days it rains." Think about it.

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A baseball catcher’s gear may well be the “tools of ignorance” but even so I would pit any catcher you could name against any given hockey goalie in the next JEOPARDY! Tournament of Idiots. My guess is that they only put us color-blind guys in goal because we keep screwing up that blue line-red line stuff.

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Until next time tamperers, always remember and never forget: Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans. Good night, Gerry Cheevers, wherever you are.
By BILL MADIGAN
BASKETBALL: Just Do It just did it!
The co-rec team was the only M-W powerhouse to go baseline to baseline undefeated taking the title in the Co-Rec A League. En route to this pinnacle of hard court excellence, the team led by Laura Kerrigan (2L) sobered up the Drunken Contenders in the second round, KOed C-A in the semifinals, and eliminated the Eliminators to take the title.

Mix & Match, the other team making use of Kerrigan’s talents, lost in the semifinals in the women’s bracket to FBUs, the eventual champion of that division.

As for the B league teams, only three teams survived the first two rounds of play: Joel and Harry, Excited Utterances, and Tall Guys That Can’t Shoot. Tall Guys towered over Mixed Metaphors in the quarter finals, but came up short in the semis against Kappa Sigma, the division winners.

Joel and Harry escaped the noose by defeating the Hangmen in their quarter final match-up. In the semis, they fell to FU’s, who added Joel & Harry to its list of M-W victims, which already included Intestinal Fortitude and Horsemen.

Excited Utterances threw away the key in incarcerating Jailbird Johnny in their third round clash. In the semis, they brought Hang Time down to earth, on their way to the championship game.

Unfortunately, FU’s were waiting for them. You can guess the rest. Maybe we can talk the guys from FU’s into furthering their education as law students.

As promised, here is the final poll of the season—much, I’m sure, to Mr. Myopia’s relief.

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So my pre-season poll was a little off the mark. This season, M-W was a pulse pounding 16-10 in the playoffs, and an awe-inspiring 48-20-2, for a 68.6% winning record. For the statisticians in the crowd, this number was carried out to ten digits, then rounded down to two digits, then multiplied by the number of stomachs in a cow, and divided by billiards champion Kevin Kroener’s Tetris score.

FLOOR HOCKEY: The playoffs have begun, and ended, for four of the six M-W teams. Fat Hansons slaughtered the Earthpips in their first round game, but came up short in the second round against Shorthand.

The defamatory yet talented Krooner Sacks said bye to Lambda Chi in the first round, before waking up in a cold sweat courtesy of Nightmare in the second round. Cunning Litigants didn’t know what hit them in their first round loss to Unknown. Lambethcaks fell like trees in the woods when no one is listening to Basts in the first round.

The only survivors are M-W’s co-rec teams, Particularly Offensive and Dream Team. They advanced to the semi-finals where they will go head to head for a spot in the championship and bragging rights. Particularly Offensive had a first round bye, and Dream Team hammered 2 Legit 2 Quit, in route to its third round grudge match in the playoffs. M-W is an ice melting 3-4.

SOCCER: At the midpoint of the season, M-W gets mixed reviews. The bad news is that men’s team The LAW has yet to win a game. It’s record is 0-1-1. The good news is Dream Team (co-rec) has yet to lose a game, with a 3-0 record.

WRESTLING: Dan Jacobson (3L) won the title in the 158 pound division. Though disappointed that there were no women in his division, Jacobson was proud to roll around on the mat with sweaty men to uphold the honor and dignity of this fine law school.

SQUASH: Vanessa Elliot (3L) was M-W’s sole representative in the squash tournament. Unfortunately, the first round was the final resting place for hopes and dreams of a M-W squash championship.

UPCOMING SPORTS: The softball tournament begins on April 3. Entries are open through Wednesday, and the cost is a mere $5 per team. Also, it’s not too late to enter for the April 5 track meet, which will include the following events: long jump, high jump, shot put, 110m hurdles, 100m (no hurdles), 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3200m, 4x100m, 4x400m.

Also in April are the sand volleyball doubles tournament on April 11 (sign up by April 8) and the Golf Tournament on April 10 (sign up by April 3). And for those who can’t hit with their woods or irons, the Putt Putt Tournament will be on April 23. Entries are open from April 15 to April 22.

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| Philips | 35 | Unnosophisticated |
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| 8 | Mineral |
| 12 | Carpe |
| 13 | Prayer |
| 14 | TV’s talking horse (2 wds.) |
| 15 | Period in history (no. rt.) |
| 16 | Capable of (2 wds.) |
| 17 | Female horse |
| 18 | More tender |
| 20 | And so on (abbr.) |
| 22 | Emergency signal |
| 23 | Grassland |
| 25 | Union |
| 27 | Foolish |
| 31 | Less moist |
| 65 | Mrs. Paron |
| 66 | Eye infection |
| 67 | Clairvoyant |
| 68 | Fish |

DOWN |
1 | Dec. holiday |
2 | Villain in Othello |
3 | Roman highway |
4 | Actress O’Hara |
5 | Mischievous child |
6 | Whale |
7 | Landing |
8 | 3,000 |
9 | Tasty |
10 | Game fish |
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| 30 | Male parent |
| 32 | Yale student |
| 33 | Ramnieder |
| 36 | Young horse |
| 39 | Workers’ assn. |
| 41 | Bedroom furniture |
| 44 | 56, Roman |
| 46 | — degree |

| 48 | Roof edges |
| 50 | Run from law (sl.) |
| 51 | Leave out |
| 53 | Formulated |
| 55 | Cassini |
| 56 | Seaweed |
| 57 | Construction |
| 59 | Gravel ridge |
| 61 | Railroad part |
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because he previously promised to support some of the other candidates. However, Short said that he has talked with Cartee about opportunities to be involved with SBA next year. Cartee confirmed these conversations, but both said specifics have yet to be worked out.

"Short, the presence of three first year candidates, as well as the withdrawal of Humphreys, made a big difference." However, both Short and Brownlee agreed that the outcome would have been the same, even with a runoff election.

When asked what he would say to first years who didn't vote for him, Cartee said he wanted to know their ideas and problems, especially regarding such things as Legal Skills and grading.

(The SBA elections on Monday, March 30th, are Cartee's biggest priority right now.) According to Cartee, the remainder of the year will have to be learning process, with each of the new officers meeting with the outgoing officers to learn the nuances of their respective jobs. The result of the SBA budget allocations in 2-3 weeks will also be a focus of Cartee's attention.

Then Simon stopped at the door, and said "You don't want to check these, do you? I never make mistakes. Trust me."

He was very disparaging and I nearly didn't ask to check. I discovered an error part way through the math and pointed it out. Simon took the bailiff sheets back, and kept rechecking the scores with a calculator. Finally, he said "Well, it doesn't really matter at this point anyway," since both teams would proceed to the National Tournament. He never even apologized.

"My stomach churns when I think that I almost didn't get up the nerve to check his math," said Schaefer.

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M-W team for its time card error, without referring to them by name.

Relations with the administrator continued to deteriorate as the administrator began drawing the seeding chart onto a blackboard. Wilder, believing the sketch to be an improvement over the team game, guessed "ladder", "road" and "the chicken that crossed the road", as well as asking for a "sounds like" clue before catching on. The idea was well received by the competitors, who still seemed to think that the M-W team would be leaving for home after the meeting.

"It got really quiet when they called our team out for the first place seed," said Hricik. "Things get even quieter when Marshall-Wythe's other team came up as the third seed."

The two teams then faced the two Campbell teams in the quarter-finals, with Hricik, Schaefer, and Wilder competing against the team that had protested against Barbour, Corker, and McVicker. When the dust settled, both Campbell teams were eliminated.

William and Mary again found itself battling Simon in the semi-finals. One of the judges for Barbour, Corker, and McVicker's round against South Carolina had not appeared minutes before the argument was due to start. Simon attempted to fill in as judge, but members of the Marshall-Wythe team pointed out that judges were forbidden to know which schools they were judging. The team lost a close round to South Carolina.

In the other team's semi-final round, their opponents neglected to reserve rebuttal time from the judge during argument. Aware of the earlier fuss over opponents neglecting to reserve rebuttal time, Wilder and Hricik asked Simon whether this was something they should protest.

"Simon said that if this had been the National Tournament, he would have deducted ten percent from our oral score for making a frivolous protest," said Wilder, who pointed out they had only asked him if they should protest. "He said that since it was only the Regionals, because he was less generous, he would let us off with a warning and a penalty of buying drinks in San Francisco."

Hricik, Schaefer and Wilder faced the South Carolina team in the final round, while Barbour, Corker, and McVicker faced the University of Maryland team to determine third and fourth place finishes.

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are donated to the Williamsburg-James City County School System for their educational use and the Williamsburg Public Access channel received a copy of the Kingdom v. Figgie video for broadcast at a later date. This is also investigating the possibility of acquiring grant monies from local PBS affiliate WHRO-TV to produce the trials for wider use.

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He said that by their third year, law students could really benefit from attending CLE courses and he highly recommends the program on recent developments and legislative changes which is conducted at the state bar meeting.

According to Strasburg, the Virginia CLE publishes a bulletin every four to six weeks listing upcoming CLE programs. Law students who are interested in taking advantage of the classes must pre-register.

M-W law librarian Marty Ruth said the Virginia CLE bulletin should be on the shelves next to the newspapers within the next week. Students who are unable to find the bulletin should consult Ruth.

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thus jumping from the top half of her class to the top five.

Associate Dean for Career Planning and Placement Robert Kaplan helped devise the new system. Kaplan said he believes it will help all students, because employers will be forced to look beyond the relatively superficial class rank to more substantive credentials, such as recommendations, writing samples, and past work experience, yet still allow students who do well academically to make that fact clear to employers.

Another consideration for Kaplan was that the schools currently employing a hard-and-fast system of individual class ranking include many institutions which are generally recognized as being of a lesser quality than Marshall-Wythe. Kaplan feels retention of the current system will tend to place Marshall-Wythe students in the same category as the students of these less selective schools.

While those law schools employers consider to be of the highest quality—such as Harvard, Yale, and Stanford—generally have no ranking system, Kaplan said implementing such a scheme at Marshall-Wythe would be likely to frustrate employers and students.

Professor Trotter Hardy, who chairs the Academic Status Committee, would like to bring this proposal before the faculty as soon as possible—"he hopes to present it at their April 9 meeting. If approved at that meeting, the policy could be in effect as soon as the end of this semester.

Next week's referendum is designed to get some idea of student response to the proposed system, as this will figure significantly into any decision the faculty makes. Kaplan said that three years ago a proposal to change the grading system was voted down by the faculty, largely on the basis of anecdotal evidence that the student body did not want the change.