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Gradplex Residents Complain About Cable Installation

By Sutton Snook

Due to the large number of complaints, on Monday, November 11, the Office of Telecommunications and the Office of Facilities Management held a meeting with the graduate students living in the Graduate Housing Complex. At the meeting, students voiced their complaints to Kathy Green, Director of Telecommunications, and Adolph Height, Director of Facilities Management.

Students related horror stories of the cable installation and asked the College representatives what remedial action the

College plans to take.

According to Courtney Carpenter of Telecommunications, the network is now operational in all of the buildings. TV cable will not be turned on until "early next semester."

Notwithstanding the convenience of having computer on-line access, residents expressed many problems with the installation. One resident noted that his bedspread had been painted and said he was concerned about further access to his room. Robert Worst (1L) complained that his apartment had been painted two distinct

colors, while Sutton Snook (2L) stated that one of the construction workers literally put his foot through his ceiling.

Sarah Crawford (2L) complained that workers smoked in her apartment and, when she asked them to go outside, they all propped her door open and stood in the doorway. "Twenty of them smoke outside my door with the door propped open — you might as well bring in Marlboro Man himself," wailed Crawford.

One common complaint involved the fact that, because several students, including MBA students, must have Internet

access for their classes, they have no choice now but to buy the \$140 Ethernet card. Yet, because installation took so long, they will only be able to use it for five months before the end of the academic year.

Another common complaint was that the College provided only general notice to residents when entering apartments for construction. Signs were posted in stairwells providing a two week window during which time construction workers could enter at will. Consequently, there were

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Bhala Delivers Inaugural Blackstone Lecture

By Paul A. Walker

Associate Professor Raj Bhala delivered the inaugural Blackstone Lecture to a packed classroom of students and professors on Thursday, November 14. The Blackstone Lecture series was established this year to recognize the scholarly achievements of a junior member of the William & Mary Law School faculty. The annual lecture is sponsored by the Law School Alumni Association. According to Dean Krattenmaker, a companion series, tentatively named the St. George Tucker Lecture, will honor the achievements of a senior faculty member next spring. The Dean informed the *Amicus* that the inaugural Tucker Lecturer would be Professor Paul Marcus.

According to Krattenmaker, the Blackstone and Tucker Lectures are designed to recognize high-level academic

scholarship done by current faculty in much the same way that the Cutler and Wythe lectures do for professors from outside the William & Mary community. Dean Krattenmaker expressed his satisfaction at the large student and faculty turnout. However, with most of the students in the audience either second- or third-years, the Dean said he was "disappointed with the relative dearth of 1Ls." He stated that the opportunity to attend such lectures is part of the "academic icing" which allows students to gain perspectives apart from their casebooks.

Bhala's lecture, "Rethinking Anti-dumping Law," was based on an article by the same title which was recently published in the *George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics*. Bhala's lecture centered around his theory

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Professor Raj Bhala

—staff photo

A Voice for Children: CASA Inducts New Members

By Sutton Snook

Last Monday, November 18, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program inducted its largest class in years, which included five law students being sworn in. The event was attended by such notables as Judge Hoover, who inducted the volunteers; Miss Virginia, who is a CASA volunteer; Williamsburg Mayor Granger; and guardians *ad litem*, such as our own adjunct professor Ed Bell. The event marked the end of the fall training program.

"This fall's program surpassed our expectations," said CASA Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Serra. Serra commented that this fall's reception was the largest scale ever, as many agencies' with whom

volunteers will work were represented.

Five law students were sworn in — Melissa Augusti (1L), Kim Barney (1L), Anne Dobson (3L), Cindy King (1L), and Adrienne Parker (1L). The volunteers underwent 30 hours of training plus six hours of court observation time. They heard speakers from social services, child development services, Avalon, a guardian *ad litem*, and other agencies that work in the family court system.

CASA volunteers investigate cases of neglect and abuse in children's homes after being appointed to the case by a judge. They perform an independent investigation, interviewing the children, their families, teachers, social workers, doctors, baby-sitters — anyone who could

provide insight. They then prepare an independent report for the judge making recommendations on the best interest of the child. "The goal is, if possible, to keep the child in the home with services," noted Serra. "Unfortunately, that is not always possible."

Often the judge will require parenting classes, anger control classes, or therapy in order to stop the cycle of child abuse. The CASA volunteer maintains contact with the family to monitor compliance with the judge's orders. In cases where the family has not fully complied, the case is referred back to the judge for further action.

Tragically, the funding for CASA is very tight. Since its rebirth last year, the

program received start-up funding from the city, but has since received very little, forcing it to rely upon the generosity of private donors. One such friend, Barbara St. Pierre hosted the reception Monday. "We wanted to say thank you to the volunteers," said St. Pierre.

St. Pierre works tirelessly to help the

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From the Editor's Desk . . .

Students should take note of the recent cable installation at the Graduate Complex. Although this does not directly affect most law students, the process reflects more than just the College's botched cable installation — it represents a lack of respect for the students. It is true that some of the problems were beyond the control of the University, but many were not. For these, the College should make amends.

Students were subjected to three months of invasions of privacy and construction debris as the installation period extended well beyond what was originally promised. More troubling than these temporal delays, incidents occurred in the Gradplex which could prompt legal action in the "real world." The worst examples include construction crews entering women's apartments while they were in the shower, entering apartments while students were sleeping, and leaving apartments open with no security guard present. Unfortunately, residents were left with no options, as withholding rent can result in an inability to register for classes, or worse, the inability to receive grades. Residents could do nothing but wait for the College to listen.

These occurrences are simply unacceptable. When students complained, they were ignored. Students filled out

surveys on the progress and set forth their complaints, but no action was taken. Not until November 11, did Telecommunications and Facilities Management respond to student concerns, after residents complained en masse at a meeting with the directors of those offices. Only then did the College verbally apologize, and then only after students pointed out that the College had done nothing to remedy complaints, including apologize. Students should not have had to ask for an apology when it was clear that they had been wronged.

When students called College offices to complain, they were met with the familiar response, "That portion of the project is not handled out of this office." With too many College offices handling the installation and the project being too compartmentalized, the College left students no one person to whom to take complaints, resulting in ineffective management of the project and leaving students out in the proverbial cold.

This compartmentalization also left the College with differing views of the completion date. The School of Business and School of Law indicated to students that the project would be completed prior to the beginning of the year. Even the front desk of Telecommunications gave this response. But as students moved in, construction crews were tearing out walls

and installing wiring.

We now hear from the director of Telecommunications that the College never promised a completion date. But why, then, were so many offices under the misguided perception that the installation would be complete? Can so many offices independently come up with identical, yet still erroneous, predictions of the completion date?

All of these factors lead to the inevitable conclusion that the College did not respect the needs and wishes of the residents. Many now complain that they feel like second-class citizens. Some residents indicated that they never would have moved into the Gradplex had they known of the impending disaster and others have indicated their desire to move out. Most have indicated that they feel the College simply has ignored them.

Finally, it must be noted that the College awarded two contracts which had to be re-awarded to other companies. The first was the original construction company. The second was the security guard company. I realize that under state law, the College must award the contract to the lowest bidder, but with so many problems, maybe this practice ought to be reconsidered.

Perhaps the College should place more importance on quality rather than the bot-

tom line. Conserving taxpayer money is important, but in this case, how much did the College save? Because they had to resolicit bids, wasting another month, it is likely that their bottom line was higher. Unfortunately, this time the bottom line did not include the residents.

But what is the College planning to do now to compensate students for this disaster? So far, the College is considering several options, but has yet to offer anything officially. In the defense of the College, they are seriously considering abatements on rent and have indicated they will do everything necessary to rectify the problem. The College should certainly reimburse students for damaged personal property and should compensate all students for the repeated invasions of privacy and inconvenience. But this does not change the fact that the College ignored the residents until the Complex complained at the meeting.

As graduate students and adults, we should be able to expect a certain level of respect. The College violated this respect throughout the installation. While the administration certainly did not intend this, the result was that it was the residents who suffered. The College has already proven that it can ignore students, it is now up to them to show the students that it can listen.

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Letters

To the Editor:

I am concerned regarding the SBA's apparent willingness to abandon the "duty to report" clause in the proposed unified honor code. In a small community like ours, the duty is necessary for successful implementation of the honor code because it gives accusers the cover they need to make an accusation. It is very difficult to report someone in a community where everyone knows each other because making an accusation runs the risk of alienating a large part of the law school. It becomes even more difficult if, as evidenced in last year's lone Judicial Council trial, the accused and his or her friends pressure the accuser not to follow through with the accusation. The "duty to report" makes it a requirement that a person who knows of a violation report it and thus makes it less likely that the accuser will face any logical ostracism from others in the law school community. Further, the duty should play a

role in legal training and education as lawyers are faced with an obligation to report the misconduct of other lawyers once they join the bar.

Many other students share my opinion on this provision as evidenced by a law student survey conducted last year by the Judicial Council. The survey showed that 83% of law students consider the duty to report to be an important provision and, perhaps even more revealing, that 47% would be less likely to turn other students in without it. In fact, 57% of faculty members surveyed said that they would consider changing exam procedures if the duty to report provision was removed from the code. Unfortunately, the SBA Board appears to have ignored these views in making a determination that the duty to report provision is dispensable in the drafting of the unified code. Members of the Board do not want to include the provision in a new code and argue that attempts to include it

would be unsuccessful anyway, because of vehement opposition by undergraduate students. However, both undergraduates and the administration are seriously willing to consider allowing undergraduate and graduate students to have different policies on this subject.

I am worried about the possibility that the SBA Board may be using the unification process to push its own views on the honor code under the guise of "political necessity" in the negotiation of the proposed unified code. My fear is that at the end of a process with virtually no law student input, the Board then will present a proposed code for law student approval when it is too late to make meaningful changes. I urge the Board to consider more of an effort to solicit student opinion on the issue while it still may have an impact. In the interim, please voice your opinion on the subject to your representatives on the Board.

Greg Romano, 3L

Good Luck on Exams!

Technology Corner

Outlines and Exams Across the Web

By Alison Rosenstengel

"A horror which will keep you awake all night!" "A real nail-biter!" "A nightmare you'll never forget!" "Pure terror!" No, these aren't the critics' reviews of the latest Freddy Krueger flick to hit the theatres — they're actual comments made by law students about the upcoming examination period. As the holidays approach, many of us are feeling rather uncertain about our exam preparation and are scouring bookshelves and filing cabinets in all corners of the building looking for that extra boost which could put us over the hump.

If you missed outline distributions or are just looking for more, more, more information on your favorite course subjects, dump the notebooks and fire up your web browser. Law students and professors around the country have put their outlines, coursnotes, hypotheticals, and sample exams on line to help you prepare in your time of need. These files can be very helpful if you're looking for another way of stating something, supplementary notes, or practice writing exam answers. Keep in mind, however, that the students who wrote these study aids prepared their notes from a class taught (and graded) by a different professor, using casebooks which may differ significantly from the

one you're using. Pay attention to the date of any outline that you use. File formats will vary from outline to outline; you may have to convert your file to be able to read it after you download it. Also remember that, while the quality of these outlines is usually pretty good, it is not guaranteed. You should, of course, use these materials to supplement your own coursnotes and commercial outlines.

If you're looking for outlines for 1L courses, you're in luck. They're the most abundant type of course outline that I was able to locate and they are available on most sites which have outlines. An excellent place to start searching for outlines for any of your courses is the *Internet Legal Research Guide* at <http://outlines.ilrg.com>, compiled by Prescott Caballero and his merry band of UTexas Law students. *ILRG* features UTexas outlines for ten classes, indexed by professor, semester, and casebook. These are mostly first-year courses, with several outlines to choose from for each core course. The site also features upper level outlines, like Insurance, Federal Tax, UCC, and Professional Responsibility. A little further down the page, *ILRG* gives descriptions and pointers to sixteen more outline-bearing sites.

One of those sites is the home of the

University of Illinois School of Law's outline collection (<http://www.law.uiuc.edu/uilaw/prose/out.htm>), online courtesy of its law school newspaper, *ProSe*. Along with traditional 1L basics, UIUC features such oldies but goodies as Creditors' Rights, Land Use Planning, Evidence, Trusts and Estates, Securities Regulation, Sales, and White Collar Crime, among many others.

Still haven't found what you're looking for? Turn to Santa Clara's Omar Billawala's *Lawschool.org* at <http://www.lawschool.org>. Billawala has a collection of links to outlines from around the country (featuring Alternative Dispute Resolution, Labor Law, Family Law, Comparative Law, and many more) and exams you can use to prep yourself for the real deal (the whole 1L schedule and several bar/advanced courses).

The final stop on this greatly abbreviated tour of online exam resources is the *Lectric Law Library* at <http://www.lectlaw.com/study.html>, which boasts a list of outlines a page long (single spaced!) on the basics and a variety of advanced legal subjects. For 2Ls and 3Ls, the *Lectric Law Library* features summaries on a large number of topics, including Administrative

Law, Agency, Partnerships, Corporations, Copyright, Domestic Relations, Employment Discrimination, Remedies, Russian Law, and Securities Regulation.

Other unique offerings of this site include summaries of important court decisions in nine core legal subject areas and law exams for seven courses, including Federal Courts, Corporations, and Torts (with sample answers). You may want to bookmark this site for future reference because it also provides useful legal research and reference links. One other note — many of the files in this library are compressed in ZIP format; there is an online help file if you aren't familiar with this format and decompression techniques.

One more caveat — some professors allow students to use outlines while taking exams only on the condition that the student has completed the majority of the outlining work herself. Check with your professors to discover their policies before relying on using any prep material during your exams. Finally, don't get crazy over exam preparation. Well, you can get a little crazy, but maintain a healthy lifestyle and, chances are, you will have a much happier exam and holiday period. Good luck to everyone!

SBA Running Strong Through The end of the Semester

By Becky Silberbogen

The past two weeks have been busy ones for the Student Bar Association. As the semester winds to a close, the SBA is still in full swing, working on issues such as the honor code, future social events, and new student services for the law students.

One of the SBA's major projects continues to be the unified honor code. Much time and energy has been devoted to this issue so that the outcome will be favorable for all of the students at W&M. Negotiations between the undergraduate college and the graduate schools are ongoing, as the students discuss potential procedures for the hearings. The SBA is striving to create a unified code which recognizes both the difference and separateness of the law school as well as the unique situations which law students encounter, as compared to the undergraduates and the other graduate students. In response, the SBA continues to promote judicial hearings for law students which would be tried only by law students who understand the pressures and stress of being in such a demanding graduate program.

If a unified code is not passed by the law students, a real possibility exists that a unified honor code will be imposed upon all of the students at the College by President Sullivan. His proposed code removes much student control at the law school. One provision which could be established under President Sullivan's plan includes mixed hearing panels, whereby undergraduate students, law students, and other graduate students would serve together, eliminating the autonomy and tradition of the law school's Judicial Council. The students involved in the negotiations hope to conclude the discussions about the potential procedures during the first week of the Spring semester. The proposed code can then be voted on by

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Clubhouse

Christian Legal Society Collecting Prescription Eyeglasses

By Calvin Anderson

While you are home for Winter Break, gather up those old prescription glasses you and your parents have sitting around the house and bring them back with you in January. The Christian Legal Society (CLS) will be collecting glasses around mid-January for Habitat for Humanity as part of their community service mission. The glasses will both raise funds for Habitat and provide clearer sight to those who might not otherwise be able to afford glasses. The glasses should have a case, if possible, (extra cases are welcome) and please — no sunglasses. We look forward to everyone pitching in and making this year's winter community service project a success.

For those of you who have not heard of CLS, or are simply unfamiliar with the group, the William & Mary Chapter is a nonaffiliated chapter whose purpose is to provide a Christian support and fellowship group within the law school and to help students appreciate the challenges and rewards of being a Christian attorney through weekly Bible study/meetings, guest speakers with various legal backgrounds, community service projects, social outings, and interaction with other law school organizations. The Chapter is non-partisan and nondenominational. It supports members working on religious legal issues, provides information on these issues, and facilitates contacts with potential employers and religious

organizations as member interest dictates. If you have concerns you would like the group to pray for, please contact a member or drop a note in the CLS hanging file. Index cards are on the CLS bulletin board for this purpose.

Although individuals may join the Christian Legal Society at the national level for \$25, no payment is necessary for joining the William & Mary Chapter. The Chapter has no dues or attendance requirements, and members may support the various Chapter activities as they see fit. We invite your questions and comments and encourage those of you who are interested to attend one of the weekly Bible studies, guest speaker dinners, or other events in the future.

-Law Watch-

Potential Exam Question Edition

Quick — Is it hearsay?? Will it be admissible as an exception?

When a seven year-old boy told his baby-sitter and her family the story of how his mother and sister were murdered, he inadvertently became part of a situation so obtuse that it rightfully belongs on an Evidence exam. The day after the boy related how three assailants murdered his pregnant mother and 10 year-old sister, the same attackers allegedly murdered the boy. The issue: can the sitter and her family testify as to what the boy told them during the alleged murderers' upcoming trial? Illinois Judge Peter J. Dockery recently ruled the testimony admissible, finding it consistent with both the common law and statutory definitions of hearsay because the circumstances under which the boy uttered the statements were "inherently reliable" as required under the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Idaho v. Wright*.

As If the Jenny Jones Trial Weren't Enough

The first case to go before a federal jury on the issue of schools' liability for anti-gay violence began in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on November 18. Joining a recent trend toward imposing a duty on schools to protect their students, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that the case proceed to trial. Recent rulings, handed down by federal district courts in New York and California, have initiated this movement. The plaintiff in the Wisconsin case, Jamie Nabozny, alleges that

the Ashland, Wisconsin, middle and high schools which he attended violated his equal protection rights when the schools failed to discipline his attackers because he is gay and a boy.

Better brush up on this one for the Con Law final!

Duh, comparative negligence!

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company found itself on the losing end of a \$24.2 million jury verdict stemming from a tire which exploded on a 38 year-old Missouri businessman as he attempted to fill it with air. As a result of the explosion, the plaintiff lost his right eye, suffered crush fractures to his cheek, jaw, skull, and palate, and contracted permanent cognitive deficiencies. Arguing under a products liability theory, the plaintiff's attorneys charged that the tire contained several strands of defectively designed wire. Moreover, the plaintiffs alleged that Goodyear failed to warn consumers of the potential threat of the tire exploding at relatively low air pressures.

On a brighter note for Goodyear, the \$24.2 figure represents a second jury's reduction from the original jury award of \$26.2 upon a 25% comparative fault finding against the plaintiff. According to the *Amicus* calculator, the members of this jury are sorely in need of several credits in Accounting for Lawyers.

Casa Inducts Five Bhala Delivers Lecture

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program raise funds. St. Pierre noted that it costs \$125 for materials to train one volunteer for one case. "We don't have enough volunteers nor enough money," lamented St. Pierre. "Last year we handled 110 founded cases and, currently, have 24 on the waiting list." St. Pierre noted that the program is essential, but it doesn't receive sufficient state funding. "We survive through the generosity of Friends of CASA," stated Serra.

St. Pierre is currently raising her grandson because he was abused by her ex-daughter-in-law. She stated that she and her husband fought for years to get her two grandchildren out of the abused home. "My step-granddaughter was raped repeatedly, and they stuck pins in the dog, killing it, to show the children what would happen if they told

anyone," decried St. Pierre. "My grandchildren would be dead today if we hadn't taken them out." After years of fighting for custody, St. Pierre now cares for her seven-year-old grandson while her step-granddaughter was adopted by a caring family.

Serra noted that there will be another training session in the Spring. The deadline for application will be in late January, but classes will not begin until after Spring break in March. Interested students should contact Sarah Serra in the CASA office, located in the basement of the Williamsburg courthouse, or call her at 229-3306. Further details will follow in the January editions of the *Amicus*.

"We need to make people aware," stated St. Pierre. "This is happening all over the country. I have lived the nightmare — I didn't plan on it, but it happened."

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that "antidumping law remains highly susceptible to protectionist abuse," and the Uruguay Round, contrary to popular opinion, did nothing to prevent such abuses from occurring.

By using some visual aids, ranging from a hammer to flowers, Bhala effectively illustrated how items purchased right here in the 'Burg are subject to antidumping tariffs ranging from 38% to 177%. Bhala indicated that the total cost to consumers' pocketbooks is upwards of \$1.6 billion annually.

Although antidumping laws are permitted under the 1994 Uruguay Round Agreement, the types of costs that Bhala is taking aim at are the costs added to products as a result of "protectionist abuse" of the antidumping laws. Bhala finds that such "abuses" occur where an American company loses its comparative advantage to an overseas producer who is more efficient and then is successful in an antidumping action against the imported good. According to Bhala, such abuse is really an anti-free trade device being used to prop up inefficient industries.

Bhala's proposed solution is a system which,

essentially, would only make predatory dumping illegal. He proposes a "traffic light" system which would be based on the cost structure of the foreign producer and not by comparing a product's U.S. price versus its "home market" price, as current U.S. antidumping law does.

The traffic light system proposed by Bhala would define predatory dumping as any situation in which product prices are below the shutdown point of a producer's cost curves. Such prices would be *per se* illegal under Bhala's proposed regime. Prices between the shutdown point and the break-even point would be in the "yellow light" zone and subject to a warning that the company was approaching the "red light" zone of predatory pricing. Prices above the break even point (in the "green light" zone) would not be subject to warning or penalty.

Professor Bhala's free-trade oriented version of antidumping law would act to severely reduce the number of antidumping tariffs applied to goods sold to U.S. consumers. This would serve to reduce some of the government's revenue by placing the money where it belongs — in consumer pocketbooks.

Grad Students Voice Woes of Construction

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several occasions in which workers would enter while a resident was in the shower or asleep, causing an unwelcome surprise for residents. Students also complained that workers would either not knock, or would knock while entering, using master keys provided by the College.

"Everything that has happened is my responsibility," noted Green. As Director of Telecommunications, Green headed the installation project. Several weeks prior to the meeting, students filled out surveys, which were then given to Green for review.

Finally students complained that construction crews had made messes in the rooms, leaving dust and sawdust in their

wake. While some rooms were cleaned, others were left for the residents to clean themselves.

Students noted the College had so far done nothing to rectify the problem. A letter was circulated to residents in October explaining that the delay was due to the release of the old construction company from the project and the subsequent hiring of the new company. Students noted, however, that the College had done nothing else, including apologize. They then asked for compensation for the inconvenience and invasion of privacy.

Green then apologized on behalf of the College for the intrusive nature of the project and expressed regret that the installation had been so intrusive. "Thank

you for your patience," stated Green. "I appreciate it. The contractors don't always listen to us. We do try to address the issues. Please bear with us for a few more weeks."

Green then asked what residents would like in the form of compensation. Students presented various suggestions, including free Ethernet cards, free HBO, or a refund on their rent. Green responded that, because the University has contracted with University Computers to provide the Ethernet cards, providing those would be impossible. She did state, however, that free HBO was a possibility.

Students responded that their preference would be a return on rent. Rhonda Jones, Graduate Resident Director, stated

that she would take the proposal to the Office of Residence Life. Subsequent conversations with Dr. Mary Glisan, Assistant Director of Residence Life, revealed that ORL is seriously considering the proposal. "It is a possibility," stated Glisan.

Students left the meeting feeling angry that the College has done such a poor job. Many expressed feelings of being treated as second class citizens, and others felt as though the College poorly organized the installation.

With the installation now complete, however, students can return to their rooms without threat of construction. The residual bitterness may pose more of an obstacle to a return to normal.

Want to Reconsider That Nickname, Dean K?

Responding to concerns that the appellation "Dean" fails to comprehend all things that Dean K brings to M-W, the last *Docket* suggested that we refer to him henceforth as "Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu wa za Banga"—allegedly translated by *The Washington Post* as "The All-Powerful Warrior Who Because of His Endurance and Inflexible Will to Win Will Go From Conquest to Conquest Leaving Fire in his Wake."

Notwithstanding a commentary on the incredible inconvenience of redesigning the school letterhead to reflect more accurately the Dean's persona, the *Amicus* has learned that the *Post* made a slight error in translation. In Lingala, the Zairian river venacular from which this title is derived, Dean K's self-selected title literally means "The cock who leaves no chicken untouched." Further investigation of this breaking story was impeded by the fact that none of the *Amicus* chickens dared to ask the cock for comment. Chicken-in-Chief, Sutton Snook, commented that this new title places his role as Dean's Associate in a totally new perspective. Be afraid, be very afraid.

Exam Information

Students may access their Exam Codes on the Student Information System ("SIS") and probably should before finals begin. SIS can be accessed through the "Registration" icon in the Program Manager of the law school computers. PIN numbers for accessing the SIS are your birthday and the last four digits of your social security number. If you forget your PIN number or, for some reason, the System hates you and refuses to let you in, see either Gloria Todd or Liz Jackson to remedy this problem. 1Ls can also access their much anticipated spring schedules on the SIS prior to Thanksgiving break.

Congratulations to Janice Socha Pelzer

On Saturday, November 23, our own Jan Socha married Jeffrey Pelzer in the Wren Chapel. A champagne reception at the Williamsburg Marriott followed the ceremony. Jan and Jeff now live in Tampa, Florida, where it's a hell of a lot warmer than here.

Overheard...

"I am observing my bodily processes and it hurts like hell."
— Professor Lederer

"If he's going home, he's going home to satisfy an obligation to his wife."
— Professor Coven

"If the week doesn't kill you, it only makes you stronger."
— Jeff Almeida

You have special problems, don't you?"
— Danielle Berry

"Yes, they're very special to me."
— Francine Friedman

"A foolish consistency is a hobgoblin of little minds."
— Professor Coven

"The executor goes to court and exposes himself."
— Professor Donaldson

"The only class I'm making this week is hunter safety."
— Anonymous 3L

"This time it is *clearly* excited."
— Professor Lederer

"You have discovered a pit of ignorance and you are sinking in it."
— Professor Coven



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What to do on a Ranieri Day...

32 Ways to Pass Time in Williamsburg — Absolutely No Studying Involved

By Lee Ranieri

As of the deadline for this article, the only two new-release films within driving distance were *Space Jam*, starring Michael Jordan and *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, starring Barbra Streisand. On the one hand, we have a tedious exercise in self-indulgence by an over-exposed celebrity and, on the other hand we have... a tedious exercise in self-indulgence by an over-exposed celebrity. The choice was easy — Video Update. At least that Star Trek movie (with the "Borg"!) will be out by the time this is published.

I had hoped that I wouldn't be reduced to scouring the rental shelves for something to write about, but Hollywood has left me precious little choice. At any rate, here are 32 ways to pass the time while you wait for your exam scores, straight off the "New Release" shelves... (All ratings are out of a possible four.)

Apollo 13

Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, and the ubiquitous Kevin Bacon star in this artfully photographed film about the fateful space mission. Directed by Ron Howard, it's just what you'd expect from him — less filling, tastes great. Or at least good.

Rating: ☺☺☺

Babe

Oddly enough, it's a movie about a cutesy talking pig that isn't produced by Disney. It has no famous actors, no tortuous plot twists, no Demi Moore, no Terminators, and no reason in general to be successful. But yet, it was. And with good reason. If you can handle a little schmaltz, it's a fun movie. ☺☺☺½

Broken Arrow

Like *Extreme Measures*, it's a pre-fab hit that turns out to be less horrible and more enjoyable than you'd expect. Of course, John Woo directed it, which probably explains why. ☺☺

Casino

Another mobster movie by Martin Scorsese, with Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and... Sharon Stone. Of course it's good, but it's not great. ☺☺☺

Canadian Bacon

This was one of John Candy's last films, which is unfortunate because it's not as good as it should be. It's a comedy by Michael Moore (*Roger and Me*, *TV Nation*) about an American President who

decides to fabricate a war with Canada to boost his approval ratings. ☺☺

The City of Lost Children

An artful, creative film that is just too weird to describe. Beware, though, it's (horrors!) French with English subtitles. ☺☺☺

A Close Shave

Starring Wallace and Gromit, the claymation figures from the brilliant British animator Nick Park (*Creature Comforts*). The only problem is that it's too short. ☺☺☺☺

Dead Man Walking

Probably the best studio-release of 1995. Directed by Tim Robbins and starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon, it's a profound and even-handed film about the death penalty. The soundtrack is also conspicuous for its excellence. ☺☺☺☺

Crumb

A documentary about the famous underground cartoonist R. Crumb. Frequently poignant and disturbing. ☺☺☺½

Fargo

The latest offering from the Coen brothers (*Raising Arizona*, *Miller's Crossing*, *Barton Fink*). The odd, disconcerting mix of the horrible and the comical somehow works well in this messy story of a Minnesota kidnapping that goes awry. ☺☺☺½

Feed

This is a documentary (billed as a comedy) about the 1992 presidential election. "Feed" refers to off-air video footage; in this case, of various politicians. It can be simultaneously horrifying and hilarious. ☺☺☺

From Dusk 'Til Dawn

A truly bizarre, inexplicable film about vampires in a sleazy Mexican bar. Written by Quentin Tarantino, it feels like two movies glued end-to-end. The first movie works, the second doesn't. ☺☺½

Get Shorty

Based on the book by Elmore Leonard, *Get Shorty* is some self-referential meta-humor about a Miami-thug-turned-Hollywood-producer. Gene Hackman, Delroy Lindo, and John Travolta all put in deft performances. ☺☺☺

Goldeneye

The latest James Bond movie. Chock full of fun gadgets and stunts. Call me crazy, though, I preferred Timothy Dalton to Pierce Brosnan. ☺☺

James and the Giant Peach

Another stop-motion animation film from Disney, directed by Tim Burton (*Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Beetlejuice*) and based on the children's book by Roald Dahl. Very entertaining, and technically well done. ☺☺☺

Jumanji

Starring Robin Williams. A story about some sort of magical board game that just punishes its players. Doesn't quite live up to its potential. ☺☺

Kids in the Hall: Brain Candy

Comedy from The Kids in the Hall about our Prozac Nation. If you like The Kids in the Hall, you'll probably like the movie. Otherwise, probably not. ☺☺½

The Last Supper

A comedy about self-righteous liberal grad students who develop a taste for murdering radical right-wingers over dinner. It's neither as heart-warming nor as smarmy as the premise would suggest, but an actual movie gets snuck in, and it's a good one. ☺☺☺

Living in Oblivion

An interesting semi-comedy about the production of a low budget drama. Stars the ubiquitous Steve Buscemi. ☺☺☺

Mighty Aphrodite

Mira Sorvino really did deserve the Oscar for her performance in this Woody Allen comedy about a Manhattanite who tracks down his adopted son's biological mother. ☺☺☺½

Mystery Science Theater 3000:

The Movie

This movie is based on the Comedy Central series of the same name. Basically, it's a guy and two "robots" watching a horrendous movie and making fun of it. It's sort of like Beavis and Butthead, if that show was witty, likable and mature, instead of moronic and annoying. ☺☺☺

Nixon

Another exercise in self-indulgence from Oliver Stone, it's too fatuous to be memorable. ☺☺

The Prophecy

Harmless and occasionally entertaining film about a war in Heaven that spills over into our world when battling angels come to Earth to recruit depraved souls. Christopher Walken stars as the bad guy, and Eric Stoltz snivels around as Gabriel. ☺☺

[Safe]

Directed by Todd Haynes (*Poison*), [Safe]

is about an upper-class suburban housewife who suddenly finds herself allergic to modern life. The film is deliberately obtuse, dancing around its themes rather than grasping them. The occasional detours into the absurd don't help. ☺☺½

Seven

"Grotesque!" "Horrifying!" "A sure-fire emetic!" ☺☺½

Smoke

An interesting, slow drama about several people whose lives are woven together, centered around a New York smoke shop. Stars the ubiquitous Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. ☺☺☺

To Die For

A fun, original comedy about a sociopathic, social-climbing, fame-seeker (Nicole Kidman) who mesmerizes high school urchins into killing her husband (Matt Dillon) once she suspects he's holding her back from fame. ☺☺☺

Toy Story

The computer animation in this Disney film pushes the envelope technically. And while the script pushes all the same Disney buttons, it's still great fun. ☺☺☺☺

12 Monkeys

A sci-fi/drama starring Bruce Willis and Madeleine Stowe, directed by Terry Gilliam (*Brazil*, *The Fisher King*) that deals with themes of time and fate. It's too complex to describe in a sentence, but it's a good movie. Why Brad Pitt got an Oscar nomination for his painful, ridiculously over-the-top performance is beyond me, though. ☺☺☺½

Twister

Imagine *Jurassic Park*, but without the dinosaurs, likable characters, or remotely fun plot. Basically, some good effects of tornadoes splashed over some dramatic twaddle. The effects are worth a half star, but that's it. ½☺

The Usual Suspects

An intelligent thriller whose convoluted plot twists serve to advance the story rather than just confuse the viewer. Kevin Spacey deserved his Oscar for the supporting role. ☺☺☺

Waterworld

This futuristic Mad-Max-on-boats wasn't as bad as the reviews it got. Harmless amusement, directed by and starring Kevin Costner. ☺☺

Enjoy, and have a good holiday break.

On Behalf of the Amicus Staff:

We wish you all a happy and safe Holiday Season
Please remember those less fortunate than we

Rock the Vote . . . Or Better Yet, Don't Bother!

Chris Ambrosio

A few weeks ago, this Nation collectively performed the quadrennial ritual of electing its most important public official. This peaceful transfer of power (or reaffirmation of power, as the case may be), accomplished through the popular vote, is considered the bedrock of democracy.

Indeed, Ben Franklin is reputed to have said, upon the transfer of the presidential office from George Washington to John Adams, something like: "I have often stared at that image of the sun [carved into the back of a chair in the original statehouse in Philadelphia] wondering if it was a setting sun or a rising sun. I can now say with confidence that it is a rising sun."

Of course, Ben Franklin also said that "a penny saved is a penny earned," and that "guests are like fish — although they are enjoyable at first, they tend to smell after a few days." Furthermore, Ben Franklin almost killed himself by flying a kite in an electrical storm, as the legend goes, so there is some question as to his general wisdom and sagacity in all matters, including those of politics and government. Plus, on the subject of exercising good judgment, let's not forget that he *voluntarily* traveled to France.

Anyway, the power of the vote is so important that visitors to America who have lived under totalitarian regimes get all teary-eyed when they talk about voting, and people like Lech Walesa get choked up when speaking on the subject of democracy and the Bill of Rights and all that crap. The message seems to be that we Americans don't know how good we have it over here, especially when it comes to the power to vote and all that goes with it.

If voting is so precious, then why did fewer than half of all eligible voters turn out for this year's presidential election? A number of people, including the recently re-elected President of the United States, have expressed concern over this statistic. In my opinion, a more appropriate (and fundamental) question is this: Do we really *want* more than fifty

percent of the eligible voters to exercise their right to vote? Although this may seem blasphemous, I would venture that the answer is "no," at least with regard to a certain percentage of eligible voters, if not necessarily one-half of them.

Remember, the Founding Fathers themselves created an elaborate scheme called the "Electoral College" to keep common folks from having a direct influence on the election of the Nation's highest officials. These revered leaders were interested in democracy and freedom and all that, but only if filtered through a complex electoral scheme which featured, among other things, strict qualifications on who would be eligible to vote.

For example, if you were black or female, fuhgeddaboutit. Also, if you were a poor schmuck who didn't own property, you were SOL when it came to participating in the democratic process.

Now, before anyone gets his or her underwear in a bundle, assuming you're wearing any, let me state emphatically that I would certainly *not* advocate a return to these kinds of voting restrictions. However, when I look out across the vast and often bleak landscape of modern American society, I can't help but think that the summary disfranchisement of some groups of people might not be such a bad thing.

For instance, we can't even trust the audience members on *America's Most Contrived Home Videos* (or whatever it's called) to properly select the prize-winning video clip through a popular vote mechanism at the end of the show. Without fail, these clods invariably choose something like "Little League Dad Gets Hit in the Balls" over an obviously superior entry such as "Man Break-Dances with Bona Fide Space Alien."

Do we really want these kinds of people voting in presidential elections? That's a question that deserves some serious thought, usually after a few beers.

I have compiled a list of the types of people from whom the power to vote should be removed. The list is set forth below. No doubt you could come up with many other categories as well.

1. Anyone who has ever appeared on a daytime talk show, either on a panel or in the audience. Those who appeared on *Donahue* in the 70's and early 80's, when it was quasi-legitimate, could be grandfathered in, however.

2. Anyone who has ever said, before making an important decision: "Well, I talked to my psychic and she tells me . . ."

3. Anyone who has ever said: "You know, that Urkel just cracks me up."

4. Anyone who has ever shown up for jury duty wearing a Star Trek outfit.

5. Anyone who can recite from memory all the members of Quiet Riot, including Kevin DuBrow (vocals), Carlos Cavazo (guitar), Rudy Sarzo (bass), and Frankie Banali (drums). On second thought, maybe we should reconsider this one.

6. Anyone who has ever hired a 300 pound thug to beat up a rival figure skater.

7. Anyone named "Orenthal."

8. Anyone who has ever held up a "John 3:16" sign at a sporting event.

9. Anyone who showed up at college with a Garfield poster that featured Garfield slouching among empty pizza boxes and root beer cans with the caption "I'm here on a party scholarship!" emblazoned across the top.

10. Anyone who has ever allowed a ball to roll through his legs during a championship-deciding game.

11. Anyone who has ever camped out for tickets to an "Up with People" show.

12. Anyone who has ever used the word "hymietown" while speaking in public.

13. Anyone of voting age who wears a T-shirt that says: "[school name here] Co-ed Naked Lacrosse — If You Don't Have a Big Stick, Stay Out of the Crease." Alternatively, anyone who wears an "If it Swells, Ride

it" T-Shirt while out in public with his or her kids.

14. Anyone who insists on being called by his or her PDP nickname.

15. Anyone who has ever "celebrated" a professional sports championship by rioting or looting in the victorious city.

16. Anyone who contributed to Oral Roberts' \$8 million fundraising campaign to help save Oral from being "called home by God."

17. Anyone who helped to reelect a crack-smoking public official.

18. Anyone who has ever displayed a bumper sticker that reads: "My wife? Sure. My dog? Maybe. My gun? Never."

19. Anyone who has ever said, with executives of the United Negro College Fund in attendance: "It's a terrible thing to lose one's mind — or not to have a mind at all. How true that is."

20. Anyone who habitually responds to every vaguely Freudian reference with the phrase "that's what *she* said." (E.g. "I really need to get my oil changed." "Yeah, that's what *she* said.")

21. Anyone who has ever traded in a lucrative prime-time television role for motion picture obscurity.

22. Whoever said: "No, I'm

firmly convinced that the public wants to see *more* of Little Penny, not less."

23. Whoever said (if he or she is still alive): "You mean we can float this tremendously large dirigible by using the world's most flammable gas? Sounds good to me."

24. Whoever said (if he or she is still alive): "No, that's not an iceberg — it's just a shadow or something. I wouldn't worry about it."

25. Anyone who came out of *Ernest Goes to Camp* and said: "I don't get it."

26. Hell, for that matter, anyone who went to see *Ernest Goes to Camp* in the first place.

27. Anyone who has ever sued an artist or entertainer on the basis that the artist or entertainer's work somehow caused a random lunatic to commit a heinous act. (As Dennis Miller says, if this logic holds up in court, can I sue Peter [Et] Cetera for making me such a pussy in the 80's?)

28. Anyone who claims that he is "not only the president of the company, but also a client."

29. Anyone who has ever said: "You know, Hitler was basically okay in the beginning. He just went a little too far."

30. Anyone who has enough free time to write an article describing which people should lose their voting rights.

Answers from Crossword Puzzle on page 9

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ISAAC	SCOLD	MOW							
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MARILU	HENNA	DIN							
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Crossfire

'96 Election Wrap Up: The Clinton's Call for "Bipartisanship and governance from the "Vital Center"

Michael Coe

William Jefferson Clinton, winning a 49% landslide on November 5, recently declared the voters' mandate. It is, he said, for government to do its business, *i.e.* govern, with a new spirit of bipartisanship. To borrow a phrase, as he did, we must work from the "vital center." This is predictably Clintonian — it sounds good, but we are left wondering what he really means and whether even he believes it.

The more cynical among us might suggest that, since 1994, William has triangulated himself right into a wardrobe of Moderate Republicanism, topping off his ensemble with a ball cap inscribed "DLC." Upon finding these garments quite comfortable, politically speaking, he is unenthused about the prospect of now shedding his garb. This, of course, would prove to his mainstream supporters that the emperor wears no clothes. Remember, say the cynics, our President signed and subsequently trumpeted the popular Welfare Bill, which previously he had called a "bad bill" and vetoed twice.

After playing dress-up and fashioning a successful re-election bid on Reagan's '84 run, this implausible second-term has an ulterior motive in so-called "bipartisan" governance. During the '96 campaign, William used the tactic of encouraging Americans to focus on the issues instead of character (notably, his lack thereof) during the campaign. Unsurprisingly, those issues requiring focus included Bob Dole kicking your grandmother out on the street, or Bob Dole teaching your kids to smoke tobacco, or Bob Dole and the Grinch, *er* . . . Gingrich, stealing Christmas, etc. In much the same way, cynics decry the new call for bipartisan governance as a political ploy to blunt criticism or derail (what the President perceives to be politically-motivated) congressional oversight. The flip side of this bipartisan coin, they say, is "attack the attacker," *e.g.* Gingrich, Kenneth Starr, and maybe even Janet Reno.

But hope springs eternal; it is the dawn of a new day. The cynics have been wrong before (*e.g.* "The Largest Tax Increase in History" in 1993 didn't tank the economy), and they could be wrong again. Let us give our President the benefit of the doubt. Let us assume he has the noblest of intentions and he actually means what he says.

"OK," you say, "but what then does he mean by 'vital center' and 'bipartisanship'?" Good question! The answer should determine whether America supports the "mandate" that has been culled from the political tea leaves.

If by 'bipartisanship,' William means that our political class needs to raise the

level of political discourse, be civil, purge the purely political games and one-upsmanship, and to take seriously and soberly the great responsibility of addressing the challenges which will confront our Nation in the 21st Century, then he is right to call for it. He would be right to call for it irrespective of any mandate or rhetorical bridge. If by 'vital center,' William means that our national representatives need to focus more on their agreements and less on their differences in order to accomplish those things on which we all agree, then he is right to call for it.

On the other hand, if the point of bipartisanship is not about accountability and public civility, but about infecting the rest of our political class with his trademark, politically-calculated, mushy-headed, principle-less, triangulated cross-dressing, then our representatives should, politely, decline. While the public may be uncertain of its thoughts regarding bipartisanship, and this is perhaps illustrated by the most recent election, there is a critical debate unfolding in our Nation's Capitol. And, unlike what "B-1" Bob Dornan or Georgie Stephanopoulos allege, this debate does not center on the President's alleged philandering (with women or policy) or other personal flaws.

No, our policy makers are engaged in a high-minded and serious debate on the proper role of government, especially the federal government, in this "new world order." We have an economy that is increasingly global and knowledge-based. We are currently the only world superpower, although China, among others, may soon come into its own. The disparity between the haves and have-nots has continued to expand. Questions of race, social justice, and equity color the background on the national and world stage. So, we have to ask, where and how does the federal government fit in?

Do we still need a federal Department of Education, if only for symbolic value? Does our present tax system best serve our national revenue purposes in this newly-shaped economy? Should the tax system even continue to be used to further pro-social goals? Does the government have a role in preventing the perceived breakdown of the social fabric, and, if so, how? What constitutes factors in such a

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Ever Popular Vital Center More Civility in Government is A Good Idea, to a Point

Christian Mastondrea

Let me be very clear about this point, I want everyone out there in *Amicus*-land to fully understand that I believe in Bill Clinton's Vital Center just a little bit more than the tooth fairy. Don't get me wrong, occasionally I like to fence-sit as well, wavering back and forth across the line like a piece of notebook paper in the wind. Yes, that's a little rough but, what the hey, this is my column.

The center is perceived in the current political climate to be the place where milk and honey flows freely. The place where the centrists find common ground and are so nice and friendly to each other. If the government were made up of centrists, what a wonderful world this would be — no more mudslinging or ad hominem attacks. Gridlock would be a thing of the past and, well, why read a position paper when your official representative is in the middle on everything.

I am here today to represent the point of view that American government needs to become more civil. We must end much of the mud slinging and personal attacks. I will admit that nothing brightens my day and lifts my spirits so much as a Republican caught in a scandal.

The fact of the matter is that most of our corrupt officials are really decent people and that we are driving away the best and the brightest with the continued negativity of the current political climate. Furthermore, this climate is, to a certain but often overstated degree, causing the average six-pack American to turn off politics or, worse, to lose respect for what may be the most remarkable form of government in the world.

Look at the recent turn-out in the Presidential elections, the lowest since Herbert Hoover ran for a first term. People are sick of the constant barrage of who slept with who's staffer, and whether or not he inhaled. Sometimes the Nation needs a good scandal to wake us up and sometimes the personal actions of a candidate really reflect on his fitness to hold office. Mud slinging with a hint of truth may serve a purpose, but it is the mindless lying that is going on which is truly dangerous. No candidate can resist misrepresenting his opponent, but often it is carried too far. Someone is gay when they are not, an affair is alleged that never occurred, etc. [pick your own favorite dirty trick].

The idea that centrism is the answer is just as absurd. Politicians in this country have been crushing each other with allegations since before the Civil War. A Senator has been caned on the floor of the Senate, a pistol drawn on the floor of the House, and there have been countless graft and corruption allegations. I dare

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say this will continue for the foreseeable future. Centrism (whatever that exactly is) is an attempt to provide everything to all people, but eventually conflict will arise on a given proposal, then stand back and watch it fly.

The answer is that, whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, we are all still Americans. The last time I checked, the Constitution guarantees my right to hate the GOP, yet one of my best friends is a card carrying lunatic extremist Limbaugh conservative. We agree on a few things and disagree on a lot more. Bipartisanship should mean the willingness to hear each side out, the right to shout like hell at each other, and then do what politicians do best: find some middle ground and try to move towards it, compromise one point to win on another and always have *quid pro quo*. We need not roll over and pass legislation with which we don't agree. No one gets everything they want in this game — that's how you know the system is working.

The 72 messianic freshman of the last Congress were no good for the Nation — they simply went to far in the "we are right and you are wrong" department. They forgot they could still be friends with the Democrats across the aisle. Both of the classic parties don't agree on much, but that's why we have two of them. Having said all this, let me join in this bipartisan thing by agreeing in principle with my friend Mike Coe that I will die a slow and painful death before I ever let the Republicans end the welfare state. Moderate that!

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CROSSFIRE?
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or drop it in the
Amicus Curiae Hanging file.

A Lettington Chronicle

By Robert Lettington

Is it just me or is the whole idea of the last edition of the *Amicus* for the semester a rather depressing thought? Now I realize that some of you are quite possibly laughing out loud at this moment — well, put your thinking cap on first. The last edition does mean that all the rather nightmarish bits of law school life are about to begin — please wake me up when the next six weeks are over. Of course it's quite possible that I won't be here to see the first 1997 edition unless somebody starts handing me the ideal outlines right now. (Liz Jackson seems a little serious about this qualifying for next semester thing.) I feel quite hornsoggled — when do we get to the fun bit?

Of course we have all the jolly things coming, too. I haven't quite figured out what Thanksgiving is really for, but any event where people fill me up with food and alcohol is quite acceptable. If nothing else, it's good practice for Christmas. Just remember the alcohol bit for Christmas — Jesus himself was not adverse to the odd tippie now and then and, if you really think about it, it's the only way to be convincingly grateful for all those gifts that tell you why the stores are so full during the holiday season.

At least I haven't been given a Chia Pet yet. It's always a good idea to be a bit late with the gift thing, gives you time to find out who's giving you the useless gadget and to give them a Dole/Kemp '96 sticker in return. Can one sue for intentional infliction of emotional distress when given a Michael Jackson CD? Assault might even be an option, imminent threat of harm and all that.

I found out that I actually learned

something in Torts last night. In the dim recesses of my mind I remember being told to look out for intentional torts on the sports field and, sure enough, there they were. The charming manners of a certain undergrad fraternity led to a little unpleasantness on the flag football field. True to the yellow streak down my spine, I was on the sideline with a cigarette, wondering what sort of play a punch was in an non-contact sport. I always learned that was for when you were losing and the other guy was smaller than you, but then they haven't graduated yet and have a lot to learn. Once again, I advocate Guinness and cigars — mellows the harshest of characters. As the wheels clicked I scared myself, I was almost in agreement with the Godfather.

As we all cannot fail to be aware, the Family has been fighting a bitter war to defend us from the youngsters' honor code. Watching the little football fracas, I was thoroughly convinced that one shouldn't be held to the rules of somebody who still has a couple of years before his voice lowers a bit. Now, of course I don't mind if they have our honor code, rather them than us. It would make my life a lot easier — I wouldn't have to wonder if walking on the grass could give the Chief Justice room to take my jellybeans away and send me back whence I came. Maybe I'm full of Christmas cheer already, to the extent I'm actually complimenting the SBA. Well, I never claimed to have principles.

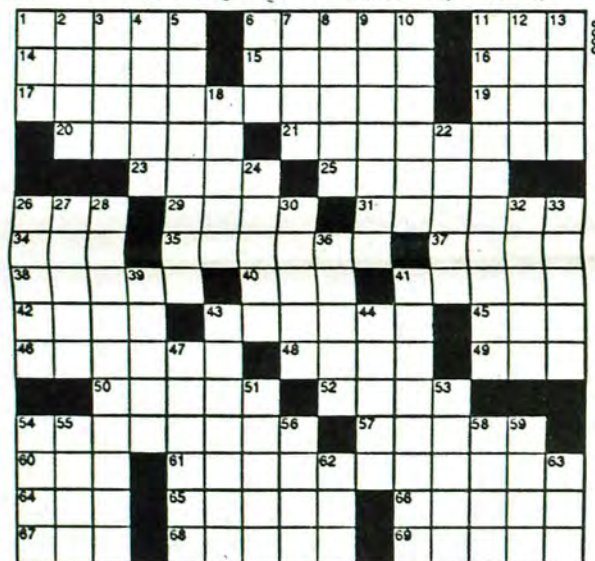
Well, I must go and see if Paul can provide me with a Guinness and tell me what this Thanksgiving thing is all about. With a bit of luck, and horror of horrors maybe even some work, I might see you all next year.

CROSSWORD RD® Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Angler Walton | 1 Ending for mom or dada |
| 6 Take to task | 2 You Never Can Tell playwright |
| 11 Do some grounds-keeping | 3 Lake of Thun's river |
| 14 Belafonte or Lewis | 4 Peace Nobel |
| 15 Manic Mandel | 5 Quick profits |
| 16 Attorneys' letters? | 6 "Quiet!" |
| 17 Actress to dye for? | 7 Sorority sister |
| 19 Cacophony | 8 Had the deed to |
| 20 "live in a yellow submarine" | 9 Sticks around |
| 21 Brought down | 10 "My goodness!" |
| 23 Sets the dog on | 11 Spy to dye for? |
| 25 The Silence of the Lambs director | 12 Stage award |
| 26 Gray initials | 13 Magic stick |
| 29 Brokaw's broadcast | 18 Worrier's risk |
| 31 Fostered | 22 Stradivari's teacher |
| 34 Took off | 24 Low-lying wetland |
| 35 Prepares Romano | 26 Bones up |
| 37 "she blows!" | 27 Navigators Islands, today |
| 38 Wrongly | 29 Singer to dye for? |
| 40 Schisgal play | 30 Things |
| 41 Wrangler's line | 33 Kind of beer |
| 42 Shed a shell | 36 Bad things |
| 43 Specify distinctly | 39 Use jumper cables |
| 45 Round figure? | 41 Let off the hook |
| 46 Deli ware | 43 Ruling principle |
| 48 Brouhaha | 44 Ruth's mother-in-law |
| 49 Bankbook col. | 47 "than a junkyard dog" |
| 50 Standing up | 51 Ryan's daughter |
| 52 Vexed | 53 Language maven |
| 54 Choral compositions | 54 Child, e.g. |
| 57 Central part | 55 Flivver |
| 60 5th century invader | 56 Actress Thompson |
| 61 Actress to dye for? | 58 Trafficked in |
| 64 V-mail destination | 59 Fairy follower |
| 65 Beginning pianist's piece | 62 Author Deighton |
| 66 Vacation mansion | 63 Pop |
| 67 CBS rival | |
| 68 Provide with a new staff | |
| 69 Through | |

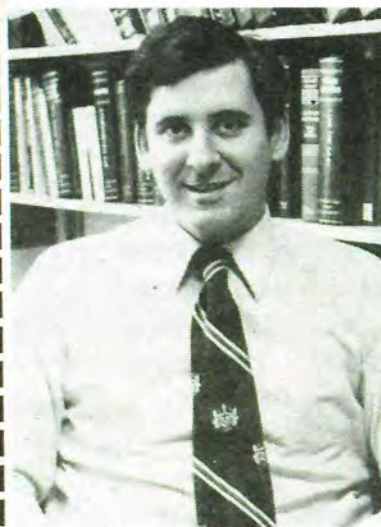


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Lynda Butler

Cynical Guy Sounds Off . . .

There are very few things in life that I hate more than going to the doctor. Doctors' offices even have that sick smell. Come to think of it, maybe it's the smell that makes you sick. In any case, every time you go to the doctor's office there is an excellent chance that somebody will try to poke you somewhere that you would rather not be poked, or stick you with something sharp. I hate getting poked or stuck. I hate doctor's offices, I hate doctors and I even hate the nurses. I avoid all of them like the plague (something you could probably get from that smell), but last week I finally broke down and went. To be more accurate, I went to the student health center, where I *think* those people are doctors. I really didn't want to go, but when I rolled out of bed and my dog's first reaction was to ask if I preferred cremation or burial, I figured I should probably get checked out.

The first step in the process is always the waiting room . . . aptly named. This, I am convinced, is how doctors stay in business. If you do happen to be healthy when you go in there, you certainly won't be after sitting in a room full of people who *are* genuinely sick and are coughing and sneezing and . . . well, you get the picture.

After sitting for a few hours with the walking dead, Grendl, the evil receptionist who doubles as a bouncer at the truck stop, will scream your name and probably any embarrassing symptoms you may have, across the room, building, parking lot, campus, etc. (More on Grendl later.) When the embarrassment subsides, you

follow Grendl to a little cubbyhole of a room with strange doohickeys and whatzits hanging on the wall. There are always a few cabinets and drawers in there that you really want to open, but never have the courage to touch. This is where Grendl locks the door, tells you to "disrobe," and leaves you until Tuesday.

"Disrobe" is a special word in doctors' offices. I think it's all a carefully calculated scheme. I always change into that little gown that seems like a size ½ and offers absolutely no protection to the . . . shall we say, posterior. Has anyone besides me ever wondered why that might be necessary? I have come up with a few reasons why there are no backs to those gowns. One of them is that it gives those mean doctors and nurses access to an area where they are prone to want to poke or stick a person.

The more important reason has to do with the fact that it is at this point that I always decide that I'm feeling much better and that I want to go home. What prevents me from doing this, of course, is the gown. Who could possibly sneak through the lobby and past guard Grendl in that thing. Not to mention that if I did manage to get outside, I can easily imagine being arrested trying to flag down a cross-town bus with my rear hanging out of a (literally) backless, floral print, light cotton, short dress. I am a pantless prisoner. I am suddenly as committed to this doctor's visit as a pig in a ham sandwich.

After shivering in fear (and cold . . . those gowns are a wee bit drafty) for about a week, the doctor arrives. The first

question out of a doctor's mouth is always the same, "So, what's the problem?", to which a number of replies always suggest themselves, such as:

* A. If I knew what was wrong, I wouldn't be sitting here showing you my butt, you quack.

B. You spent ten years studying medicine so you could ask *me*?! Or

C. Well, in addition to the pneumonia I contracted from sitting in this cold room half naked . . .

Regardless of what you tell Dr. Frankenstein at this point, he will poke and prod and generally make you as uncomfortable as possible. Doctors love to poke and prod. There are seven natural holes in the human body (I'll wait while you count) and doctors will make use of all of them, and even make some new ones given half a chance.

Then come the tests. Tests are what doctors use to fulfill all of their secret sadistic desires. The most popular among the tests is "blood work." Bloodwork is prescribed for every ailment known to man. A toothache, bloodwork. A cold, bloodwork. A severed limb, bloodwork. This must be the easiest thing to teach in medical school; regardless of your patient's complaint, start with bloodwork. Apparently it is important to doctors not only that a patient is insured, but also that they can bleed (I actually had a nurse tell me once that I was a good bleeder. Maybe I'll put that on my resume — nothing else is working).

There is very little dignity to any aspect of going to the doctor, so by the time

I get to the bloodwork stage I have absolutely no shame. I hate needles. I am deathly afraid of needles. I believe that I should be able to keep any of my bodily fluids that do not voluntarily leave my body. I don't want Miss Transylvania '96 taking anything that I might need later. I beg, I plead, I whine. I try to leave the room, sometimes with the nurse still attached. I threaten to inflict physical harm, which actually worked this time . . . for a minute.

What those crafty little bloodsuckers did then was to call in good old Grendl. Grendl, as I believe I mentioned, was mean. Grendl also had a good chance at making starting linebacker for the Steelers. Grendl threatened back. I remained stoic. Grendl threatened not to give back my pants. I closed my eyes, cried to myself, and let those leeches attack my poor innocent little vein. I did take a swing at Grendl when she finally let me back up . . . the doctor said the swelling in my eye should go down sometime next week.

Luckily, I just had a cold (I'm a wimp about being sick, too) and didn't have to have any further tests (if you ask me I didn't need *any* tests) and was released on my own recognizance. I really hate the doctor.

I realize that this doesn't have much to do with law school, but as I've said before, what fun is space in a newspaper if you can't abuse it once in a while? On second thought, maybe this does have something to do with law school . . . maybe I shouldn't have told Grendl that I was going to be a lawyer!

REPUBLICAN from 8 breakdown? Marijuana usage? Gay marriages? Welfare checks? To what degree should the federal government curtail, or alter the mix of, new immigrants? Should the government focus on domestic issues, or seek to lead and shape the development of this new world order? These questions and others require our representatives to engage in spirited, sometimes heated,

debate over principled positions. Then they must decide upon a course of action, and one not too disagreeable to the American people. This can be a difficult and nasty process. Like the proverbial sausage factory, it may nauseate the squeamish, but, at the end of the day, the process works.

Giving William the benefit of the doubt then, his "vital center," his "bipartisan-

ship," means not happy-smiley, political pattie-cake where you dress up in the latest political fashions and mouth the results of your latest poll or focus group. This mandate is a recognition that the underlying premise of the post-WWII federal government is being debated; that the American people are listening; that the debate should be a vigorous one, on the principles; that petty political games are

distracting and unwanted; and that our national conversation should be held within the normal limits for civil political discourse. It is with this mandate, this vital center, this bipartisanship. I agree.

In a new, refreshed spirit of bipartisanship, I agree with my Crossfire colleague. Let us both meet in the vital center and energetically debate those issues, on our principles, in the public forum.

TRADING CARDS: How to survive these profs' exams.

Professor Butler

Perhaps most well known around M-W for her first year Property exams, Professor Butler went well out of her way to console one member of last year's class after she tracked him down in the woods of Minnesota, where he threatened to adversely possess this little parcel and establish "as many easements of necessity as possible." *Amicus* Advice: Pray, pray a lot. If that doesn't work, the business school accepts applications into January.

Professor Devins

Remember all those details Professor Devins mentioned in class and you thought, "Interesting, won't ever be on the exam?" Guess what? You should have been paying more attention to these little ditties than to Devins' patented peripatetic lecture style. *Amicus* advice: Follow the directions and do *not* put your name *anywhere* on the exam.

Professor Rosenberg

Unquestionably one of the more memorable classes taken by the Editor, Rockin' Ron makes himself a friend of the students both by his gentle demeanor, accessibility, and (most importantly) his multiple choice exams. *Amicus* advice: Even if you were too zoned out to take notes, remember that land is a valuable resource — use it, don't lose it.

Professor Selassie

Dubbed by certain 2Ls as the "Faculty Teddybear," Professor Selassie's fair exams contribute to the charity with which former classes remember him. Keep perspective by realizing that this course receives the same number of credits as Legal Skills. *Amicus* advice: "Agreement," "Gap filling," legible handwriting, and Emmanuel's.

Music for the Masses

Lemonheads Refreshingly Good, bush Just Gets Worse

By Dov Szego

The Lemonheads, *car button cloth*

It is a sad turn of events that puts a man, wearing a leather jacket with spikes on it and an Earth Crisis shirt (there's a conflict there alone), in line to buy the new Lemonheads album. I would have preferred to rather review the new Bouncing Souls disk, but Williamsburg just isn't so punk that I could find it. Wah.

The label (Atlantic) wants you to believe that the Lemonheads was formed by the lead singer (Evan Dando) in 1986, when he was in high school, and that he originally intended to take turns singing and playing the drums. I don't buy it, but I also have trouble believing that a band can gain a significant amount of its popularity from a cover of a Simon and Garfunkel song.

Anyway, 1986 saw the self-release of the band's first album, *Laughing All The Way To*

The Cleaners and the rest was history, at least the band was: no two consecutive albums since then have had the same lineup.

Only Dando has been with the band throughout. Some band or another, using the name the Lemonheads and fronted by Dando went on to release three indie albums (on Taang!!, I believe) until 1990, when Atlantic decided they could make some money off such a band. 1990 saw the release of *Lovey*, which nobody really bought.

After the release of the *Favorite Spanish Dishes* EP, 1992 was the year of the Lemonhead (or at least the Lemonheads covering washed up and balding old men); *It's a Shame About Ray* went gold and won every award in sight based on a cover of the song "Mrs. Robinson." In 1993, *Come On Feel The Lemonheads* was released, largely without event.

Throughout it all, Evan Dando remains the sole original Lemonhead in the lineup.

Car button cloth, however, brings together what is probably the most solid lineup for the band yet. Bill Gibson from Eastern Dark (an Australian band that was big in the late eighties) joined up, along with the drummer from Dinosaur Jr., and some cameos are made, including a member of the band Spacehog and Eugene Kelly, from the Vaselines.

I must be really tired, but I actually like this disk. There is a somewhat pleasant near absence of the distortion that I am used to, the rhythms are really basic, the lyrics are simple and nonsensical, and the vocals have melody unqualified by a smoker's hack. I can assure you that this will never make it to the legendary "long trip stack" in my car, but it might make a periodic rotation as background/sleeping music.

I can see that eventually such lyrics as "There's a disease going round the hospital, green, green leaves falling from the trees . . . you gotta run away, you gotta spin a web, you gotta stay out late, you gotta stay in bed." will grow trying, but someone else will

put out a tolerable album eventually too.

The best song on this album is the single. I hate it when that happens. Again, the lyrics make no sense, so it's pointless to relate them. "If I Could Talk I'd Tell You" has gotten a nauseating amount of airplay, but Dando still deserves props for throwing the terms "Mein Kampf" and "Khmer Rouge" in without using them in any discernible political context. The song starts off and continues with the same catchy, twangy chord riff, with the bass carrying a melody in the background. It's almost infectious. The Lemonheads' sound throughout its existence has been fairly slow and folky, with a bare minimum of distortion and other recording tricks. The sound on *car button cloth* is exemplary of this. I'm pretty much a hardcore and punk fanatic, and I can listen to it though, so it should appeal to a fairly wide audience. This album might even be a good investment.

bush, *Razorblade Suitcase*

I think that after thousands of years of inbreeding and poor climate, the British collectively have maybe only three genes

conveying musical talent available on their island. The Beatles all had one type, the Sex Pistols all had another, and the members of that London Symphony Orchestra — they all have the third. As far as I'm concerned, the members of bush lack any of the three.

It's hard to believe how much hoopla is being given to a band that has only one album out (*Sixteen Stone* and a single, "Machinehead"). Some have even suggested that the reason Interscope bought Trauma (the British label that originally released *Sixteen Stone*) was to get the rights to release internationally bush's albums.

That just goes to show what a bunch of sheep American consumers are. In fact, the noise level surrounding this band is strangely reminiscent of the early eighties, where any pack of Brit morons with a few keyboards could go platinum here. Either way, *Sixteen Stone* was pathetic and unremarkable and *Razorblade Suitcase* is, if anything, worse.

Take for example, the single, "Swallowed." The song starts, proceeds, bridges, and ends like the prototypical Nirvana song (which may not say much about Nirvana, but at least they weren't copying someone else being unoriginal). Verse, chorus, verse, reminding me of the song by that very name, as well as "Rape Me" and "Pennyroyal Tea."

The bridge, a dischordant picking solo, is literally the beginning of the Nirvana song "Aneurysm." The lyrics even sound like Nirvana. If we want to listen to Nirvana, we can listen to Nirvana, who needs some Cockney rendition of pseudo-Nirvanisms?

The rest of the album is similar — bush sounds like any one of the rest of the alternaclone bands.

The British haven't sent us anything worth listening to since the Damned and the Business (who now have a new album BTW), and bush doesn't do much to help the case. Don't buy the hype surrounding this album, and don't buy the album either *Sixteen Stone*, though only marginally so, was better.

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Concert Corner

By Dave Mincer

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Here is the calendar of upcoming shows:
Wed., Nov. 27: Modern English @ Peabody's
Fri., Nov. 29: The Gibb Droll Band

@ The Boathouse

Tues., Dec. 3: Sponge @ The Abyss
Sat., Dec. 7: Jerry Garcia Band @ The Boathouse
Wed., Dec. 11: The Bodeans @ The Boathouse
Thurs., Dec. 26: Clutch, Tree, and Shine

@ The Boathouse

Sat., Dec. 28: Cracker @ The Boathouse

Mon., Dec. 30: Violent Femmes

@ The Boathouse

Calendar of Events

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Monday, November 25

William and Mary Symphony Orchestra: Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet in PBK Memorial Hall. 8 p.m. Free to anyone who goes.

Melrose Place: Will Kimberly really give her husband to a prostitute? Who will Amanda sleep with next? Will Jane kill again? All these answers and more on Fox's Family Night.

Tuesday, November 26

Tin Cup: Keeping with the mood of the season, DoG Street Theatre will be showing this fall classic at 6:45 today through Thursday.

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Break: no classes until Monday, December 2! Time for gluttony, football, outlines, and, of course, thanking God you have been fortunate enough to attend law school.

Womens Basketball: v. Lafayette, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 30

Mens Basketball: v. Citadel, 7:30 p.m.

W&M Choir and Chorus Christmas Concert: Call the College music department for details.

Month of December Events

December 1-15

A Yorktown Christmas: We can't swear on this but we think this might have something to do with the celebration of Christmas during the colonial era. Odds are it's happening in Yorktown.

Through Dec. 15

Lobby of Swem Library: A collection of rare maps from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries is on display. The theme of the collection is Virginia and the changes over the centuries.

December 1-23

Happy Holidays, Partner: The Old Dominion Opry presents its pagentry of Christmas shows weekly, Monday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. Don't worry about missing the first couple of showings, no doubt we'll all be here through the final show on the 23rd.

Sunday, December 1

World AIDS Day: The Williamsburg AIDS Network offers a variety of remembrances, including a double feature benefit at the DoG Street Theater. *Philadelphia* will be shown at 7 p.m. and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* at 9:15 p.m.

Womens Basketball: v. Winthrop College, 2 p.m.

Monday, December 2

Classes Restart: Oh boy! I know I look forward to Tax Class at 8:30 a.m. on the Monday after break. Much in the same way as I look forward to having my appendix removed with a spoon.

Mens Basketball: v. Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4

Swim Meet: v. Old Dominion University, 6 p.m.

Mens Basketball: v. James Madison, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 6

Last Day of Classes: First day of Hell. Well, not really, that was August 26. But this time we're living it all the way through the Holiday season. Those aren't jingle bells I hear.

First day of Hanukkah.

Sunday, December 8:

Colonial Williamsburg: Annual Grand Illumination Ceremony marks the beginning of the Holiday season with lights, entertainment, and fireworks. The celebration lasts all day, fireworks at 6:00 p.m. Watch the fireworks, watch the mobs of people, watch the traffic jam.

Kwanzaa celebration: Lighting ceremony, an African dance performance and fashion show, a sampling of African and African-American cuisine, a marketplace, and a gospel choir. At O.D.U., 4-7 p.m.

Monday, December 9

Law School Exams: Buy your blue books and review your notes one last time. Advice to 1Ls: Nobody fails. Besides, even if you don't do that well, there's always the House of Representatives or Ecuador.

Thursday, December 19

End of Exam Period: Don't get too excited — it's the end for the main campus. Oh well, only three more weeks until we're done. Nobody *really* likes their families that much anyway, right? Besides, weather conditions traditionally improve the later into the winter season it gets.

Yorktown Tree Lighting: Program your VCR, bag your preliminary exam studying (you still have a couple of more weeks), and head to Yorktown to watch the tree get lit.

Tuesday, December 24

Last Day of Exams: Hey, who was the rocket scientist that decided that we needed to have law school exams on Christmas Eve? I know I would rather be in a classroom agonizing over Rules of Evidence than being with my family at home. Obviously, so would the administration. Note to Dean K: Does this violate a Board of Visitors resolution? Better check with Vice-President Sam Sadler.

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas: Hope Santa finds me in Room 127 taking my Evidence final. Who would have thought that it might actually *snow* in December? I would take time to celebrate with my family, but I still have my Tax final to take on New Year's Eve. Look at the bright side, we have at least 2 days off before next semester starts. My mother always told me "Don't look a gift horse (or Dean) in the mouth." I'd better shut up while we still have a holiday break.

Please submit your entries for the *Amicus* Events Calendar to Deanna Griffith (1L), or the *Amicus* hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.

Not much to do over Thanksgiving? . . . **BUY A TOY!!!!**

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SBA Leaps into New Year

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the law students during the SBA elections in February. Any concerns or questions you may have about the content of the proposed honor code should be directed to your SBA class representatives, as they are the ones making these decisions.

This past week, SBA President, Shaun Rose, made a presentation to the Board of Visitors to outline the differences between the graduate schools and the undergraduate college, subsequently underlining the need for separate hearing panels for honor code violations. Although the Board of Visitors will not vote on the new unified honor code and the purpose of the presentation was not to promote the new honor code, it was beneficial to make the Board aware of the reasons why graduate students wish to have different hearing boards in case problems with the new honor code approval occurs. With the help of the SBA President's Council, an effective presentation discussed the differences and the separateness of the graduate schools as compared to the undergraduate campus. Emphasis was placed upon the different needs and concerns which students at the graduate level encounter, which undergraduate students do not. Tara Booker created the visual aids for the presentation and Janet Benson prepared the introductory letters to all of the Board members. Both of their contributions added to the professional style of the presentation and were much appreciated by Shaun.

As for the administrative news, the SBA has finally obtained a computer for their office. The computer will enhance the organization of the SBA, as well as facilitating their correspondence and management of financial records. The best

part about the computer is that, because of successful lobbying on the part of the SBA, the computer was not paid for from student activity funds, freeing up money for other services.

Speaking of student services, the SBA continues to investigate different issues for the law students, including: getting a toaster and real food for the student lounge, a bulletin board above the hanging files, an umbrella stand for the entrance way to the law school, and an SBA Discount Card. If you have any ideas on how to improve student services in the law school, please contact your class representative.

Despite the fact that exams are rolling around, the SBA has planned one last social event of the year. Look for the Primal Scream on Friday, December 6 at 9:30p.m. in the Student Lounge to relieve some of the exam pressure. Cider, hot chocolate, and donuts will be served.

As for next semester, look forward to some great socials to chase away those winter blues; be sure to keep your calendars open. A faculty/student mixer is scheduled in January and more information will be forthcoming after Winter break. The SBA is also planning a paint ball trip. Recently, the SBA played paint ball with the Military Law Society. Everyone had a great time and no one was killed, so the SBA plans to rent the whole course for the law school next semester as an alternative activity. (It's also a great way to get out any aggressions about classes or your annoying classmates.) Also, don't forget that Barrister's Ball is early this year, scheduled for Saturday, February 1. The following week, PSF will sponsor their Date Auction. Try to be around for both events as they look to be lots of fun.

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Stitch-center Sports Highlights . . .

A Modest Prediction: **Lional Hutz 21, New York Jets 18**

By Mike "Stitch" Melis

This is it sports fans; this is the last edition of the *Amicus* for this semester. In the upcoming weeks, we will find it more and more difficult to keep up with, and enjoy, the world of sports. After all, all sorts of deadlines are coming up, not to mention preparing for those pesky exams which always seem to make our holidays that much brighter. Those of us who are either lucky, determined, or just too burnt out to care will still manage to get our sports fix in by taking timeouts from academic crunch time every once in a while. Of course there's hope just around the corner. The holidays are coming up and I have visions, not of sugar plums (what are sugar plums anyway?), but Sportscenter dancing in my head. Until the next time I write, the world of sports will be as busy as ever.

For example, there are a few great games still waiting to be played in college football. Of course there are the bowl games and the crowning of a National Champion. But first, as always, the Florida at Florida State matchup on November 30 should

be a good game. Florida will be bringing its vaunted passing attack and a #1 ranking into Tallahassee to face a Florida State team which has won six of their last nine meetings. Anytime Bobby Bowden's and Steve Spurrier's teams meet, expect them to put lots of points on the board. FSU over Florida, 31 - 28. I would love to see either of these teams take on the N.Y. Jets in the Hoover "The Jets Suck so Bad They Would Lose to my I.M. Team" Bowl. FSU 35, NY 13 or UF 49, NY 14—and that's if Spurrier decides not to run up the score.

Closer to home, on November 29, the Virginia Cavaliers take on the Hokies of Virginia Tech. Of course I have an unbiased opinion of what will probably happen that day. The good guys, (oops!) I mean the Virginia Cavaliers, should be on an emotional high after coming back from a 17 - 3 deficit against then ranked #6 UNC. However, the forces of evil, (damn, I did it again!) I mean the Hokies are 8 - 1 and are coming off a big win of their own against the Miami Hurricanes. The Cavs are looking to avenge last year's loss in

Charlottesville and impress bowl scouts. If Virginia can execute a balanced attack, with a big game from Tiki Barber, and the UVA defense plays as well as it has been playing, then an upset could be in the making. Don't be surprised if the Cavaliers wait that one extra day to feast on turkey for Thanksgiving. (I know, I know, but I just couldn't help myself. I mean c'mon, their mascot's a turkey and they schedule a big game right after Thanksgiving! You do know that their mascot is a big turkey, right?) UVA over Tech 56 - 6. O.k., o.k., UVA over Tech 21 - 20.

Meanwhile, the big boys' playoff picture will clear up over the next couple of weeks. O.K., 'Skins fans, your team is not in the cellar, but don't get too cocky, those two late season Dallas games are looking more and more ominous. The Cowboys have the best defense in the NFL and, with the return of starting receivers Michael Irvin and Kevin Williams, the offense isn't looking too shabby either. With big wins over San Fran and Green Bay, the Cowboys are poised to make their playoff run, fighting it out in the NFC with Washing-

ton, Philly, Green Bay, and San Fran. (Never underestimate the heart of a champion!) While in the AFC, surprisingly dominant Denver, with the best record in the NFL at 10 - 1, heads up the pack, followed by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and K.C.

As the weather turns cold, sports fans' attentions increasingly turn indoors and that means basketball. Of course the NBA season is underway and the favorites have each taken their positions at the top of their respective divisions. With a 10 - 0 record as of this writing, Chicago is off to an even better start than last year. This team is a machine. New York, Houston, and Seattle each lead their respective divisions with Detroit and the Lakers off to a good start as well. By the way, nobody in the NBA can stay with '76er rookie Allen Iverson. He may be the quickest player ever. Look for these teams to continue their winning ways and, if you want to watch basketball at its best, catch a Bulls game over break.

Finally, the college basketball season is just beginning to get underway. If you can, try and catch some of the great matchups

in the Great Eight Tourney December 3 - 4 (Cincinnati vs. Kansas, Wake Forest vs. Mississippi St., UMass vs. Georgetown). UCLA, Kansas, Cincinnati, and Kentucky have all been picked as favorites. A good batch of recruits should help the ACC return to national prominence. With senior Tim Duncan returning, Wake Forest should lead the way while UNC and Duke hope fresh faces will help them return to the Nation's elite. Clemson, who has already beaten Kentucky, should continue to surprise folks. Cheer up UVA fans, with one of the best recruiting classes in the country, including a scorer named Willie Dersch and a couple of much needed 6'10" big men, the 'Hoos should be a much improved team this year.

Well, there you have it sports fans, what's happening and what to look for in the upcoming weeks. Have a great Thanksgiving, good luck with exams, papers, etc. and before you know it, we'll be home for the holidays. Personally, I plan to get in lots of rest and relaxation while enjoying four (yes, four!) Sportscenters in a row.

Sports Roundup

W&M Teams Clinch League Championships

By Kristan Burch

Football

By winning the last five games of its 1996 schedule, the Tribe captured the Yankee Conference title, ending the season with only one loss to a conference opponent. This is the first time that W&M has ever won its conference title. By winning the Yankee Conference, W&M earned an automatic invitation to the Division I-AA playoffs. The pairings of the 16 teams invited was announced on Nov. 24 and the Tribe is to host a first round game in the playoffs on Nov. 30. W&M currently is ranked No. 7 in *The Sports Network* Top-25 poll.

The Tribe faced off against Massachusetts for its last home game of the regular season at Zable Stadium. After losing to the Minutemen the last two years, W&M handed the squad a 30-6 loss this season. Although struggling in the first half, the Tribe was able to gain control of the tempo of the game after halftime and, with this victory, it was left alone in first place of the Yankee Conference.

With less than four minutes left in the first quarter, W&M got on the scoreboard with a 26 yard field goal by place kicker **Brian Shallcross**. The Tribe upped its advantage to 6-0 in the beginning of the second quarter when Shallcross hit a 24 yard field goal. Then, the Minutemen tied the score after quarterback Jeff Smith ran the ball three yards for the score and Andy Maclay's extra point was blocked.

Yet, the Tribe came alive after halftime, avenging its last two seasons' losses to the Minutemen. The W&M defense allowed UMass to gain 182 yards of total offense in the first half, but the Minutemen only recorded 36 yards after intermission. Free safety **Darren Sharper** broke the interception record at W&M when he netted three against UMass to set his career total at 23.

Against the Minutemen, Sharper also broke the punt return record when he returned five punts for 47 yards. In addition to stellar defensive play in the second half, the Tribe offense scored 24 unanswered points. For the afternoon, quarter-

back **Mike Cook** was successful on 15 of his 26 passes for a total of 226 yards and no interception throws.

The Tribe's first touchdown of the contest came with 7:48 left in the third quarter when Cook connected with wide receiver **David Conklin** for a 15 yard pass and the score. With the extra point from Shallcross, W&M extended its lead to 13-6. Shallcross hit his third field goal of the game in the middle of the fourth quarter when he nailed a 38 yard kick.

With just over three minutes left in the game, the Tribe offense continued to produce, scoring two more touchdowns before the expiration of time in the contest. The first of these scores came when fullback **Tim Witcher** ran up the middle for 9 yards. The second of the pair was a direct result of an interception by Sharper, who gave the Tribe the ball at UMass's 15 yard line. Cook carried the ball for six yards and the touchdown as W&M netted a big Yankee win against the Minutemen.

The Tribe's last regular season victory came Nov. 16 when the squad traveled to

Richmond to tangle with the Spiders. During the first half, Richmond got the first three points of the game when Andrew Slater kicked a 41-yard field goal. The Tribe responded with its first touchdown to give it a 7-3 advantage at the close of the first quarter of play. The W&M score came when Cook threw a 67-yard bomb to wide receiver **Josh Whipple**.

Before intermission, the Tribe extended its lead to 14-3 by recording another touchdown off a throw by Cook. For the second touchdown, Cook once again connected with Whipple, this time for a three-yard pass and another W&M score. Despite its early lead, the Tribe allowed Richmond to get back into the game in the third quarter in which the Spiders did the only scoring.

The Tribe's lead had decreased to 14-10 by the beginning of the fourth, but they turned up the heat, scoring 14 additional points to end the game with a 28-13 victory and the Yankee Conference title. The two W&M touchdowns in the last

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Law School Teams Short on Losses, Long on Championship Hopes

By HumiliNate Green

As classes begin to wind down at Marshall-Wythe, the competition is heating up on the IM field. Flag Football playoffs began this weekend with the law school well represented in each division. In the Men's A division, law school champs, **Lional Hutz and the Law Talkin' Guys**, finished the regular season undefeated and received a number three seed in the championship tournament.

In the Men's B division, the **Bud Law Stars** finished their regular season with four wins and look to advance far in the tournament. Also in Men's B, **The Plex**, which was egregiously deprived of a win by this reporter in last week's *Amicus*, has high hopes of improving on its 2-2 record by picking up a couple wins in the tournament.

The law school's best chance for an intramural champion, however, comes in both the Women's and Co-Rec divisions. In the Women's division, **No Blood, No Foul, No Lawsuit** heads into the championship tournament with an undefeated record and the number one seed. Led by player coach **Deb hell Bentley for leather** and quarterback **Maquiling Me Softly Parkerson**, No Lawsuit has not only won every game, but has dominated every game. In their first game, it appeared as if

the other team had never arrived as No Lawsuit was able to control every aspect of the game, including when to start and when to go home.

Their second game proved to be more competitive as the ladies were forced to face actual opponents. The result was the same, however, as No Lawsuit trounced Alpha Alpha Something or Other 28-0. The offense was lead by **Monica Atticus Finch** (I know I've used this one before but, God, I love that book) whose blazing speed was too much for the overmatched sorority girls. Defensively, the shut-out was led by the fierce rush of Bentley and **Princess Leah Kahl**. Finch added an interception, and **Allison Chmiel..shamazel, Hatzenfelf Incorporated** helped with five tackles.

In their next game, the femme fatales were able to overcome an early interception and again take control of the game by half-time. The scoring came on a short run by Parkerson and a reception by **Susan Go-Go-Gadget Arms Ludi**. No Lawsuit received an added scoring punch from half-back **Amy if you don't stretch properly you'll Tarasovic**, an intramural rookie from the ed-school.

In their final game of the season, No Lawsuit braved freezing temperatures to complete its undefeated season. The defense again dominated as Finch and **Lynn**

Miracle Whipkey both had interceptions which led to scores. Parkerson and Finch connected on a scoring pass and Tarasovic rushed for a touchdown to finish off the 14-0 victory. No Lawsuit earned a first round bye in the tournament which will most likely set up a tough second round match up against last years champion, VIMS.

In the co-rec division, **No Blood, No Foul, No Lawsuit** has combined the successful women's team with members of various men's teams to put together yet another undefeated law school team. No Lawsuit had little trouble picking up its first three victories, but was forced to come from behind against Honeybun in the last game of the season. Down 14-0 with only two minutes to play in the first half, quarterback **one Nate stand Green** moved the team down the field on a 30 yard run. With time running out, Green found **Jeff spinney Timmers** for a 50 yard scoring strike.

No Lawsuit scored on its first possession of the second half to tie the game. After a strong defensive stand, No Lawsuit again moved down the field. A clutch fourth down reception by Parkerson put No Lawsuit on the five yard line, where Green again went to Parkerson for the go ahead score. With time beginning to become a factor, Honeybun was able to

score on a long pass play that appeared to put them ahead for good. Down by seven, No Lawsuit took the ball on the 20 with less than two minutes remaining. On the first play of the possession, Green found Timmers deep in Honeybun territory. Timmers was able to pitch to **Derek whenever I go out with my child people always say, Hey there goes that Dickenson**, who was able to sprint the rest of the way for the score.

With the game on the line, No Lawsuit chose to go for two and the win, rather than the tie. After outstanding blocks from Ludi and Tarasovic, Green threw a wobbler which Timmers was able to haul in, putting No Lawsuit up by one with 1:40 left on the clock. Honeybun was able to move the ball within the No Lawsuit 20, but outstanding defense from Bentley, Kahl, and **Brent Haydenver's going to loose the Superbowl again this year** kept Honeybun out of the end zone and saved the No Lawsuit victory.

With a 4-0 season, No Lawsuit will most likely face off against fellow undefeated law school team, **Monica Finch** in the second round of the tournament. Good luck to all teams. Look for the tournament results in the first issue of next year's *Amicus*, unless Sutton asks for my resignation because of the whole nickname-gate.

W&M Teams Head for National Glory

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quarter came from a 14-yard run by tailback **Corey Nesmith** and a 10-yard pass from Cook to tight end **Tim Leedy**. This was Nesmith's first collegiate touchdown.

Men's Soccer

The Tribe extended its unbeaten streak to 16 games when it clinched the CAA Tournament title, after finishing its regular season with a 15-2-1 regular season record. W&M has not lost any games to a CAA opponent this season. This was the second year in a row that the Tribe has won the conference championship.

Its quarterfinal match had W&M matched up against host UNC Wilmington and the Tribe posted a 3-0 blanking. This win advanced W&M to a quarterfinal match against No. 14 George Mason. The Tribe trailed by one at the close of the first half against the Patriots, but the W&M offense then scored three goals in the second half to advance, 3-1, to the CAA Finals.

The Tribe faced No. 20 JMU in the championship game, and it handed them a 2-0 shutout. The two W&M scores came off headers by **Gabe Valencia** and **Steve Jolley**. This victory gave the Tribe an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. **Adin Brown** was named CAA Rookie of the Year. **Waughn Hughes** received CAA Player of the Year honors, while W&M Head Coach **Al Albert** was named CAA Coach of the Year. Five other Tribe players also received CAA honors.

Women's Soccer

After finishing its regular season with a 11-8 record overall, the Tribe turned up its play in the CAA Championships, winning both the CAA Title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. W&M was seeded third when it traveled to the CAA Tournament, but three straight victories won it the CAA crown.

Its first round game pitted the women against No. 6 seed Old Dominion, and the Tribe handed the Monarchs a 5-2 defeat. **Jill Krohn** scored the game winning goal for W&M with assists on the play going to **Whitney Cali** and **Whitney Paynter**. The victory advanced the Tribe to the semifinals where it shut out No. 18 James Madison, 6-0. JMU had barely beaten W&M, 4-3, just five days earlier during the regular season. The goals against the Dukes came from **Melissa Kenny**, **Cali**, **Erica Walsh**, **Missy Wycinsky**, **Lindsay Nohl**, and **Caroline Melanson**.

The Tribe clinched the CAA Title when it posted a second straight shutout, beating No. 14 George Mason, 2-0. Cali and Wycinsky scored the two W&M goals in the first half against the Patriots. Walsh, Wycinsky, and **Carrie Moore** all received first-team All-CAA team honors while Nohl was named to the second team All-CAA.

In the NCAA Tournament, the Tribe played No. 2 North Carolina in the first round in Chapel Hill, N.C. W&M was unable to score against the Tarheels, falling 5-0 to the ACC powerhouse. The Tribe finished its season with a 14-9 overall record.



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