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The Supreme Court Comes to W&M in IBRL's Supreme Court Preview

By Christina James and Katie Riley

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law will hold the 2000-01 Supreme Court Preview on September 20th and 21st. This annual event focuses on the important issues facing the Supreme Court in the coming term and will enable students from the area and farther afield.

The Supreme Court Preview begins Friday evening. The first public event is a moot court argument focusing on the constitutionality of drug testing pregnant women who are seeking public hospitals for prenatal care. The case is Ferguson v. City of Charleston, South Carolina, 666 F.3d 496 (4th Cir., 1999), and is set for argument before the Supreme Court sometime this term. South Carolina is the only state to charge mothers with child abuse if their babies are born with illegal drugs in their systems. Is a law targeting so-called "crack babies" in implementing this law, a Charleston public hospital began giving the police the names of pregnant women who tested positive for cocaine. During the first year of the policy, women would be arrested immediately after giving birth, but in later years the women were given the option of drug treatment instead of arrest.

Browner will argue for the petitioners while Steven Tapner will argue for the respondents. Mr. Herman is a Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School. She is currently serving as the Communications Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union. Ms. Tapner is an Associate Professor of Law at Cornell Law School and Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of New York. While working as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in California, she was selected to serve as a Legal Advisor to the United States in the拉丁美洲. She is also a columnist and consultant to the American Lawyer magazine. Ms. Tapner also served as Special Consultant to the Clinton White House on judicial selection and to the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal. He has written numerous books and articles on constitutional law. During the Clinton impeachment proceedings, he was consulted by members of Congress from both parties, testifying as the only joint witness before the House Judiciary Committee and served as CNN's on-air legal expert on the impeachment process. Charles Breyer is CNN's senior Washington correspondent and was Emmy-award winning coverage of the 1996 Olympic Park bombing.

The second panel, at 10:00, will be on the First Amendment. Charles Breyer will moderate, and Lyse Dinnerstein, Tom Goldstein, Tony Mauro, and Steve Wremel will make up the panel. Tom Goldstein is an active Supreme Court briefing. The second panel will consider whether workers can be compensated by workers and their employers, states of things in the workplace, that speak in high school football "inflammatory remarks" and racial gerrymandering.

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From the Editor's Desk: The End of the Amicus?

As the 2000-2001 edition of the Amicus kicks off, there are a few issues of concern that need to be discussed.

The first issue of concern is keeping the Amicus alive. Past editorial staff have been concerned with maintaining the Amicus as a viable publication. The truth is that without some help, the Amicus will go out of business within the next year or so. We desperately need a new infusion of staff members to help us continue the Amicus together. Particularly, we need 2L's and 1L's who can help out for the next few years. The time commitment would not be much, or even have more people around to bear the burden. Experience is necessary so we can teach you what you need to know. We have not done a good job at recruiting amongst the 1L, class, a situation which we will hopefully remedy shortly. Among the various tasks we need help with is the editing and actual production of the Amicus. This is an area that we are most short handed. Also, we need staff members to go out and sell ads. We are also in need of new writers, especially for news stories. We know it much more fun to write an opinion column, but we are really thin in the news department. If you are willing to write news, and again experience is not an issue, we will also give you a chance to write opinion articles. Additionally, we are going to someone take over as Editor-in-Chief as I have done it now for 3 years and I am finally going to get the hell out of the Brg at the end of this year.

A second issue I wanted to bring to our reader's attention is our policy of letters to the editor. I have been asked numerous times about whether we will print something if you submit it. Simply put, we will run anything on any topic unrelated so long as it won't get my sorry sack as editor hauled into court. You want to sound off on the Presidential elections, fine. You want to argue over abortion, the death penalty, your little rock 'n roll, fine. You write it and we will print it. Finally, on a brighter note the Amicus is happy to announce that we should soon have our own webpage. Our site will not only be our current issues, but also new issues in which you were mentioned or perhaps caught in an awkward moment in one of our photos.

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Letter to the Editor

“A Modern Modest Proposal”

Dear Editor,

In the early 1990's, Jonathan Swift published "A Modern Modest Proposal" to offer his insight on overpopulation and the poor. It is a classic piece of literature that I recommend to you all. Being against it, it didn't sell much time with classic literature, but I think one of my high school English teachers must have put a seed in my head that it is a wonderful novel. I strongly suggest you all read it. I am sure you have all strongly suggested eating children to alleviate poverty and overpopulation. I am sure you have a strong modern modeshadowing the subject of partial-birth abortion. A significant financial sacrifice for the mother was the idea that the child be technically not been alive and, further, the mother, unlike the provider, cannot legally refuse to perform the abortion. The idea that the child be aborted early on is a situation which we will hopefully remedy shortly. Among the various tasks we need help with is the editing and actual production of the Amicus. This is an area that we are most short handed. Also, we need staff members to go out and sell ads. We are also in need of new writers, especially for news stories. We know it much more fun to write an opinion column, but we are really thin in the news department. If you are willing to write news, and again experience is not an issue, we will also give you a chance to write opinion articles. Additionally, we are going to someone take over as Editor-in-Chief as I have done it now for 3 years and I am finally going to get the hell out of the Brg at the end of this year.

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Olympic Sized Severance Package

By John Reed and Tripp Franklin

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By Jessica Norris and Audra Hale

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Not all your friends from last year, you’ll notice a fresh face in the corner. Nancy Lee is now spending her free time reviewing movies. She has graciously agreed to come on board permanently, and she and Jessica look forward to dusting you with their movie-reviewing talents. With that said... I’m BRING IT ON!!

We’re not really writing this review just to be clever; this is the name of the movie which is the subject of our first review of the 2000-2001 academic year. This post-high-school comedy starring Kirsten Dunst, Gabrielle Union and Eliza Dushku takes us into the tumultuous world of championship high school cheerleading. The Rancho Carne Spartans (the Gold Team for us) are the reigning national champions of cheerleading. Torrance (Dunst) is their bubbly, blonde, and typical "inse­ ter of the Gold Team. She is the captain of their team, and the team is made up of a mix of cheerleaders, gymnasts, and dancers. Together, they perform a variety of routines that include dance, gymnastics, and tumbling.

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2. Along those lines, both your teachers and peers will be watching you. Your classmates are not just there to help you, but they are also evaluating your performance.

3. The legal issues under discussion may be complex, and you will need to be able to analyze and synthesize information quickly.

4. Your professors are not there to hold your hand; they expect you to be able to learn independently.

5. Law school is not a place where you can give up easily. It is a demanding and competitive environment.

6. You can cope with the workload by managing your time effectively, prioritizing tasks, and seeking help when needed.

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Thursday, September 21, 2000 The Ames Spokesman-Review

Smells Like Victory

By Brian T. Miller

Welcome once again to the wonderful world of Law School Intramurals. In the spirit of traditions that never die, the King will live forever in my mind. . . .

In this issue, ask spirit of traditions that never die. The King's back this tradition goes is beyond me, but for all I know, it was here last year and some 3,144,0. And so it goes. . . .

My predecessor used to fill his column with insightful commentary on various sporting events and occurrences in both the collegiate and professional realms. I, on the other hand, will attempt to convey to you just those things that I know something about that actually affect the law school in some way, i.e., the winning of those coveted Intramural T-Shirts, and how that leads nicely into the topic of this inaugural column.

A long overdue congratulations/standing ovation is in order for the accomplishments of a certain group of 3L's, who brought home what I believe was the second only to last T-Shirt for the law school in 1999-2000. That's right, Public/Off-Field, you know who you are. Stand up and take a bow and bask in the warm glow of knowing that although we may be old and out of shape, we can still whip the first-year class every time.

The winning team from last night, back to back: Michael Budnec, Brian Relea, Brent Colburn, Jeff Fredrickson, Matt Amen, Char Black, Miles Uhlar, David V. True, Tom Brzozowski, Brian Miller, Tom Edman, and Dennis Schmieder.

The computer curmudgeon

Whenever Microsoft releases a new version of Windows, I am frequently asked whether or not to upgrade. Strangely, with the September 15th release of "Windows Millennium Edition," or Windows Me, I've received exactly one question concerning it. After the marketing gurus at Microsoft called me the successor to Windows NT, "Windows 2000, 2000," just to confuse everyone who had Windows 95 or 98, it took a true master of equivocation to explain that people can "upgrade" to Windows Me, but if they do, they are not upgrading to a new system. "Of course, the system is the same; it's just more modern." Of course, the computer curmudgeon in me says, "It's the same, but it's not much better." The computer curmudgeon is right. Windows Me is the System Restore tool. The computer curmudgeon says, "It's $49. Who cares. . . ."

Windows Me is the most visually appealing component in the Windows operating system. With the ability to modify its appearance "with skin and different "visualizations," creating interesting visual light shows in sync with music. So, if you're ever at a party and want to play your MP3 songs with a big green head and an integrated psychedelic light show, Media Player 7's for you. If, however, you still think that music is something to be "enhanced" with lyrics, then Windows Me is for you. If, however, you think the system is something to be listened to, and have a sufficient attention span to sit through a demo-ware music session without becoming too bored, you probably won't be that impressed.

Besides these noticeable enhancements, Microsoft has made a few changes "under the hood" in the new operating system. The one that will most appreciate the computer and walkaway when built like that, I do, probably won't fully appreciate this new system. Windows Me is the "Windows Me" of the world. . . .

Windows Me upgrades are clinging tenaciously to their store displays, resisting attempts by price-seeking consumers to limit their purchases. With a $49 upgrade price, the Windows Me Upgrade is the least expensive Windows upgrade to date. Unfortunately, the improvement in MS-DOS speed does not carry over to Windows programs, which have been found to run consistently slower under Windows Me than under Windows 98, especially when running more than three programs simultaneously.

Perhaps the most useful addition to Windows Me is the System Restore tool. The System Restore tool is a response to the fact that some new programs cause Windows Me to stall. Without these drivers, many programs will not work, and a few programs will not be able to launch properly. With a $49 upgrade price, Windows Me has increased its appeal to program developers, who can launch programs that were previously not supported in Windows 98.

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Loose Fish

The Crossing, Part I: Of Fox and Men

By Dennis Callahan

Perhaps it is because I feel, you feel—
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extraneous comforts. Ounces matter; sim­
metry between its body and full fluffy tail
before proudly retreating into the woods.

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All Knight Long

by Chad Carder

You know at some point the feature stops.
The transition teasing Bob Knight had ended with Indiana University banned, and
the mystery that surrounds the transi­
tion of the relationship overshadows
what was a brilliant season for so
long. For Bob Knight, it is all taking
longevity out of my eyeballs.

"I Think We Should See Other People"

Knight had had to have it coming, as
after all, we human beings have a duty to
so-clever second agent then feigned inter­
est in my trip and began asking me roughly
"What was I this day, and what

Sports

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State Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia Circuit. The panelists will be
Sloan Clayman, Linda Greenshields, Susan
Herman, Margaret Simpson, and William
Stout. The Honorable Margaret Simpson will
serve in the Circuit Court for the City of
Williamsburg in the Circuit Court for the
City of Williamsburg. With the exception of
the Yellow Card, the judge will hear from
both sides and will make a ruling in the case.

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I was yellow carded, too. Mom, the
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Clymer, Linda Greenhouse,
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Thursda y, September 21, 2000 The Virginian-Pilot

Choice Places

Not all Pancake Houses; Hidden Local Gems

By Chris Garber

Editor’s Note: This article was originally from some time ago but we are running it again at a service to the ‘90s, since a few places around town really give you what your money’s worth. Places where the word service isn’t treated like it’s in a foreign language... Places where you walk out with a smile on your face.

While I was serious as the next guy to get out of this Burg, I’ve found a few places that I’d like to recommend. So, for the next few weeks, I’ll tell you about a few of these places.

Instead of more introductory garbage from me, let’s get right to the recommendations for places to spend your money.

Berkeley Cleaners. Three locations, (757) 228-7151.

While I was fumbling around finding a place that actually cleaned clothes, and not just return them to me in a plastic bag with stains in a new place, Berkeley Cleaners on James Road is the one place that finally met the grade. First of all, the shirts actually get cleaned.

The lady who works there (maybe it’s the owner) was nice, once the pressing machine heated a button on your shirt, she took the shirt and went over it so that the seams were straight. She basically made the shirt look like it’s new.

While the shirt was cleaned, she also gave me a stuffed monkey, so I don’t know what the shirt is on dry cleaning or women’s clothing.

Eating grass often irritates me, but stopping at Berkeley Cleaners is much more than it should be. Oh, and one time I went to pick up my shirt (I had only had a $10 bill and the lady told me to just pay the extra dollar once I took them out the loaner bats and helmets (you definitely get the feeling that you’re in a Dollar Tree). I’ve been saved by my roommate, who waited on his wife, and her old boyfriends.

When I went again, I was happy to see that the lady who works there is either friends or relatives of the owner (for father or a restaurant b-b-i)

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If you’re looking for a place where you walk out with a smile on your face, Berkeley Cleaners is a place worth visiting. Check it out again!

The Crab Shack: 4601 River Rd. (On the fishing pier, next to the James River Bridge in Newport News)

Book Exchange of Williamsburg: 117 Colony Shopping Center

Power Alley Banana Range: 2 Boykin Ln., Newport News

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Berkeley Cleaners. Three locations, (757) 228-7151.

While I was fumbling around finding a place that actually cleaned clothes, and not just return them to me in a plastic bag with stains in a new place, Berkeley Cleaners on James Road is the one place that finally met the grade. First of all, the shirts actually get cleaned.

The lady who works there (maybe it’s the owner) was nice, once the pressing machine heated a button on your shirt, she took the shirt and went over it so that the seams were straight. She basically made the shirt look like it’s new.

While the shirt was cleaned, she also gave me a stuffed monkey, so I don’t know what the shirt is on dry cleaning or women’s clothing.

Eating grass often irritates me, but stopping at Berkeley Cleaners is much more than it should be. Oh, and one time I went to pick up my shirt (I had only had a $10 bill and the lady told me to just pay the extra dollar once I took them out the loaner bats and helmets (you definitely get the feeling that you’re in a Dollar Tree). I’ve been saved by my roommate, who waited on his wife, and her old boyfriends.

When I went again, I was happy to see that the lady who works there is either friends or relatives of the owner (for father or a restaurant b-b-i)

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If you’re looking for a place where you walk out with a smile on your face, Berkeley Cleaners is a place worth visiting. Check it out again!
Calendar of Events

Friday September 22
Family Weekend Begins
Not that its that big a deal over here in the law school but it does mean that the Burg will be overrun with undergrad parents coming to see how college has changed their 18 year old babies. So be warned traffic will be a mess and so will the restaurants.

Supreme Court Preview
The Institute of Bill of Rights Law hosts its annual get together of scholars and lawyers to discuss what the Supreme Court may or may not do in its upcoming term.

Saturday September 23
Bone Marrow Foundation 5K Run
Help support a good cause and have a good time. That is if you happen to at the Rec Center.

Monday September 25
ILS Barbeque
Welcoming LLM students. The Barbeque will be held on the Patio from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. All are welcome for free food and drink. Its the closest some may come to rubbing elbows with someone who is from (pick one): Germany, Japan, China, England or Egypt.

Tuesday September 26
Pieces of 8
Sounds like some old pirate movie with Long, John Silver and shadblows. Actually its another installment in the William and Mary Concert series at 8 p.m. at Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

Friday September 29
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Professor Scott Sundby of Washington & Lee School of Law, a criminal law scholar, will spend a day in residence at the law school.

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Career Services Career Fair
The on-campus Career Services holds its career fair today in the University Career Center from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Who knows maybe over there your resume might actually be worth something.

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Friday October 6
W&M Night at Busch Gardens
For a discounted ticket price all William and Mary Students can get into Busch Gardens Williamsburg from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. After 6 p.m. the park closes to outside guests students get the run of the place.

Saturday October 7
AB Rise
This weekend Chief Justice William Rehnquist will be in residence at the law school. He will be a guest of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law. On Friday he will conduct an informal conversation with students and faculty in room 127 at 4 p.m. On Saturday at 10 a.m. he will be one of the featured speakers at a ceremony in front of the law school to dedicate the statues of John Marshall and George Wythe.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday October 16th:
Fall Break
Friday October 20th:
PSF Casino Night
Saturday October 21st:
Fall from Grace

Please submit your entries for the Amicus Events Calendar to Bob Ford (3L), or the Amicus hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.

Your Organization Could Be Here. Get your information to the Amicus and we will run an ad for you. The deadline for submission for the next issue is Friday September 29.

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