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Law School Hosts Supreme Court Preview

by Rod Frazier

The William and Mary Institute of Bill of Rights Law held its 12th Annual Supreme Court Preview last Friday and Saturday, September 24th-25th, here at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. This event has gained national renown in its twelve years and drew an impressive field of participants from around the nation as well as our own backyard. Respected legal scholars and Supreme Court journalists gathered to discuss the current character of the Supreme Court and the various issues confronting it this term. Scholars Akhil Amar of Yale Law School and Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of Southern California Law School participated as did journalists Charles Bierbauer of CNN and David Savage of The Los Angeles Times and a score of others.

Friday’s schedule featured the Moot Court Argument that addressed the constitutionality of government aid to parochial schools. Noted professors Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of Southern California and Suzanne Sherry of the University of Minnesota argued the case before a distinguished panel of judges comprised of both journalists and law professors. Joan Biskupic of the Washington Post served as the Chief Justice, presiding with such figures as Linda Greenhouse of The New York Times, Tracy Maclin of Boston University and Neal Devins of William and Mary. Friday night’s schedule closed out with a look at the immediate past of the Court and possibilities for its future direction. This panel was moderated by Charles Bierbauer of CNN. They featured such noted authors as Northwestern University’s Steve Calabresi and William and Mary’s Michael Gerhardt.

Saturday’s events took a closer look at specific issues facing the court this term. In different sessions, panels of noted authorities discussed various topics related to the Court’s upcoming docket. Issues discussed included federal tobacco legislation in the Business and Commerce panel, affirmative action in the Civil Rights panel, and clashes between state governments and federal legislation in the Federalism panel. Brief breaks occurred between each panel and an ample lunch period broke the day in half to make it easier for spectators to take in all the day’s events comfortably.

Registration began at 5:30 pm on Friday night, and the Moot Court argument started at 6:15 pm. Student seating was first come, first served with a line forming outside the courtroom. For those who couldn’t make it, see Supreme Court on 2.

Students Try Their Luck At Casino Night

PSF draws law students to school Saturday night for games, prizes

By Lauren S. Fassler

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, law school students were making their way to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, not to spend an evening briefing cases in the library but to try their luck at blackjack, poker, craps, and the roulette wheel.

Students entered the lobby decorated with red and purple streamers, poster size playing cards, and construction paper cutouts of red hearts, black clubs, and green dollar signs. Volunteers got them set up with an entry slip for the raffle and a black plastic Public Service Fund (PSF) cup filled with coupons for beer and different colored playing chips. Red chips were worth 100 points, blue chips 50 points, and white chips 25 points.

Some students went immediately over to the games tables, while others stopped first at refreshments, including appetizers provided by J. M. Randall’s, soda, beer, and chips. Then an hour before the event ended at midnight, students crowded around to watch the door prizes being raffled off.

Because this is Virginia where gambling is illegal, PSF had to give the prizes away randomly instead of auctioning them off to the highest bidder who had won the most playing chips, said 3L Kevin Kenneally, a PSF co-chair for Casino Night. Taking in the most chips at the games tables was just for the fun of winning, not for earning currency to buy prizes.

"It’s nice to hang out and to win, although I’m not sure that is happening for me too much tonight," Mike Goode said.

The prizes included four tickets to Busch Gardens, four tickets to Ford’s Colony Golf Course, four tickets to the Williamsburg Theatre, a green Williams and Mary sweatshirt from the College Shop, and a coupon for two bike rentals at Bikesmith. The other prizes were gift certificates to a number of different area restaurants, such as Beethoven’s Inn and Peking Restaurant.

"It’s a good break from studying," said 1L Mike Goode. "It’s nice to hang out and to win, although I’m not sure that is happening for me too much tonight."

Casino Night was originally scheduled for September 17 but had to be rescheduled when the event became yet another casualty of Hurricane Floyd.

Group members have spent the past month organizing the annual PSF event, said Kenneally, who co-chaired Casino Night with Kara Driscoll, 2L, and Jessica Arens, 3L. Planning started a month ago when PSF members arranged with the school administration to reserve the law school and sent out letters to area businesses looking for sponsors. They then held a meeting to recruit volunteers.

About 50 students, mostly 1Ls, helped make the event a success by donating approximately two hours of time each. Volunteers found many ways in which they could help. Before Casino Night, some volunteers placed calls to businesses asking them to donate prizes for the raffle. Other students sold tickets, while still more hung up flyers and did several hanging file advertisement drops.

"This is the first big event to get people involved in PSF, which is the main public service organization at the law school," Kenneally said. "Hopefully they’ll keep coming to events comfortably.

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could not be accommodated in the courtroom there was a live video feed of the events fed into room 119. Saturday’s proceedings took place in room 120 with no alternate viewing arrangements. The first panel, Business and Commerce, began at 8:45 and events continued until 4:30 pm.

Davison Douglas, director of The Institute of Bill of Rights Law, said that the event had many benefits to the individual and to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. When asked to describe the character of the Preview, he noted that it was “lively and interesting” because of the mix of academics and professional journalists, with the journalists bringing diverse perspectives beyond the academic realm. He added that the panel discussions conveyed a sense of the “character” and “personality” of the Supreme Court and its various members. The tape delay broadcast on C-SPAN is particularly gratifying, as its audience is wide and diverse, Douglas said, bringing even more attention to the school and those affiliated with it.

“It’s a good educational opportunity,” Davison Douglas said.

Beyond this, Douglas stated that the preview is a “good educational opportunity” for all law students and especially 1Ls, who can gain valuable insights into the field of constitutional scholarship.

Program materials from the event have been compiled into a 400-page notebook that contains extensive information on the subject at hand. This is a wonderful source of information regarding the Supreme Court’s pending cases and is a must have for anyone interested in constitutional scholarship. Copies are available for purchase, and there are multiple copies on reserve in the library as well. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact Melody Nicholls at the Bill of Rights Institute of Law, office 220.

Moot Court

by Eric Nakano

Despite an improvised packet distribution due to Floyd, the Bushrod Moot Court tournament begins on schedule this Thursday, and will continue through the final round on Sunday, October 17. Eighty-five 2Ls are expected to compete for 32 spots on the 2000 Moot Court Team. Competitors will present appellate arguments before a panel of judges composed of students, faculty, and outside judges, such as Charles E. Poston, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk.

Each year, the 2Ls competing in the Bushrod tournament have exhibited tremendous skill, leading to the selection of a Moot Court Team of national renown. Last year’s team, for example, finished first in tournaments at Fordham, judged by Supreme Court Justice Scalia.

In addition to 2Ls, the tournament relies on a number of IL bailiffs to act as timekeepers, and to usher the justices about. In addition to their official functions, bailiffs have the opportunity to witness the deliberation process (a potential advantage should they choose to compete in next year’s tournament).

Created by Kindra Gronewski, this year’s problem has competitors making arguments in the case of two lesbians dismissed from nationwide youth organization called the Wilderness Girls of America (WGA) on the basis of their sexual preference. The two plaintiffs in the case, Eunice Kim and Deana Kuceler, were both long-time members of the WGA who became adult troop leaders in 1990. After serving for two years, both were dismissed from the WGA in 1992 after it was discovered that they were open lesbians. In response to Kim’s letter requesting the reason for expulsion, WGA officials sent both Kim and Kuceler letters indicating that their sexual preference.

We always need new writers and new ideas. Suggestions and/or criticisms are always welcome. (But note we reserve the right to get you back by making you a trading card.)

If interested contact the Amicus office at 221-3582.
High Rollers Invade Law School

High Rollers from 1 volunteering throughout the year."

On the night of the event there was a great deal of work for the volunteers. Some students helped by setting up before the event started and cleaning up after the action was over.

Other volunteers pitched in to get participants started with their playing chips and raffle entry, and to assist by serving refreshments. Volunteers also served as the DJs, raffle operators, and card dealers.

"This is the first time I've ever worked as a blackjack dealer," said Dennis Schmieder, a 1L volunteer for PSF. "I'm having fun, and it feels good knowing it's for a worthy cause."

Tickets for Casino Night cost $8 for volunteers, $10 in advance, and $12 at the door. The money raised from this and other PSF events will help the service organization fund $2,500 stipends this coming summer for law students who take unpaid public interest or public service jobs, Kenneally said. Last year PSF funded 25 service stipends.

Two students square off across the Blackjack table. Photo by Lauren S. Fassler

Journal of Women and the Law Receives Accreditation

by Katie Riley

The William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law has recently joined the list of William and Mary's accredited journals. The Journal applied for accreditation through the Curriculum Committee last spring by submitting a report detailing, among other things, the notes program, the types of articles accepted, the number of pages and issues published. The application was then presented at a faculty meeting where a Journal staff member was available to answer questions. The Journal met with success on the first attempt and became William and Mary's fourth accredited journal.

Before receiving accreditation, the William and Mary Journal of Women & the Law was purely an extra-curricular activity.

Now, as on other journals, 2L staff members receive one credit each semester for writing a note. This will fulfill the writing requirement for graduation.

The Journal already has plans for this year. The first issue will be based on last February's symposium on the Violence Against Women Act. Another symposium concerning transgender issues is scheduled for next February. Again, the results from the symposium will be the theme of a future issue of the Journal.

Professor Barnard, acting faculty advisor, will co-sponsor a seminar with the William and Mary Journal of Women & the Law entitled "How Women Get - And Use - Power in the Law."

The November 12th event will feature panel discussions led by women in various legal positions.

The William and Mary Journal of Women & the Law was established in 1993. The 1999-2000 Editorial Board consists of Dawn Sherman (Editor-in-Chief), Jessica Arons (Managing Editor), Megan Hogan (Executive Editor), Anna Jenjemeni (Research Editor), Amy Bauer (Symposium Editor), Kindra Gromelski (Senior Notes Editor), M. Christina Hewett (Student Notes Editor), and Stephanie Bovee, Emily Hayes, Marybeth Lenkevich and Shannon Wiley (Articles Editors).
Traditional Jazz Finds A Home Leafe

By Andrew Hampton

Looking for something new to do in Williamsburg? Well the Green Leaf and Dana Fitzsimons, a 2L, have stepped up to the challenge of providing something new and brought traditional jazz and blues to Williamsburg. Every Monday night at the Green Leaf, from 8-10:30, the Dana Fitzsimons Quartet plays an array of traditional jazz such as Miles Davis and John Coltrane along with some classic blues riffs. On those nights the Green Leaf is also offering specials such as red beans and rice for a dollar.

The Quartet consists of Dana Fitzsimons on drums, bassist Elias Bailey, Harris Simon on keys and occasionally on harmonica, along with Fitzsimons' wife, vocalist Amy Munson. Fitzsimons said that the Quartet will "on occasion bring in guest musicians such as horn players." Prior to law school, Fitzsimons was a high school bandleader and toured nationally with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Though Monday the 13th of September was only the second time they have played together, one would think they have been playing for years as evidenced by their smooth changes. For example, the Quartet played, by request, Billy Strayhorn's "A Train," which served as Duke Ellington's theme song, followed by Miles Davis's "Seven Steps to Heaven" and were then joined by vocalist Munson to play "Over the Rainbow."

Like all good jazz bands, the Quartet can find a scale and then jam from there, moving from mellow to energetic, just by making eye contact with each other. And with the addition of Munson's voice, the Quartet can shift from the opened ended jazz typical of Miles Davis to something like Billie Holiday or Ella Fitzgerald.

Dr. Mark Greenspan, a 2L, said of the band: "it is wonderful to get New York quality jazz at the Green Leaf. It is just like going to the Blue Note." Whether your knowledge or exposure to jazz is limited, or if you are a jazz guru, the Quartet is a must see. It is a great opportunity to hear musicians who can play by ear, feeding off of the other musicians.

When asked about the atmosphere the Quartet and the Green Leaf have created Fitzsimons said "its loud enough to come and have fun with friends yet quiet enough for dinner with a date."

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Can Anyone Stop the Bush Money Machine

By Cameron Lynch

The swift ascent of George W. Bush as a presidential candidate is an unprecedented event in the history of the American political arena. On the exterior, the question continues to be whether anything can stop the Bush Money Machine. The answer is an apparent no. More importantly, Bush's consistent lead in national polls fascinates Americans to question whether money has indeed become the oracle of our political system. That answer is an apparent yes.

G. W. has raised over fifty million dollars since launching his bid for the GOP nomination only five months ago. Bush's fundraising totals shatter all previous records (Republican nominee Bob Dole's 1996 campaign barely halved Bush's five month figures). The Texas Governor's intake is so staggering that he has elected to forgo federal matching funds. In doing so, Bush has drawn fire from both parties seeking to protect the integrity of the federal election system. By forgiving the funds, Mr. Bush will be able to approach the spring primaries without the spending limits imposed on candidates by the FEC, and will undoubtedly saturate Iowa and New Hampshire markets with heavy media buys.

The only Republican candidate able to keep pace with Bush's cash machine is millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, who has already shovelled $15 million of his personal fortune into his second presidential bid. This election cycle, Forbes is neither short on money nor policy. Much of the GOP establishment fears a repeat of 1996 in which Forbes' "attack" ad crippled Dole. Many go as far as to fault Forbes for Dole's defeat in the general election. Despite lingering criticism, Forbes has broadened his platform and indicated his willingness to battle Bush for every vote. Mr. Forbes has made it known that cost is not a factor.

Bush's strong first place showing at the Iowa Straw Poll last month indicates he is the man to beat for the GOP nomination. Mr. Bush recently defined an education platform--his first major policy initiative--that establishment Republicans criticized as too general and unrealistic. The remainder of the Republican field has gone to great lengths to detail their issue-driven platforms in an attempt to win more conservative GOP voters. Despite these efforts, few candidates will raise the kind of money necessary to rival the Governor for victories in the early primaries.

Does the Bush factor tell the American people that money is all that matters in politics today? The answers are yes and no. Yes because Bush's fundraising makes him unattouchable as a candidate. His robust bank account insulates him against all attacks, even those expensive ones expected from Mr. Forbes. No because there are reasons the candidate has raised the money he has so far. Mr. Bush is charismatic, well spoken, and politically driven. More importantly, Bush represents the flicker of hope from the candle that was once the Republican party. In an era where the future of the GOP is uncertain due to sharp divisions within the party itself, Bush manages to bring both factions of the splintering party together. Conservative enough to satisfy most of the core planks of the party platform, Bush is moderate enough not to isolate those whose values have moved away from the traditional platform.

Music Review

Flavor in Your Ear

By Tim Emery

It seems that this month is Christmas in the world of hip hop and R&B music. With a ton of releases and more coming, I thought this would give you a little feedback on some of the hottest titles out there. Listen at your own risk:

O! Dirty Bastard

N**** Please

Rating: ** (out of a possible *****)

Everyone's favorite insane man of hip hop is back with a new album that promises to be even less understandable than his debut. This album is not for the faint of heart. O! Dirty's style is esoteric to say the least. There are essentially no tracks on the album that have a chance of reaching the airwaves. The second track, "I Can't Wait" is an interesting, high tempo song that personifies ODB's wild style. In the song he "gives a shout out to the Eskimos and a shout out to the submarines." This album has little mass appeal, it can best be appreciated by a true fan of the Wu-Tang Clan and someone who enjoys ODB for his complete lack of sensibility. The album is laced with graphic sexual content. ODB makes no bones of his fondness for sex and his blunt degradation of women. However, to love O! Dirty is to accept him as a complete farce, a true musical talent. He is an excellent ad lib style.

Melvin Flynn? Da Hustler

Rating: **** and ?

Noreaga has followed up on his solo debut project in style. Nore laces this release with the perfect mix of hardcore street rhymes and fun, nonsense lyrics. Nore is everything that people like Mase, Cam'Ron, and The Lox strive to be: a legitimate street rhyming force, yet who can still make people dance and have fun. The track "Sometimes" is an excellent song that reveals the struggle that Nore deals with on his N.O.R.E. album, it does not disappoint. For the new offering by Mobb Deep.

Mobb Deep

Murda Muzik

Rating: ****

It is quite possible that no album has been more eagerly awaited this year than the new offering by Mobb Deep. Since "Quiet Storm" was dropped as a single in the spring, hip hop heads have worked up a hunger for the new Mobb Deep. Despite the numerous delays in the release of Murda Muzik, it does not disappoint. For true fans of hip hop, the Infamous is back, with another album loaded with hardcore, street life tracks. The 74 minute album provides all the vivid, violent rhymes and serious beats that we would expect from this dynamic duo from Queensbridge, NY. The album opens with the solid "Streets Raised Me," a smooth track with solid rhymes and vocals from Chizky. "Quiet Storm" is undoubtedly the cornerstone of the CD and the remix featuring Lil' Kim is a nice compliment. Mobb Deep surprises listeners with "Spread Love," an anthem that encourages us to spread love, not war, just think about your kids, how they need you alive for your guidance, you should spread love, not war, cuz' death hurts whole families, imagine in your mom who grieves." However, the Mobb stays true to their tough street image on "Can't Fu** Wit" featuring a guest appearance by Raekwon of Wu-Tang Clan. Any fan of true East Coast hip hop owes it to himself to own Murda Muzik.
Sari's Answer to Why it Gets so Cold in the Law School

By Sari Beamer

The question that I'm sure is on everyone's lips is "Has the second law caused the latest tuition hike?" Of course, I'm referring to the second law of thermodynamics, not some nebulous legal principle. For those of you not familiar with the concept, a scientific law is a law that is always known to be followed under every condition ever observed, as compared to a legal law which is subject to "interpretation" by judges and depends on the judge's hemorrhoids, pesos, hangover, lotteries, etc.

The second law of thermodynamics has to do with heat transfer and ultimately the efficiency of heating and cooling units. Those of you who are familiar with my bitching and complaining (and I refer to Steve Blinnick) have figured out by now that the question presented is WHY THE HELL DOES THE AIR CONDITIONER RUN WHEN IT'S 50 DEGREES OUTSIDE??????????.

As a result of scientific data, collected as a result of a scientific experiment, conducted in a scientific manner with actual scientific equipment (as exhibited by markings in centigrade) I have determined that it is STINKIN' (to put it nicely for the kiddies out there) cold in the law school. I spent the entire summer after my first year shivering through Arctic temps and I'm not kidding anyone who would listen to constant complaints, but now I have actual proof.

My data, taken last year at my former carrel on the first floor of the library, indicates that the average law school temperature hovers well below the "ideal" temperature of 72°F (22.2°C). (I'm such a science geek that I actually know how to convert from centigrade to Fahrenheit. I frequently pass by Seasons of Williamsburg on Jamestown Road (across the street from the (not so) super market) and look at the temperature on the sign in order to compile a little chart with all the conversions.

Of course, since the outdoor temperature in Williamsburg never gets below 50°F, I have had to use actual numerical conversion skills to calculate the 0.17°K (that's Kelvin, where 0°F = -273.15°C) readings I get in the law library.

To not fear, I am adept at these calculations, as exhibited by my years of teaching "Chem Lab at UVa to Buffys, Skips, Chips and Missy's." I'm sorry Mrs. Beamer, but we always called "Celsius" at my Swiss boarding school.

The best part about teaching that lab was that wewore EVERYONE wearable,ridiculous green safety goggles. Even I had to wear the goggles (no doubt committing a fashion faux pas), but it was worth it just to see the Duke of Argentina's daughter, tripping around in her Manolo Blahniks while wearing the ultimate in dorky eyewear.

And they all would sweat, because we would flunk them if they didn't. Oh, wouldn't they be pissed if they knew that the only reason they were wearing such a ridiculous accouterment was for the amusement of the instructional staff???? Hee, hee.

But I digress. I really and truly want to know two things: (1) What is the technical reason for why it is so fucking cold in the law school whenever the AC is running? Perhaps there is a reason like: "Because the building was built in 1959 and the architect, as far as we can figure out, was highly addicted to hallucinogenic substances and hooked the AHU (air handling unit) up to the lights so that whenever the lights are turned on, the AHU comes on full blast.

Thus, we must always either have full-blown AC or full-blown heat. We cannot fix this problem without removing all the lights. Such a project, as funded by the state, would take 7 to 10 years, during which time we could be in keeping with the Colonial Williamsburg tradition and go to school by candlelight. (2) Why the HELL does the air conditioner run when it's 50° out? (For you IL's, just wait.)

To me, and some of my colleagues who are not from Siberia or Minnesota, 50°C is COLD, and is a temperature that requires heating and not cooling. If indeed, the problems due to the hallucinogenic architect, flip the damn switch from cool to heat! All of us who have wined here know the heat works. Some of the classrooms can tend to get "warm," and although actual beach attire has been discouraged, I'm sure the guys enjoyed the thong bikinis. (Ooh, now the wimmin can accuse me, an elderly female, of being sexist—Yay! And I can make a further sexist comment by stating that very few guys will understand this column, since they all tend to be overheated in the first place.

So for all of the Eightballs: The Eightball says YES, DEFINITELY. If indeed, the person who said it did in fact stick around long enough to find out what it was true.

1) "Soap interferes with the body's natural cleansing process." This is really a variation of #1. The bottom line on these two is that one who is meticulous about hygiene will eventually have issues with one who does not.

If both people have an aversion to personal hygiene, they probably will get along fine with each other. How they'll get along with anyone else, though, is questionable.

3) "I prefer food to sex." This too can be a bad sign, particularly if you like having sex and especially if you like if you like having sex with a thin person. Statements such as this really mean "I don't like sex that much," which can suck for you if you don't feel the same way.

At the same time, "I must have sex every day, preferably more than once a day," can be just as foreboding. Unfortunately, one usually doesn't find this out until after they've developed an attachment to the person in question.

But if you hear these statements early on, I'd recommend saving yourself frustration and getting out early.

4) "I don't have to smoke pot everyday. I just want to." Like anti-deodorant boy from statement #1, this person is in denial. More specifically, this person is a drug addict. Unless you want to go through hell before settling down into a lifetime of 12-Step meetings (should you be so lucky), don't pursue anything long-term with this person.

5) "No one really practices monogamy." What you should gather from this statement is that the person who says it does not practice monogamy. And if you feel the same way, you two probably deserve each other.

Those who don't should hear this statement as a warning. Variations of it include, "Open marriages are cool," "Men instinctively need to spread their seed," and "Drunk and out-of-town don't count."

While not placing a moral value on commitment choices, it is important that you find someone who feels the same way you do.

Ultimately, it is important to listen carefully to your dates say about their personal habits. It is just as important to listen to those bells and whistles that go off in your head when you hear things that offend your own sensibilities. After all, that's what those first few dates are for.
**Dinner and a Movie, Williamsburg Style . . .**

By Nancy Lee and Jessica Norris

So, we went out and risked our lives to go see a movie for the *Amicus*. Devoted journalists are we. After finding out that classes were cancelled, we decided that a celebration was in order, so we treated ourselves to a gourmet meal from Taco Bell and snacked the food into the theater, where we found our plush red seats in a private viewing room (i.e., nobody was freaking out in there!)

The movie we chose for this review is *Love Stinks*, starring: French Stewart (Seth), a zany, squinty alien from *Third Rock from the Sun*; Bridgette Wilson (Chelsea), who played a psychic, money-grubbing biatch from HELL; Bill Bellamy (Larry), Seth's best friend; and Tyra Banks (Holly), as Bellamy's wife.

Personally, we both thought that this movie was hilarious. If you guys are waiting for a serious movie review, you might want to sue *Third Rock* for palimony stating that she gave up her job (not to mention her lovin?) because he promised to marry her. The events that ensue after this plotline is introduced are totally funny, and at times shocking.

I think that as a result of this film half the viewing population (namely members of a specific sex which will remain unspecified here) will check their shampoo bottles every time they wash their hair...

JN: That is just a sample of the fun. Seth is a big time comedy writer, and the plots of his TV show mirror his own relationship from hell.

Unfortunately, the ratings plummet as the relationship sours, only to recover at the end. I'm not going to give away the ending, other than to say that you will be cheering!

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JN: If you can believe it, Chelsea tries to sue Seth for palimony stating that she gave up her job (not to mention her lovin?) because he promised to marry her. The events that ensue after this plotline is introduced are totally funny, and at times shocking.

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SBA Softball Tournament

All photos by Lauren S. Fassler
Learned Hand;

By Jeff Polich

For those of you browsing through the Amicus looking for biographies on famous jurists with ridiculous names, go away. This article is about much more current and important topic: Softball.

Now, before anyone accuses me of kissing anyone else's (Tina's) in order to get a roster spot at the Charlottesville softball tournament last weekend.

Quite the contrary, even as I helped to umpire the championship game, I was quietly hoping that the 2L team would pull off the upset.

True, members of the winning team are some of my closest friends and colleagues at school and have been for the past three years. However, they were the overwhelming favorites going into the tournament and as anyone aware of my annoying idiosyncrasies should know, I hate the over dog.

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That said, they were dominating. I should know; thanks to the general unwillingness of the powers that be in the SBA to implement the less than complex concept of the "Losers" Bracket, my team played Learned Hand twice in three games.

The fact that one team dominated by 3L's should have to be sacrificed to another team dominated by 3L's is another deep thought to ponder, but I digress.

Having pitched two devastating losses to Learned Hand and having umpired their final triumph, I think that I am more than qualified to assess their talent.

Their offense's line-ups are still giving me nightmares? Spunky Gronemolski bats first and has the exceedingly annoying habit of getting on base one way or another. MVP Lastelics bats second and is always on, even when he's slumping.

Then, with the bases two-thirds full, the Hand brings the hurt. By the time you serve your meatballs up to Divebliss, Dow, Kuchn, and West, you've got at least five runs in and you've got no outs.

Now you're in the position to have to get three of the next five batters, any of whom would be in the top half of any other lineup. You're lucky if you get two of them. Now we're back to the top. It's impossible.

Like a cat who tries of playing with a dead mouse, Learned Hand eventually gives you a couple of pop-ups so you can bat.

Don't head for the john though, because you don't have time. Hit it on the ground; you'll never beat it. Hit it in the air? They'll catch it. Hit it at the women? You're still out.

In a word, playing them sucks. I hated it. But they were very good. They hit for power and average. They've got some speed. They have women who contribute. They field well.

They were so good that no other team on Saturday finished within ten runs of them. I have never heard of that happening in the three years that I have been here.

They might not beat your typical fire department or autoworker team, but I think they've got to be one of the best law softball teams in the country. We'll find out for sure some springtime.

SPORTSREPORT:

Once again, I am willing to report this year on any and all IM-related activities by the students of Marshall-Wythe as they take on drunk frat boys and hostile officiating crews in glorious competition.

However, I do not spend my free time skulking around the Busch Turf and the Rec-Center looking for the results of sporting events in which law students have competed.

Nor do I purport to give totally accurate accounts of the events that I do hear about, but if you catch me in the hallways or drop me a note, I will put your name in the paper and you can send it back to Omaha for all the kin to see.

That said, it appears as though more than a few law students have ponied up their twenty-five bones and come out to play softball on Busch Turf with varying degrees of success.

Assault and Battery, the all men's version of Learned Hand, is off to a strong start, having won two games and tied another.

Some dissention was noted, however, after the tie during which A&B was forced to play a man down, while outfielder Tyler Dow sat idle in his dorm room. Mr. Dow claimed ignorance of the game and decided management for not informing him by phone.

Management declared that a copy of the schedule placed in his hanging file was more than enough notice. This reporter intends to keep a close eye on the developing situation.

Another men's team, the Slammit' Shysters, is lumbering along in the B league, one game won, one game lost, and one game undecided.

Their season to date has been defined by a single moment in their last game. Down by two runs with two out, in the top of the inning with outfielder Bob Morris on second, this reporter and captain of the Shysters stepped to the plate with every intention of looping one to shallow right.

Just as the pitcher started his windup the lights at Busch went out, not to come back on for the completion of the game. The league has not yet announced how it intends to finish the game.

In protest, Bob Morris has declared his intention to stand on second base until the game is resumed.

Finally, the co-ree team, Lawyers with Bats, has won its first two games and shows no signs of slowing down.

In further action the 2L team, the 'Law Dawgs' continue to dominate the competition in the Monday night mens B-League. Channelling their anger at missing Monday Night football the Dawgs finished the regular season with three victories and only one last inning defeat to tarnish their record.

Powered by the home run hitting tandem of captain Adam Doherty and George Vogel (who hit three home runs and drove in seven runs last Monday night) the Dawgs have combined powerful hitting with a stifling defense lead by their ace pitcher Eric Smith.

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# Fall from Grace

**When:** October 16 from 9:30 - 12:30  
**Where:** Holiday Inn (Richmond Road by Outback)  
**Price:** $15 if paid by Oct 8; $17 if paid by Oct 15 (no ticket sales at the door)  

For tickets drop your form and check made out to SBA in the box in the lobby.

Come on out, have a good time and embarrass yourself on the dance floor.

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# Fore!  
**SBA Golf Tournament**

**When:** November 5 at 9:00 am (shotgun start)  
**Where:** Golden Horshoe Green Course  
**Price:** $60, which includes greens fees, carts, range balls, bag of golf "goodies," continental breakfast and lunch

All proceeds go to Athletes for Charity, a committee that raises money for the Virginia Special Olympics.

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**Please submit your entries for the Amicus Events Calendar to Bob Ford (2L), or the Amicus hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.**

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Look, up in the sky. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, its a 1L Superhero!

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### Evil Knieval

Rachelle "Evil" Knieval is the second half of the dynamic duo. Not only does she fight crime here at the Law School but she is also an accomplished dare devil. For her next stunt she intends to jump from the law school building to the National Center for State Courts on her motorcycle.

### Blue Light

Becky "Blue Light" Borowski is one half of the 1L classes version of the dynamic duo. Together with her partner, Evil Knieval, she strikes fear in the hearts in the ner-do-wells and vicious law enforcers who populate the law school.

### The Menace

Illegal in most states, the Dennis "the Menace" Schneider wreaks havoc on the Greene Leafe patrons. Spry and nimble, the Menace can quote Property law and Eazy-E with uncanny fluidity to confuse his enemies. And then, just when he has confused you enough, he strikes.

### Salt-Mine

With his waffles of blonde hair, Michael "Salt-Mine" Lacy is a hard to miss figure at the Marshall Wythe School of Law. Unbeknownst to most, Michael also enjoys tennis, popular music, and cross dressing. Here is shown modeling an absolutely fabulous Kenneth-Cole jacket. He uses his fashion sense to confuse Leafe patrons at closing time.