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Growing Space Demands Spur Building Expansion

By Lauren S. Fausler
In response to changes in the delivery of legal education that have created increasing pressures for additional space, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law will be expanding. The new wing, expected to be ready for classes in 2001, will increase the building's space by 29 percent.

While student enrollment in the past two decades has remained stable in the mid-500s, students' demand for space has risen, said Assistant Dean Connie Galloway, chairperson of the law school's Building Committee. The school now offers students a greater number of small enrollment classes, and the development of the Legal Skills program alone 12 years ago added 24 new classes to the classroom coordination challenge.

More classes isn't the only problem, she said. The growing number of student organizations and special programs also require space. The struggle to find an adequate space to meet in frequently forces students to find accommodations outside of the building. Additionally, the faculty and administrative staff have been clamoring for more office space.

In an effort to solve the space crunch, in the mid-1990s the former law school dean, Thomas Krattemaker, sought feedback from faculty, staff and students on what parts of the legal operations needed expansion, Galloway said. The school engaged a Virginia firm, Mosley McClintock, to get an initial cost estimate and design.

The new wing, which will be located on the building's north side facing the National Center for State Courts, will add 21,000 square feet, Galloway said. The current building, constructed in the late 1970s, has 68,260 square feet. Virginia firm Ballou Justice Upton Architects presented the winning design of a crescent-shaped wing with large windows and skylights, opening up the building to lots of natural light. Currently, there are no plans to name the new wing in honor of anyone.

An artist's rendition of what the new wing will look like.

Inside the new wing on the first floor there will be two 40-person classrooms, four 20-person seminar-style classrooms, and a colloquium room, according to Galloway. These classrooms are being built with electronic educational equipment, including laptops. The second floor will accommodate 10 new faculty offices, plus new quarters for the Development and the Alumni Affairs staff, Galloway said. Also upstairs, three office suites will house Career Planning and Placement, Legal Skills, and the Commonwealth Attorney Council. Additionally, there will be three small general purpose meeting rooms for Legal Skills projects.

Law School Welcomes Class of 2002

by Sarah Kinsman
The rumor mill about the Class of 2002 began as the new law students finished law camp and upperclassmen returned to Williamsburg.

“They're like 70 percent women!”

“None of them live in the gradplex, which is why there's no parking anymore.”

“Hey, on their admitted students day, the Green Leaf burned. Is this some kind of omen?”

First, the breakdown is actually 58 percent male and 42 percent female, with an average age of 24.

Now that the important issue is covered, the next rumor is also false. Many 1Ls live in the gradplex, as well as off-campus. However, this class has 201 students, one of the largest in school history.

“This is an unusually large class,” said Faye Shealy, Dean of Admissions.

“That's the biggest difference between this class and the other classes. But, it is a group of bright and accomplished people.”

The achievements and backgrounds of the class are diverse. The 1Ls are from all over the country, focusing in many different areas of the law. The class is unusually large, but that in no way diminishes their friendship and enthusiasm.

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Dean Says New Class is 'Unusually Large'

37 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, China, France Kazakhstan and Korea. These students were selected from 2,267 applicants, and hold degrees from 116 colleges and universities, including Yale, UCLA, and the U.S. Naval Academy. William and Mary and Virginia have the largest number of alumni in the 1L class, comprising 16 percent of students. More than 30 students have post-graduate degrees.

Three 1Ls are physicians. One, Dr. Stewart Wetchler, has practiced gynecology in Williamsburg for 15 years. He still practices part-time, while his wife, who is also his medical partner, practices full-time. Changes in delivery and management of health care led Wetchler to pursue a law degree.

"I was upset with what was going on in medicine," he said. "Lawyers really control it, and doctors won't be able to change anything."

A medical background has helped Wetchler read cases with medical facts. "I understand them better," he said. "I have my definite ideas about them, but they may not be correct legally."

Another physician, Dr. Ramon Rodriguez, sees differences in the demands of medical school and law school. He practiced family medicine after earning his M.D. from Galway University in Ireland.

"In medical school, if you don't learn the material, someone is going to die," Rodriguez said. "Sure, you could botch a capital murder case, but there's always an appeal. If you screw up while you've got someone on the operating table, you'll end up as a tort case in one of our courts."

Many occupations are represented in the class, including engineer, veterinarian, financial analyst, teacher, legislative assistant, and military members or veterans. Six military members are attending school through the Funded Education program, which pays for their school in exchange for their serving as a military lawyer, or Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer.

Army Capt. Crystal Jennings is one of these fortunate students. A supply and logistics officer, she has served on four different bases from North Carolina to South Korea since graduating from West Point. One of the most useful traits for law school that the Army has given her is discipline.

"I may not be as stressed as someone who has never been in a high-stress environment, or isn't used to having to work all day," Jennings said.

Her most interesting assignment was in Taegu, South Korea, partly because of the interaction of Korean law and U.S. law governing forces stationed there.

"We had a few U.S. soldiers sent to Korean jails," she remarked. "It's interesting how we live within their society. Some of the laws clash or are different. For example, gambling is illegal in Korea, so (Koreans) would come onto the base because there were a few slot machines in base clubs."

A 1L who is likely familiar with interaction between Americans and Koreans is Young Gyu Kim, who left Seoul, South Korea to attend school. Kim was a research engineer specializing in liquid crystal displays, used in applications such as laptop screens. He hopes to practice patent law in the United States for two or three years before returning to Korea or Japan.

"This is my first time in the United States," Kim said. "It's quite nice.

A difficulty he faces is learning law in a second language. "There is some problem keeping up with people in English and in class," he said. "Class is more difficult than I expected. I try to keep up with the studying."

Another 1L with ties to Korea is Youn Han, who spent a year in a Buddhist monastery translating books from Korean to English. During his senior year at Wesleyan College, Han read a book and wanted to meet the author. "I heard he was looking for a translator," Han said. "I went there for winter break. He wanted to know if I'd stay for a year and experience the life of a monk."

After graduating from college, Han went to the monastery. His routine included waking up at 3 a.m. to meditate and read scripture, working outside in fields, and eating only twice a day, vegetarian only. The aims of Buddhist monastery life contrast with life here, he observed.

"In Buddhism you are trying to achieve a selflessness," Han said. "In this country the individual and the self are very important."

After the monastery, he traveled in China to learn Chinese, then applied to law school. He still tries to keep up with his Buddhist practices, though not at 3 a.m.

Working for a religious institution gave Henry Burt a unique background as well. Burt spent eight years working for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia as its deployment officer. His job was to be the bishop's representative and place clergy in churches and other assignments. Learning church law, as well as working for a Duke Law School alumni who demanded conciseness has been of some benefit to Burt. He also enjoys continuing his service to others by pursuing law.

"I dealt with clergy who had some real difficulties," Burt said. "A priest can't find a job and is going broke, or some who had seriously misbehaved, sexual misconduct and financial misconduct. It's exciting to continue working in that kind of real-life arena."

Difficult issues in church matters gave Burt a perspective he feels will be useful in the study of law.

"There's no black and white," he said. "There's a lot of gray. I think my work gave me the ability to live in an ambiguous world."

Whether the burning at the Leafe is any kind of omen remains to be seen, though the class of 2002 has come to William and Mary full of fire.

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Building Expansion to Ease Space Shortage

by Eric Nakano

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law has packed the calendar with at least one lecture or event during each of the upcoming weeks in September.

The first lecturer this month is Professor Curt Bradley of the University of Colorado School of Law. An expert in international law and international human rights law, Professor Bradley will present "National Sovereignty vs. Human Rights: The Case of Augusto Pinochet." The lecture (September 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the courtroom) will explore the conflicting concerns of national sovereignty and human rights raised by the legal efforts of Great Britain to extradite Pinochet to Spain.

On September 13, Julie Mertas, Professor at Ohio Northern Law School, will deliver a lecture entitled, "Humanitarian Intervention in Kosovo: Legal and Human Aspects." A renowned international human rights lawyer and author, Professor Mertas will discuss NATO’s intervention in Kosovo from both the legal and humanitarian perspectives. The lecture will be at 3:00 p.m. in the courtroom.

The following professor, Michael Klarman, will present a lecture investigating whether the Supreme Court’s decisions this century have helped or hindered the larger campaign for racial equality in the United States. Klarman, a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law’s Lee Visiting Professor for this fall, makes this inaugural Lee Lecture at 4:30 p.m. in room 120. It is entitled, "Neither Hero Nor Villain: The Supreme Court, Race, and the Constitution in the Twentieth Century."

September will end with the "Supreme Court Preview Conference" on the 24th and 25th. The two-day conference is in its 12th year, and draws journalists, law professors, students, and lawyers from around the country, eager to hear what the experts have to say about the key cases coming up on the Supreme Court’s Docket. In the past, the conference has been rebroadcast on C-SPAN.

Speakers at this year’s conference include several Supreme Court journalists: Charles Bierbauer (CNN), Joan Biskupic (The Washington Post), Richard Cardell (Associated Press), Lyle Denniston (The Baltimore Sun), Aaron Epstein (Knight Ridder), Linda Greenhouse (The New York Times), Tony Mauro (USA Today), and David Savage (The Los Angeles Times). The conference will also host many nationally recognized law professors: Akhil Amar (Yale), Steven Calabresi (Northwestern), Erwin Chemerinsky (University of Southern California), Susan Herman (Brooklyn), Suzanna Sherry (Minnesota), Steve Wermiel (American); as well as William & Mary’s own: Davison Douglas, Paul Marsals, Alan Morse, and Kathryn Urbonya.

A schedule for the two-day conference is available on the Web at http://www.wm.edu/law/IBRL/1999.htm.
Ask Madame Eightball

Real solutions to your real problems, featuring interpretations by the mysterious Madame Eightball

Greetings fellow law students! In the tradition of giving excellent advice while never taking it, the Magic Eightball and I are offering our psychic services to you, the loyal readers of the Amicus. Please forward all questions, no matter how serious or inane, to "Madame Eightball," care of the Amicus hanging file. Make sure that all of your questions can ultimately be answered by a "yes" or "no." If you do not, a yes or no question will be provided for you.

Dear Madame Eightball:

My friend's apartment reeks of pet waste. I thought I could avoid the issue by not going over there anymore. However, I've noticed lately that he himself smells like his apartment. I think the odor has permeated his clothing. Should I tell my friend about his problem?

Sincerely,

Nauseated in Newport News

Dear Nauseated:

If this is a friendship you want to keep, the Eightball says MOST LIKELY. Keep in mind that there is a scientific explanation for why your friend hasn't noticed his problem. Over time, one's olfactory nerves quit sending the signal that something smells. That's why you may notice the way your own apartment smells—better or for worse—when you first enter it, but then after awhile the smell seems to go away. In reality, the smell is still there. You just have gotten used to it. Unfortunately, if your friend is carrying around the odor on his clothes, he's not getting the benefit of the "does it hit you when you open the door?" test. Which means that you or someone else will have to tell him.

You could send your friend an anonymous letter or maybe even a bottle of Febreze, but an honest conversation—in a private setting, using the nicest words possible—would probably be appreciated in this situation. Good luck!

Dear Madame Eightball:

My girlfriend has several long nose hairs. Should I tell her about them?

Sincerely,

Turned-Off in Toano

Dear Turned-Off:

This is a very common (and sensitive) issue. Rare are those individuals who like everything about their partner's physical appearance. Love involves balancing what you like about someone with what you don't like about them, and sometimes keeping quiet about the latter. Confronting your girlfriend about her physical imperfections would undoubtedly hurt her feelings. Furthermore, it could also give her the green light to tell you about your own physical imperfections. For example, she may give you a box of Rogaine or a brochure on penile implants. Or perhaps you haven't noticed the beer gut you've been cultivating since you came to law school. If you do tell her about her nose hairs, be prepared to hear some things about yourself that she finds unattractive.

The Eightball, however, understands how distracting these turn-offs can become, and has given you a SIGNS POINT TO YES. Yet I suggest that you may want to avoid being assertive in this case. Sometimes you can hint that a problem exists without saying so directly. (However, saying "Honey, do you want to borrow my nose hair clippers?" is a little more obvious than something like "Do you want to go with me to the gym?") Perhaps you can ask one of her friends or family members who doesn't hate your guts (this part is very important!) to mention the problem. This may seem cowardly, but it could prevent irreparable damage to your relationship.

Dear Madame Eightball:

We've only been in school two weeks, and I've noticed that the same people constantly monopolize the discussion in every single class. Then, after class, these students rush the professors to ask questions. The other day, I tried to ask a question about a reading assignment, but had to wait 20 minutes while these jackasses blabbered on about things the professor had already discussed. Do these people ever shut up?

Angrily yours,

Rae Jean Beeotch

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Dear Rae:

I've often wondered the same thing. Are these brown-nosers really engaging in the learning process, or do they just like to hear themselves talk? To answer your question, MY SOURCES SAY NO. These people never shut up.

Madame Eightball:

Why should I ask you questions when I can simply go to the library and ask the Magic Eightball myself?

Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering:

Your insolence is reflective of your ignorance. The very question you ask illustrates why you need my guidance in accessing the psychic power of the Eightball. Perhaps what you meant to ask was, "Should I ask you questions when I can simply go to the library and ask the Magic Eightball myself?" YES, DEFINITELY. The Eightball and I have a connection that should not be taken lightly, fool.

Dear Madame Eightball:

Will I finally get an "A" this semester? Yours truly,

Worried in Williamsburg

Dear Worried:

The Eightball says, DON'T COUNT ON IT. Yikes! Between you and me, some things are better left unasked. That is why I usually limit my questions to ephemeral subjects such as time management strategies and my love life. Better luck in the spring!

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Choice Places
Not all Pancake Houses; Hidden Local Gems

By Chris Garber
Editor's Note: This article was originally used last Spring but is rerun here as a service to our new 1L class.

Being around Williamsburg for three years, I've gotten to know a few places around town that really give you your money's worth. Places wisely the word service isn't treated like it's in a foreign language. Places where you walk out with a smile on your face. Places, in other words, unlike the Williamsburg Post Office, or any administrative office on the main campus of William & Mary.

While I'm as anxious 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 them each issue.

Instead of more introductory garbage from me, here are a few of my recommendations for places to spend your money.

Berkeley Cleaners, Three locations, (I go to 1208 Jamestown Road), phone 229-7755:

When I first moved here, I had a horrible time finding a place that could actually clean my shirts, and not just return them to me in a plastic bag with stains in new places. Berkeley Cleaners on Jamestown Road is the one place that finally met the grade. First of all, the shirts actually get cleaned and pressed.

The lady who works there (maybe owns it, I don't know) is really nice. Once, when the pressing machine got a button on my shirt, she took it back and made sure not only that the shirt was fixed, but that the button matched. That doesn't sound like much, but compared to most of the other cleaners in town, it's a miracle.

Berkeley also gives a student discount—anything that's planned for only $1—I don't know what the deal is on dry cleaning or women's clothes.

Running errands really irritates me, but stopping at Berkeley Cleaners is much nicer than it should be. Oh, and one time, I went to pick up one shirt ($1) but only had a $10 bill and the lady told me to just pay the extra dollar the next time I had dry cleaning. That kind of system is rare these days.

The Crab Shack, 4601 River Rd. (On the fishing pier, next to the James River Bridge in Newport News), 245-2722

A shiny, new, moderately-priced seafood restaurant on "the longest fishing pier on the east coast" (never mind the fact that it's on a river), The Crab Shack is special because of its more humble beginnings.

Recommended by a self-proclaimed "neurotic" I met at the Yorktown Pub, the Crab Shack used to be an actual shack, situated on one side of the pier, while an identical shack on the other side housed the bait shop.

On my first visit, the place was empty, but the person I soon learned to be the owner welcomed us in, turned on a space heater (it was November, and two of the Shack's walls were made of storm plastic sheets. The guy who owned the place couldn't be more than a year or two older than me, but is making quite a name for himself in the restaurant business (unfortunately, I can't remember that name right now).

After inviting us in and waking up the cook, the owner showed me the blueprints he had for the new Crab Shack. It was an ambitious project, turning a summer-only place to get crab cakes and some beers into a full-service waterfront restaurant, complete with a large patio overlooking the James.

As cool as it was to be let in on those plans, it would have meant nothing if the food sucked. Happily, it didn't.

For the rest of that winter, I wondered about how the project was progressing. A few phone calls over the winter assured me that everything was coming along, but the opening date steadily moved later and later.

Since the plan called for a mid-April re-opening, I gathered a group of friends and went down to visit. I guess one more phone call would have been advised, as the restaurant was still under construction. Luckily, my old friend the owner was there, and he invited us all in for a tour, with promises of a grand re-opening the next weekend.

Eventually, the new Crab Shack opened up, and, while it lacked the grubby charm of the original, the impeccable service, great food, and fun atmosphere remained. Instead of a 20-seat shack, there's a real restaurant that seats a hundred or so, and outside dining for about the same.

It seems like everyone that works there is either friends or relatives of the owner (his father is also a restauranteur, I believe). I've been seated by his mom, waited on by his wife, and served beers by his buddy.

When I spend much of the summer after my first year here in town, I took several trips to the Crab Shack. Never was I disappointed. It's the only restaurant I've ever been where I had the same waiter twice in a row (about two weeks apart), and he remembered my drink order from the last time I ate there (and I only had three drinks the first time).

I highly recommend eating or drinking at the Crab Shack. Its not that far, its not that expensive, and its the only place I can think of on the east coast where you can watch the sun set over the water.

Directions to the Crab Shack: Take I-64 East to Mercury Blvd./258 Exit. (The signs may say Hampton, but don't worry.) Take Mercury Blvd. west (or whatever's opposite of the Hampton Coliseum). Go about 4 miles on Mercury (which is also called 258 and 17), past Jefferson Ave. (143). After passing J. Clyde Morris Blvd./ Rt. 60, take the last exit before the James River Bridge. Turn right into the riverside park, and the Crab Shack is located on the fishing pier next to the bridge. (None of this would be as sound if you are a bad navigator.)

Berkeley Cleaners, Three locations, (Including 1208 Jamestown Road)

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 Batting Range 2 Boykin Ln., Newport News


Now that spring training is full swing, and the pressures of exams near, some of you may want a chance to re-live past diamond glories—or beat out some frustrations in a socially-accepted fashion. Either way, you may want to pay a visit to the Power Alley Batting Range in Newport News.

The equipment is fine (although one of the hardball cages has horrible sight lines making it tough to see the ball—at least that's the excuse I'm using), the staff is friendly and helpful, and the prices are reasonable. For less than five dollars, you can build up enough bruises to have people wondering.

In addition to tokens (which you can usually get a sweet deal on), the small office/hut sells sodas, snacks, and hands out the loaner bats and helmets (you decide if you need one). If your hands start hurting, you can always sit inside for a while, talk to the owner and watch sports on tv.

If you want to get ready for the softball season, or just pretend that the softball is your roommate's head, I recommend heading down to Newport News and taking a few cuts at the Power Alley.

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Garber's Recommended Local Gems

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Because the Book Exchange's prices are based on the cover price of the book, and a paperback copy of Huckleberry Finn or 92 in the Shade went for about a buck and a half in 1973. Now, they cost...yep, 75 cents.

The Book Exchange has a minimum price of 75 cents for all books, so don't get any bright ideas about a 7.5 cent copy of The Maltese Falcon. That said, the prices and selection of the Book Exchange of Williamsburg, plus the helpful service and quiet, relaxed atmosphere make it a must for book lovers.

Note: The Book Exchange of Williamsburg carries no law books of any kind. No Emanuel's, no Nutshell, no casebooks, nothing. You can only read fun stuff here. Well, my roommate did get some James Fenimore Cooper books there, but that's another story.


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So, How Did You Spend Your Summer? W & M Madrid 1999

While most of the rest of you were dragging yourselves to work everyday and actually doing things to improve your resumes this summer, some of your classmates were living it up and partying hard, while occasionally studying, on William and Mary's Summer Abroad program in Madrid, Spain.

The pictures in this section only tell part of the sordid tale. While the classes were educational and most of us attended, most of the time, what we all went for was a good time. And boy did we find it. Madrid nightlife is about as far from Williamsburg's version as you can get. People don't start heading out until after midnight and the bars and discos don't close until dawn. Its a wonder anything gets done in the Madrid.

Then just as we were trying to become accustomed to life in Madrid it was time for the Festival of San Fermin in Pamplona. San Fermin is the time for Pamplona's famous running of the bulls. Most of the pictures shown here are from that weekend, hence the red scarves.

Never before had I seen debauchery on that scale. From the legions of tourists to the hardened Spanish veterans it was wall-to-wall people, with most of them intoxicated and wearing the same clothes all week. At 8 am, after having been up all night, came the moment everyone had come to see, the running of the bulls. Several William and Mary students took their lives in their hands and chanced it with the bulls, with each making it through unscathed.

After recovering from that first weekend in Pamplona everyone set about seeing the various sights.

Madrid's art museums hold priceless treasures, such as Picasso's Guernica, and works by Goya, Dali and many others. On the weekends there were a wide range of trips to choose from. You could see Paris' Eiffel Tower, or ride a camel in Morocco, or you could simply head to one of Spain's many beaches to soak in some sun, that is if you hadn't gotten enough already lounging by the pool.
Are you suffering from Academic Burnout?

by Sari Benmeir

I had a strange revelation this summer when I had to get up and get dressed in clothes that were not lying on the floor, and go to work where I had my own office with my own computer and my own window and my own name engraved on a little brass plaque. I thought I’d write about this hard to believe, but after all, by the time I graduate I will have been in school for four consecutive decades (and, no, I am not that old). Perhaps I should have heeded the other warnings of academic burnout. Maybe you have experienced it too. Signs such as:

1. Your car is older than you are.

2. You are wondering if perhaps you should scrap school and become an automobile mechanic, being fully qualified (see No. 1).

3. Your kids know the difference between assault and battery, can correctly use the word “trover” in a sentence and knows the molecular structure of all the amino acids.

4. You choose your courses based on whether you can take them pass/fail, and so that you will have your last exam completed by December 8.

5. You don’t buy textbooks. You haven’t yet figured out whether this is because the books are too heavy, or because the money could be put to a much better use (such as beer or groceries).


7. Your student loan total is more than your sister’s San Francisco house.

8. Your high school friends are all getting divorced, your undergraduate friends are all having kids and your graduate school friends are all getting married.

9. You wonder what those other people lying on the beach on Tuesday afternoon do for a living.

10. Your GPA has become inversely proportional to your total student loan balance.

11. You have developed a tolerance to marked-down meat.

12. You lose weight in order to fit into children’s sizes.

13. People your age always strike you as being old.

14. You view Immodium AD as a dietary supplement.

15. You are shocked to find out that most people have to pay to use workout facilities.

16. You get sick of people asking you why you’re still in school.

17. You spend more time working on strategy for the Pee Wee hockey team you’re coaching than you do on your schoolwork.

18. You realize that if you had a job you might be able to hire someone to clean your house, and that it would thus get cleaned more frequently than just during exam weeks.

19. You started getting rid of textbooks because you simply don’t have room for the damn things anymore. And how many of them have you actually picked up since 1986? I mean other than every time you pack up and move?

20. You yearn for a five-figure income.

And of course, you spend your time making inane lists such as this one.

Cool Spy Stuff Between Baltimore and D.C.

By Jeff Yeates

From last year’s first issue: “So what do you do down there in Williamsburg when you’re not studying?” Is this a frequent question from curious friends and family during holidays and weekends? If your reply is, “ummm, I saw Titanic again” or “I went to a bar!” this column is for you. My wife, Rebecca, and I are going to explore places and activities, and find spots in (but mostly outside) Williamsburg that will be places that students and faculty can take a few hours or a Saturday to enjoy. Afterwards, I’ll tell you in this recurring column what we did, how you can do it, whether it is worth doing and who to see if you don’t have a good time (I don’t have deep pockets). If you visit these spots you’ll have fun, you’ll probably learn something, and you’ll have stories to tell the folks back home.

If any of you actually read this column last year, you may remember that I kept promising that we’d visit the Virginia Air & Space Museum in Hampton. Well, in April, we finally did, and I was even going to write about it, but Bob (the Amicus editor) decided not to publish a final Amicus issue so that he could actually study for finals. And unfortunately, I can’t remember enough about the museum to write an intelligent column. I can tell you this: the Virginia Air & Space Museum is definitely not in the same class as the Smithsonian version in D.C., but it’s still worth a visit. We saw a cool IMAX film there, Mysteries of Egypt, which we both enjoyed, and if you, like I, have actually spent time in Egypt, you will like the film that much more.

Instead of writing about our trip to the museum and writing about the cool exhibits, I decided that helping the Allies crack the enigmatic German codes is most interesting display is a handsome, wood-worked eagle given to the U.S. during the Cold War years as a gift from the children of the U.S.S.R.” It was only several years after hanging the piece of art in the US Embassy conference room in Moscow that the Americans discovered an eavesdropping device that was giving away the whereabouts of the American diplomats. It was a real eye-opener, and one of the most fascinating exhibits in the museum. The Cryptologic Museum is small, but crammed with enough oddities and exhibits to keep you busy for at least an hour. If you’re a history or political science buff, you might want to budget a few more hours. Nevertheless, it won’t take up your entire day. Only ten minutes off of I-95, consider stopping by on your next drive up to Baltimore.

Crowd Factor: (1-10, 10 being like the floor of the NYSE and 1 being empty) 3. Not too many visitors. I was there on a Friday and a Saturday and neither day was particularly crowded.

Expense: (1-10, 10 is most expensive) 3 (which means Rebecca probably paid for it and I’m free). The museum is free. They have a gift shop.

Date Potential: (1-10, 10 is akin to a romantic, moonlit garden walk; 1 is akin to a bowling alley). The museum itself is not exactly a romantic hot spot, but Baltimore and the Inner Harbor are less than a half hour away and there is certainly a lot to do there.

Overall Rating: (1-10, you get the idea) 8.

Jeff Yeates is a 3L, who, along with his middle school Spanish teaching wife, Rebecca, likes to travel. He’s only writing about local attractions until he hits the big time and can travel to places like Pittsburgh and Detroit.
Steve Martin's Bowfinger Hits the Mark

by Nancy Lee, Catie Zaller and Jessica Norris

A short organizational note: You might notice that we now have three staff reviewers. Nancy Lee and Catie Zaller return for a second year of fun. Jessica Norris has joined into the fray with her words of wisdom. Nancy and Jessica will do the regular columns with side comments from Catie. Enjoy the new format!

Bowfinger is a lively comedy full of captivating twists and turns. Steve Martin, who wrote and stars in this funny flick, plays Bobby Bowfinger, big-wig Hollywood joined into the fray with her words of wisdom. Nancy Lee and Catie Zaller return for a second year of fun. Jessica Norris enjoys the new format!

Captivating twists and turns. Steve Martin only in his own mind. Steve Martin is a man who wrote and stars in this funny flick, which would mark his acceptance into the Hollywood elite. When the screenplay for Chubby Rain (basically, aliens invading the earth) falls on Bowfinger's desk, he knows that he is being jinxed (which we will now discuss). During, depending on your own attitudes, convolutions a long day of classes.

The sixth big laugh of the movie (if you can call it that considering the sparsely populated theater). As we mentioned, this movie also acts as an effective, satirical subversion of Hollywood and Hollywood conventions. In this movie, everyone falls victim to stardom, even the cop who tries to apprehend Bowfinger, at first, for filming without a permit. But then, the cop jumps right into the movie-making hijinx. The great thing about this movie is that everyone achieves celebrity status. Even the lowly, slightly retarded Eddie Murphy character finds his niche as a star, and gets a chance to sleep with the stars. Eddie Murphy as a paranoid movie star who spends most of his time trying to get away from the "aliens." Little does he know that he is a top-billed star as an action hero in Chubby Rain. After Bowfinger inadvertently finds out that Kit's ("Keep It Together") greatest fears in life are aliens and Laker Girls, the movie's plot thickens, as does the rain. On the red carpet to the high-profile premiere, my personal favorite, the final twenty minutes are so funny that you could pull a muscle laughing so hard. Please note though that this film isn't for everyone. However if you are a fan of the Three Stooges, Marx Brothers or similar comedies you'll love it.

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By Lauren MacLanahan
An Open Letter to the Detroit Tigers

by Jeff Polich

I don’t think I can do it anymore. For twenty years now I have followed you, rooted for you, defended you, and in some small part, paid for you. And although the first ten years were nice, what with the World Series in ’84 and the Divisional Championship in ’87, the last ten have been downright abominable.

I don’t remember exactly when it all started. Lance Parish bailed for more pay in Philadelphia, where he promptly disappeared. Jack Morris and Kirk Gibson soon followed. Trammel and Whitaker, God bless them, got old. Willie Hernandez misplaced his name, then his ability to pitch. Losing aging contributors is not the end of the world. Replacing them with young fools is. Rock bottom? Don’t make me laugh.

In a misguided attempt to hold onto any box-office bank you could bring in, you decided to put all of your efforts into an all or nothing proposition. Literally. Whenever any Tiger from Cecil Fielder to Mickey Tettleton to Rob Deer lumbered up to the plate, only one of two things was going to happen. Occasionally, they would smash the cream cheese out of the ball. More often, they would throw out their backs whiffing at weak sliders. Rock bottom? Not even close.

Your solution: get rid of what talent there is and start from scratch. New general manager, new manager, new players, new announcer. All miserable failures. I heard the other day that you have the worst record of any major league team in the 90’s. The only one to reach 800 losses this decade.

The worst part of it is the hopes you have brought with every dawning Spring. “The new talent has matured.” “We are ready to challenge the Indians.” Ha. You’re having trouble challenging the Royals. Rock bottom? If only it were.

The funny thing is that I might be able to tolerate all of it. I see, the Indians were horrible for over thirty years. That should give me some solace. Yes, I might be able to let it slide, love you unconditionally, but for one thing. It is positively despicable the way you are disgracing Tiger Stadium in its final days.

Your performance in the final year of one of the two oldest baseball stadiums in all of baseball is inexcusable. Ty Cobb played there for God’s sake. So did Joe Jackson, Babe Ruth, Hank Greenberg, Bob Feller, Mickey Mantle, Al Kaline, Brooks Robinson, Reggie Jackson, George Brett, and Kirby Puckett.

In Tiger Stadium, Lou Gehrig hit a bomb to left field that never came down. He also ended his consecutive games played streak. Denny McLain became likely the last thirty-game winner ever. Mark Fidrych talked to the pitcher’s mound. Roger Clemens struck out 20 one day a couple of years ago. And now this, the 1999 Detroit Tigers lose over one-hundred games for two consecutive years.

I compare your performance this year to spraying graffiti on the Mona Lisa. Or stealing silverware from the White House. Or making fun of a disabled veteran.

Too much has happened there. Too many have contributed too much to making it the shrine that it is today. Yes, it is old and run-down. Yes, it resides in a horrible part of town. Yes, nobody comes to see you anymore. None of this explains your pathetic play.

Besides that, there is something else I must confess. There is a new love in my life. It’s another team, in a different league. Their stadium (which is also in its last year) is nothing to brag about. They do not have the tradition that you have.

Their fans have not yet become as educated and as loyal as yours. But there, I see potential. I see possibilities. I see wins. Besides, I am moving there soon, and well, we both know how hard long-distance relationships can be.

I will not soon forget you. You were my first favorite team. You were the first team that ever let me participate in a championship. You will likely remain my favorite American League team. But, when I leave Tiger Stadium for the last time next week, I will also leave you.

And if you have any self-respect, any respect for those who have preceded you, any respect for the throngs of nameless fans such as myself, you will do your best to salvage what is left of this season and send Tiger Stadium up to Stadium Heaven with a win.

Join the Amicus

The Amicus accepts all submissions. If there is an issue you would like to speak out on or comments you would like to make let us know. Also if your organization wants to let people know about a function it is having or an event it is sponsoring we will put an ad for free.

Just drop the information in the Amicus hanging file, call the Amicus office at 221-3582 or talk to any member of the staff.

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Spain was fun but this group did the most damage and they are our Spanish All-Stars

Jake Grover
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Calendar of Events

Saturday September 11
HI-IQ Volleyball Tournament
Come and improve your IQ by watching William and Mary Volleyball take on the likes of Rice, University of Virginia, and Dartmouth. Well, maybe it won't improve your IQ but it could cure your insomnia.

Sunday September 12
Grandparents Day.
Take the time today to call your Grandparents to tell them how much you love them. It is also a good time to inquire as to the beneficiaries listed in their will.

Monday September 13
Kosovo Lecture
Julie Murtis, a law professor from Ohio Northern will present a lecture on "The Crisis in Kosovo." If you come, and can find Kosovo on the map, you win a prize.

Jazz Monday at the Leafe
If you need an excuse to head to the Leafe here is your chance. Come out and mellow out to the sounds of The Dana Fitzsimons Quartet from 8-10:30.

Tuesday September 14
Supreme Court and Race Issues
Michael Klarman, Distinguished Lee Professor of Law, will give a lecture entitled "Neither Hero Nor Villain: The Supreme Court, Race and the Constitution." The lecture will be at 4:30 pm in room 120.

History Colloquium

Wednesday September 15
W&M Concert Series
Eddie Palmieri, a Jazz Pianist, kicks off the William and Mary Concert Series with a performance at 8pm at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Tickets are $20. For that price they'd better serve beer.

Thursday September 16
Mayflower Day
Celebrating the day the Puritans landed at Plymouth Rock. From them we got Thanksgiving and a streak of guilt a mile wide. What else do you expect from people so boring the English kicked them out?

Friday September 17
Bushrod Packet Distribution:
All right 2L's it's time to brush up on those public speaking skills as the Moot Court Team tryouts begin. You have three weeks to read the packet and psych out your classmates.

PSF Casino Night
Time to come out and pretend you are high roller as you get to play with monopoly money and raise money for PSF. "You got to know when to hold them, know when to fold them...."

Ewell Concert Series Opens
James Wilson and Joanne Kong, cello and piano duo. At the Ewell Recital Hall at 8 pm. Free Admission.

Saturday September 18
SBA Softball Tournament
Come out and display your skills and explain why you never made it to the Show. On Monday you can always tell who played because they are the ones limping and sunburned.

Football vs Furman
The Tribe plays host to Furman in the first home game of the season.

Monday September 20
Jazz Night at the Leafe
Come on, you know you want to?

Wednesday September 22
Amicus Publishes
The 2nd Amicus of the year comes out today, we hope. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Friday September 24
Bushrod Intent Forms Due
Its put up or shut up time as intention to compete forms for Bushrod are due in today.

Supreme Court Preview
Come find out what issues are before the Court in its upcoming session and how experts feel they might decide.

Saturday September 25
Family Weekend
This weekend the burg will be flooded with undergraduate parents, so avoid confusion corner at all costs. There isn't enough room for all the cars here as it is, so if you get a parking space don't move your car!

Williamsburg Scottish Festival
The 22nd Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival will be going on at the Williamsburg Winery. Tickets $10 at the door. There will be Highland games, pipe and drum bands, Scotch Whiskey tasting and a pub tent with live entertainment.

Monday September 27
Alcohol Awareness Week
This week is the time to be aware of the fact that alcohol is bad for you. As if many law students weren't aware of this fact most weekend mornings.

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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.

Wendy Roenker
A word of warning about Wendy, do not, under any circumstances travel with her. If you are both going to the same place make different arrangements to get there. Here is a sampling of Wendy's travel problems this summer: a 15 hour delay on her flight to Spain, a 5 hour train delay for washed out tracks, and when she attempted to take a bus the station caught on fire and she wasn't allowed in.

Ray Freson
Ray may seem harmless in class but when you get him on the dance floor watch out. Once on the floor Ray transforms into his alter-ego, the Dance-Machine. He has moves that shocked even the most veteran Spanish disco dancers. When Ray takes over the dance floor everyone just back off and gives him space. So keep your eyes out for him at Fall Formal, Grace and Barrister's Ball or any event where dancing is expected.

Adam Casagrande
Here Adam may be seen basking in the glow of a successful effort at running with the bulls. On the bloodiest day in years Adam came close to getting caught by a bull, only to escape by the narrowest of margins. You can see the sense of relief etched plainly on his face.

Jake Grover
Anyone who has ever had Professor Susan Grover for a class has heard of her son Jake. Jake joined Professor Grover and the gang from William and Mary in Spain and had more than his fair share of fun. With no classes holding him back Jake was the envy of many and sometimes made it difficult for the rest of us to get to class.