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First-Year Representative Elections Declared Invalid; New Election to be Conducted Today

By Sutton Snook

Last Thursday night, the Honor Council invalidated the first-year representative elections due to a complaint filed by one of the candidates. The new elections, in which all of the candidates, barring one, are listed on the ballot, will be held today.

According to Joe Kiefer (3L), Chief Justice of the Honor Council, one student complained on Wednesday that one of the other candidates did not attend the mandatory meeting, during which the election and campaign rules were explained by the SBA President and a member of the Honor Council.

"I don't know why the complainant waited to file," commented Kiefer. The complaint was filed after the election was over and the results published.

In fact, the Honor Council was in the process of conducting a run-off election when the complaint was received. The Council decided to finish the election pending a decision by the full Honor Council. Consequently, no winners of the preliminary election were identified, the results of the run-off were not released, and all candidates running for the first year position were notified that something had gone wrong in the election process and that no further information would be released until the Honor Council had resolved the dilemma.

The initial meeting is the source of the controversy. "It was primarily Frank Sabia's meeting," stated Kiefer. Kiefer added that the meeting was also attended by Aaron Golforth (3L), Honor Council member and Election Committee Chair. Sabia admitted being in charge of the meeting, but added that he conducted a head count, but miscounted. "It was a mistake on my part," said Sabia. "I'm sorry for this unfortunate incident, but I hope the 1Ls will vote again for the candidate of their choice."

The student that did not attend was identified as Carla Boyd. "I had no communication from her after the initial 'Intent to Compete' form was handed in," commented Sabia.

Sabia added that one of the candidates for Secretary did properly withdraw in writing, but that Boyd did not communicate to any officer that she did not intend to continue in the election process.

Although her name has been removed from the ballot, she currently has campaign signs up in the student lounge. Kiefer noted that nowhere in the Constitution is it prohibited for a student to run a write-in campaign and added that the signs are not...
From the Editor's Desk

Last Friday, the Judicial Council declared the first-year elections invalid and ordered new elections to take place today. It appears that when the Student Bar Association held the mandatory meeting for all candidates, one candidate did not show up, disqualifying her from running in the election. Unfortunately, one noticed her absence until after the election, and her name was placed on the ballot anyway. While the SBA had run the meeting, the Judicial Council ran the actual election, with little or no communication between the two. No one from the SBA took attendance at the meeting, so the Judicial Council was left to assume that all of the candidates had attended and to print the election ballots from the "intend to compete" forms.

This is just the latest problem to plague the SBA in a series of poorly planned events. While every new SBA administration needs time to adjust to the hectic schedule and enormity of the task, this year's administration seems to have an especially hard time. Unfortunately, one-ninth of the year is over and the SBA is still struggling. They need to organize themselves, and now.

The first problem to plague the organization was the annual party at Lake Matoaka. Planned last year, the SBA had to cancel the event because no beer is allowed to be served on campus until the first weekend after classes begin. While the party has always been the weekend following Law Camp with Vice President Ken Smith's approval, this year the new Vice-President of Student Activities would not grant an exception. In all fairness, this was not the fault of the SBA — their activity request form explicitly stated that the party would serve beer, and it was given to the College last April. Unfortunately, the SBA was informed of the denial only days before the event, resulting in the cancellation. Lake Matoaka was already booked, so the barbecue had to be held on the patio of the Campus Center.

The second issue was the annual Student Activity Fair. Although the fair traditionally has been held during the first week of classes, as most upper-classmen do not return to campus until the weekend prior to classes and thus cannot work the fair, this year it was held during Law Camp. A number of organizations had no representatives present in Williamsburg and so many did not have a table. The fair, consequently, was a failure, which prompted the SBA to hold another fair later in the year. Unfortunately, many felt that they had already allotted themselves of the organizations, and did not wander the fair looking for the perfect organization to join, instead choosing to go outside and enjoy the free food.

The third problem with the SBA was finalizing the student organization budgets for this year. The SBA Constitution requires that the annual budget be completed by September 15th. Unfortunately, this year the budget was several days late. To be fair, one SBA officer had health problems and could not complete their work, but this should only cause the organization to delegate it to someone else, rather than to be in violation of the Constitution and to cause student organizations angst over whether they have any funding at all. While the SBA eventually did finish the budget, they did so after the Constitution required them to do so. Organizations had been left waiting for weeks before they officially, at least, had any money in their coffers.

The fourth issue plaguing the SBA is Sabia. Sabia has made a promise, specifically the promise to organize more on-campus food services. Sabia recognized that it may be hard to find a vendor willing to serve on-campus, so he formulated a plan during the campaign by which student organizations could sell food on a rotating basis in exchange for profit-sharing. Sabia suggested that the SBA could buy a barbecue to facilitate the process. None of this has come to fruition, nor even close. Sabia specifically rejected the purchase of a barbecue last month and has done nothing to begin organizing student groups in this effort. In fact, the administration has begun negotiations with the Coffeehouse (yes, of the coffee kiosks) to provide students with some sort of on-campus lunch menu. The SBA, however, has done little, if anything, to help in this effort. The Coffeehouse is understandably reluctant to begin such a service, as they fear that students will not purchase items from the new menu, making the venture unprofitable. As the voice of the student body, the SBA could have spoken to the Coffeehouse to allay these fears, but has not yet done so. The SBA is in the best position to help bring food on-campus, but their role in the process could only be defined as silent juror rather than zealous advocate.

The final event facing the SBA was the Busch Gardens ticket sales. The SBA placed a sign in the lobby telling students that it would be selling tickets, so many students waited patiently for someone to man the table. No one came. The SBA President had ordered only fifty tickets, most of which sold out the first day. The rest sold out early the next morning. The SBA President remained, promising students that tickets would be sold. President Sabia had requested that one of his officers get 30 more tickets, who in turn asked Student Assembly President Travis Patton for them. Unfortunately, Patton said he did not have more with him and that he would give more to Sabia personally. But no one from the SBA followed up, resulting in the subsidized tickets selling out before many law students could purchase them.

Did the sign in the lobby say that the SBA tickets were sold out, nor did it recommend for students to go to Campus Center for tickets. It was not until Friday that the SBA received more tickets, which the SBA then subsidized itself.

While these problems may seem small, they amount to most of the work that the SBA has done this year. SBA President Sabia sits on the Dean Search Committee, but we will not see any results from this committee until next semester, after the committee has drawn a short-list of candidates for students to interview.

Letters

I worked as a tax attorney for years in IRS, Ford Motor Company and in the Wall Street area. After thorough research, I found that Virginia has never prosecuted any drug dealers for tax fraud. The IRS almost never does either.

The easiest way to put the bigger dealers in jail would be to prosecute them for tax fraud.

Do you know any drug dealers who file an honest income tax return?

Why did Republican James Gilmore claim that Virginia General not lead our

From the Editor's Desk

The Editor's staff of the Amicus Curiae can vouch neither for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter nor for the legitimacy of the letter itself. It is our policy, however, to publish political press releases when such material has been signed by the author.

Sound off in the Paper

Drop Your Letters to the Editor in the Amicus Hanging File
From The President's Desk

I would like to start off with an apology to the entire first-year class because of the headache they went through with the 1L Rep elections. I also would like to extend a special apology to the candidates in that election. For those of you who do not know, due to an oversight, a mistake was made listing candidates on the election ballot. This challenge was made by a student, pursuant to Article III, Section 12 of the SBA Bylaws. The Judicial Council (which oversees all SBA elections) conducted a meeting Thursday, October 2nd to review the election process, as is mandated by the constitution and bylaws for a challenge to the election. The Council declared the 1L rep election invalid. As a result, there will be a new election conducted today, Monday, October 6th, in accordance with constitutional procedures.

There was no challenge to the election for Secretary, however, and therefore the results of that election will stand. As President, I feel it is my duty to step forward and take full responsibility for the mistake that was made. I also request that any and all candidates you may feel about this matter be directed to me alone and not toward any of the candidates, other SBA board members or any member of the Judicial Council. This was an honest mistake resulting in an unfortunate incident, and the proper steps have been taken to alleviate the problem to the best of our ability. I appreciate the patience and understanding being shown by all in this matter, and I ask you to please come out and vote once more for your candidate(s) of choice.

Now that I have that off my chest, I would like to switch the topic to something a little more pleasant: the social calendar. The Thursday night bar dates, other SBA board members or any member of the Judicial Council. This was been taken to alleviate the problem to the feel about this matter be directed to me for Secretary, however, and therefore the election conducted today, Monday, October 6th, in accordance with constitutional无效。As a result, there will be a new election conducted today, Monday, October 6th, in accordance with constitutional.

Speaking of assistance, one person who deserves special recognition is 2L Rep Ian I Vernon. Ian provided the grills and the chef services for the SBA BBQ back in September and also for the student/faculty mixer a couple of weeks ago. Whenever I have needed a hand this year, Ian has jumped in and helped. I would also like to thank Scott Dunn (3L) who helped with the setup, serving and cleanup for the mixer and Jim Scott (3L) who also helped us set-up. I recruited Scott and Jim at the last minute and they dropped what they were doing and pitched in, as did Ian. Thanks guys! And although there was a limited number of faculty who actually showed up, I think everyone enjoyed the food and the beautiful warm day.

After Fall Break, I will be taking applications from 1Ls who are interested in serving on the Honor Council. Four 1L justices will be appointed to sit on the Council. For those who are interested, I will be available in the SBA office door after Fall Break.

The Honor Council, in addition to conducting Honor Code trials, interprets the SBA Constitution and oversees all elections. If you have any questions about the Honor Council, I would ask one of the current members, whose names are listed on the SBA bulletin boards.

Last week, Dean Galloway and Bill Blaine (3L) sat down with a representative from Auxiliary Services to discuss our parking problem. As a result, there have been some new spaces given to day students by the tennis center. There will also be people coming over from the main campus at random intervals to measure the problem throughout the day for a week. This survey will help them determine what to do, however we shouldn't hold our breath as we wait for some action to be taken. Parking Services conducted a survey two years ago and nothing was done about it with the exception of one or two complaints, all of us had a great time and enjoyed the park, even if some of it did close early.

In closing, I would like to wish good luck to the 2Ls in the Bushrod Tournament and the 1L candidates in the new election, and extend congratulations to Jeff Timmers (2L), our new SBA Secretary.

There will be a brief SBA Board meeting on Monday, October 8th at 3:10 in the SBA office. I expect all board members to be in attendance, including those newly elected. If you want to know what's happening in the SBA, check out the minutes on the SBA bulletin board or ask a board member. Wish everyone a happy and safe Fall Break, and as always, if you have a complaint or concern, please feel free to contact me at home in the SBA office or by hanging file.

Thank you for your time,

Frank T. Saba


- Law Watch -

God Doesn't Want Me Eating Salted Peanuts, Either!

Reverend Robert Schuller recently agreed to enter a first-offender program as settlement of a charge that he assaulted a United Airlines flight attendant during a June trip from Los Angeles to New York. According to the male flight attendant, Schuller grabbed him and shook him while demanding a fruit cup without cheese. Apparently, the diet-conscious Schuller couldn't wait to dig into some of that tasty airline food, but concluded that his boyish figure might be jeopardized by the ingestion of cheese. Schuller also doubted that he would be able to turn aside from the temptation of the cheese, fearing that if the cheese remained in the fruit cup, he would eat it. Schuller countered the flight attendant's charges, claiming that he merely was "trying to share the love of God" with the flight attendant. Aside from the sharing love argument, Schuller claimed, "I am a hands-on person." We'd hate to see what Schuller might have done if the flight had been a little too turbulent for his tastes.

Rudeness — The Easy Defense to Sexual Harassment Charges

A federal judge in Rock Island, Illinois ruled in favor of Martin Herman, the defendant in a sexual harassment case because of his behavior on the job at the Mercer County (Illinois) highway department office. Herman sometimes belched, spit, urinated, scratched his genitals, and was flatulent in the presence of female co-workers in the office. After several witnesses had testified, however, the judge concluded that Herman simply is a rude person who behaved in an inappropriate fashion in front of many people, both male and female. No verdict has been rendered on the success of this strategy in other litigation.

Apparentley Scott Turow Isn't That Popular

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Timmers Elected SBA Secretary

Following a special election conducted on September 30, Jeff Timmers (2L) was elected SBA Secretary for the 1997-1998 academic year. As Secretary, Timmers becomes a member of the SBA Executive Board and will be responsible for keeping the general populace informed of the SBA’s activities throughout the year.

Administration Seeks to Alleviate Parking Problems

Twenty-three additional spaces adjacent to the Population Lab (located just beyond the Tennis Center) have been made available for student permit parking. The contractors for the law school roof project and the Campus Water main project have moved their equipment and materials, thereby creating extra space for parking. Additionally, a water tank has been moved from a nearby space in the main parking lot. These changes have been made to reduce the problems many students have experienced in searching for a parking spot during peak times.

The law school administration also has asked Parking Service to undertake a systematic survey of the lots that serve the law school and the GradPlex, presumably with a view towards crafting a more permanent solution to the parking problems. Parking Services will be monitoring lot usage throughout the day, then re-examine the parking situation with the administration in order to determine if further adjustments would be appropriate.

Any students with constructive ideas or feedback about the parking situation should contact Dean Connie Galloway or Bill Blaine (3L).

Phi Alpha Delta Inducts New Members

Congratulations to the new members of the Wythe Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta: Karina Abdul-Sharif (1L), Joe Barton (1L), Greg Bergethon (1L), Tina Burke (2L), David Carney (2L), Becka Erickson (1L), Sean Fama (2L), Lavonda Graham (1L), Anna Marie Jerzemian (1L), Kim Kirkjian (1L), and Tonia Medrick (1L). Also, congratulations to Victoria Blakeway (3L), awarded the P.A.D. Service Scholarship. Congratulations to Wythe Chapter on being designated a Merit Chapter and on winning the Best Professional Program Award.

First Monday 1997 Highlights Immigration Issues

First Monday 1997 will focus on recently enacted immigration laws that have limited the access to the justice system available to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. The program and M-W, jointly presented by OCPP, PSF, and ALSA, will feature a 25 minute video focusing on immigration issues, a discussion with two immigration law practitioners, and a reception honoring summer funding recipients. More information about the First Monday program, or issues discussed therein, is available from Alliance for Justice at (202) 822-6070 or monday@afj.org.

Thatcher Present at Dedication of McGlothlin-Street Hall

Lady Margaret Thatcher, Chancellor of the College, joined President Timothy Sullivan, Board of Visitors Rector Marshall Auft, Provost Gillian Cell, and James McGlothlin in the renaming and rededication of Tercentenary Hall to McGlothlin-Street Hall. Tercentenary Hall, originally dedicated in 1995, was renamed in honor of the McGlothlin-Street family following the family's $2.5 million donation to assist in the renovations of the Wren Building, expansion of Swem Library, and expansion of the law library.

Thatcher and Sullivan both spoke to the importance of private contributions in assisting with the increasing costs of higher education. Thatcher encouraged individuals to overcome whatever reservations they may have about donating money to educational institutions as these private contributions will prove necessary to maintain the integrity of higher learning. Thatcher also spoke about various topics to an audience assembled during the College's Family Weekend.

Some students, particularly those studying in the computer science department that is housed in the McGlothlin-Street Hall, held an informal protest outside the building the day before the rededication ceremony. Additionally, unidentified students defaced the painted sign outside the building by scraping off letters in "McGlothlin-Street Hall" so that the sign simply read "T Hall."

Honor Council Reviews Election Process Following Invalidation of 1L Rep. Voting

ELECTION from 1 in violation of any campaign regulation. Article III, Section Six of the Bylaws allow for a write-in candidate, as long as they meet other election eligibility requirements, namely that the candidate be a 1L, file a completed “Letter of Intent” form, and be a full-time student. Because Boyd meets these requirements, she is qualified to run as a write-in.

Kiefer added that the election was invalid because if one took the votes received by Boyd, the entire results could change. Because the Council felt that it would be fundamentally unfair to apportion her votes, a new election was called.

“We are now looking at the entire election process,” noted Kiefer. The Council is analyzing whether the Bylaws’ requirement that the Judicial Council shall be responsible for the administration of all student elections conducted by the SBA,” means that the Honor Council is in charge of the entire election or whether it is in charge of election day and ballot counting.

Currently, the SBA conducts the election process up to the day of the election. The SBA President makes a call for candidates, runs the initial campaign meeting, and receives the “Letter of Intent to Compete” forms. The Honor Council then creates the ballot, monitors and runs the actual election, counts the ballots, announces the results, and handles any challenges. The Council is deciding whether the Bylaws requires them to run the entire process.

“This has made us look at the entire election procedures and Constitution By-laws because there are a lot of unclear areas,” said Saba.

Another area under review by the Honor Council is whether to announce the number of votes each candidate received. Article III, Section Six of the Bylaws requires the Honor Council to post the official results within twenty-four hours, including the number of votes cast, but it does not require posting of the number of votes per candidate.

Traditionally, these numbers have been published, but several students felt it was unnecessarily harsh. The debate has surrounded whether a candidate, by placing themselves in the public forum, runs the risk of embarrassment if they do not garner many votes or whether the size and closeness of the community dictates that no one member should be subject to such scrutiny after the election.

Although the Judicial Council voted to resolve this issue, the decision is contingent on several things, so Kiefer would not elaborate whether the numbers will be released for today’s election. He did add that over 90 percent of the votes cast designated Jeff Timmers (2L) as their choice for SBA Secretary. Timmers ran unopposed in the election following the timely withdrawal of Stephen Robertson (2L).

The results of today’s election will be held as unofficial until it has been determined that no challenge exists.

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News Briefs
**An Amicus Blast from the Past**

A retrospective feature highlighting memories from years past at M-W

**Lost and found in the mailroom**

Dear Mom,

Greetings from the tropical paradise of Williamsburg. As you know, I am beginning the fourth grueling week of my law school career and I thought I'd bring you up to speed on my activities.

The first item on the Marshall-Wythe (pronounced like the preposition not it's spelled) agenda was one week of intensive drinking orientation to legal skills. What a joke... no wonder these people have become professors rather than pulling down 80 hours per week in some firm! I'd tell you more but the memories have become so ingrained in my soul that I cannot seem to recollect a single one at the moment. Guess I learned a lot—hope that wasn't included in the comprehensive fee.

Speaking of which, we have been exposed to numerous thought provoking presentations from the financial aid office. Basically, the whole money deal boils down to $45 pizzas, savings account totals of $69, and a lifetime of ramen noodles.

Fortunately, our Legal Skills program has already begun to focus on the most important part of the lawyer's work (not to mention my real reason for becoming a lawyer) — billable hours. My first day of class, we spent 15 minutes discussing the legal profession and 45 minutes (@$199.00/hour = $149.25) pondering the intricacies of the billable hour.

Fortunately, the rest of my classes haven't been so intensive as we're not really supposed to learn anything anyway. Maybe that's why they distributed the shirts that read "Billing is Life — The rest of the law is just details."

Speaking of classes, I have met some really interesting professors. For some reason, none of them seem to be able to read my first name on the seating chart. My week begins at 8:30 on Monday morning with Professor Devins, Con. Law, and Vanderbilt Law School circa 1965. The last thing I need at the crack of dawn is another adage of Devins reliving his youth.

To make it worse, the other Conv Law class got the entire first week off because Professor Gerhardt was vacationing in Maui or something. I was beginning to think that the school had committed a tortious wrong in allowing this injustice to persist. That is, until I walked into Professor LeBelt's Torts class and learned that only people having epileptic seizures exhibit unreasonable conduct to such a degree as to make their actions negligent.

So I took my complaint to the Student Bar Association. Unfortunately, the SBA President was more preoccupied with his new contract to handle the legal work for the school than first year students. No wonder he's like 40 and still in school. Actually the only thing he does do well is the bar reviews. (Yes, Mom, I am already on the bar review, but I need to pay dues every week, so I need you to send me an extra $30 a week).

We have several famous people enrolled. Thomas Jefferson is back, guess first time he flunked out of Con. Law. (We just read in Marbury v. Madison that he didn't have a clue about the Constitution.).

After screwing up international relations, and finally getting rid of that nutcase Amy, Jimmy Carter has finally decided to go to law school, and boy does he have a tan. I just hope he doesn't run for SBA—knows-what (I have a feeling I just paid for torts. I think its some stupid issue of the Amicus authored under a pseudonym, "Lost and the Mailroom" quickly because one of the more frequently discussed columns in the paper. As some of you may recall, Pat Marshall lost his or her forum for expressing the finer points of life at M-W shortly after the publication of this column.

Pat, it is Virginia, where family trees go back generations. Speaking of the dean, he holds a basketball game every morning at 8am. Good to see that he's earning his salary. I just hope he can run a school better than he can free throw.

As for my living accommodations, the Grad Complex is way overrated. First, no cable. About the only thing I can get on my TV is PBS and NBC. Tough choice between the Jerry Lewis Telethon and the mating rituals of the African swallow. This complex is supposed to be new, but they were too cheap to install a simple wire so that we don't actually think it is snowing in TV-land.

They absurd with $25 for God-knows-what (I have a feeling I just paid the tuition of the RA's), pass enough rules so as to ensure that we will make Law Review, but can't understand that a volleyball court does require a net.

Anyway, I'm sure glad to be here. Every morning I wake up and thank God I turned Harvard down to live in this thriving metropolis. Speaking of which, this place went way too far on the colonial idea. Everytime I drive downtown (if you can call it that), I see all these fools wandering around in colonial garb. Hello! Wake up and smell the decaf cappuccino. Welcome to the 20th century. Electricity — try it, you might like it.

And people actually pay to see country singers up and chumbum butter. Well, it is Virginia, where family trees grow straight up. "It's not just for lovers, it's for idiots." Can't wait for you to come and visit — I have found the missing link, and its here in Williamsburg.

Well Mom, better get going. I have to read for torts. I think its some stupid case about a putz who actually sued after falling through his shower door. More importantly, I have to make up my bingo card. Love you, wish me luck.

Love Always,

Pat Marshall

*Originally published in the first issue of the Amicus in the Fall of 1995 and authored under a pseudonym, "Lost in the Mailroom" quickly became one of the more frequently discussed columns in the paper. As some of you may recall, Pat Marshall lost his or her forum for expressing the finer points of life at M-W shortly after the publication of this column.*
PSF Funding at Work: More Summer Stories

Providing Representation

Bob Toy

At the end of last year, not only was I not exactly sure that I actually passed those exams, but I was staring down the barrel of my first summer in five years where I would not be spending my days on the beach and my nights behind a bar (that’s behind a bar, not behind bars — a very important distinction). Needless to say, I had no idea what sort of law I wanted to practice when I graduated, and consequently had no idea what I wanted to do last summer. In order to spare all you ILs a description of the heinousness of what will happen to you after December 1, suffice it to say that after gut-wrenching consideration of all of my hundreds of job offers (that’s right, all of them), I took a job with the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc.

CVLAS is a non-profit legal organization that provides legal services to those who require them but who can’t afford to hire a private attorney. There are five primary areas of practice covered by the office: housing law, disability and public benefit law, employment and civil rights law, family law, and consumer law. I was assigned to two attorneys, one in the disability section and one in the employment section. Luckily for me, they were both buried by work all summer, so they dumped as much as they possibly could on me. Sweet. Actually, I would have had it no other way. I got great experience and was able to take on projects of relatively large importance with little supervision. Typical tasks included research, drafting court documents, interviewing clients, investigation of clients’ problems, drafting letters, conducting settlement negotiations, drafting proposed jury instructions, and (check this out) arguing on behalf of clients in administrative hearings.

The office atmosphere was fantastic. The attorneys were very friendly and approachable, and were genuinely glad to have law clerks with them at deposition or in court. In addition, the cases that the office deals with are usually resolved very quickly, so you will see immediate fruits of your labor, and when you win a case for a client, they are usually so unbelievably thankful that you forget about the one catch that CVLAS [and a million other places like it who have (exploit?)] ILs has — they pay you with pay on the back. Enter PSF.

The law school has several funds through which students who wish to work for a public interest organization can obtain a grant so that they don’t have to eat spaghetti every night. I was lucky enough to get one of those grants. Although it didn’t pay as much as the jobs with all of those high-dollar firms would have paid me, my charitable side wanted to commute an hour each way to Richmond to work with CVLAS [even if it did just about kill my wheaties, gasping, coughing, whining scrap of metal they call a car]. Oh, by the way, that argument on behalf of clients stuff — undefeated, baby, undefeated.

The process ensures that schools don’t get away with abusing the federal funding process by taking funds away from students who need them and wasting taxpayer money. I was responsible for writing decisions for two different judges.

Monitoring the Use of Federal Funds at the U.S. Department of Education

Katie Kedian

Unlike many of my fellow public service fund stipend recipients, my summer public service experience did not really include hands-on participation in the noble goal of assisting the less fortunate. Instead, I suppose I could describe it as involving that other noble goal of keeping a watchful eye on everyone’s tax dollars.

I spent my summer working as a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Education Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) in Washington, D.C. As the quasi-judicial arm of the Department of Education, OHA employs administrative judges who decide cases dealing with student financial assistance regulations, alleged federal funding abuses, and federal loan participation department and suspension proceedings for schools and individuals.

The judges also decide cases involving civil rights issues in education, and one of the other OHA summer law clerks was able to work on a fascinating civil rights case in which a school district denied disabled children participation in after-school programs.

Most of the OHA cases I worked on dealt with alleged Title IV federal funding abuses by institutions. Attorneys from the Department of Education’s Office of General Counsel bring cases against schools they suspect of violating funding regulations, and OHA hears and decides these cases.

The process ensures that schools

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The Campaign for Virginia Attorney General Republican Mark Earley Unites Groups Behind a Solid Agenda

Cindy Ewing

Mark Earley represents the Republican Party in this Fall’s Election for Attorney General. Upon that, he decided it was important that each generation of Americans recommit themselves to the first principles of our democracy to ensure continuing the freedom that we currently enjoy.

Mark Earley

Mark Earley, Democrat, unsteady period when he decided that this show of force was because it citizens that helped place him in the gun and other artillery. He then discovered what it was like to live in America where a stable democracy existed and where people were able to speak their mind on issues without fearing government retribution. Mark said this experience made him realize the value of freedom in America and how easy it had been for him to take for granted these freedoms.

Journalist Margaret Edds of the Virginia-Pilot, who many classify as a liberal Democrat, indicated in an editorial that, although she could name a half dozen ways in which she disagrees with Mark Earley, he has long been on her short list of “most admirable legislators.”

Edds went on to say that “[in] an ideal world, politics would be more about commitment to principle than to self, more about hard work than show-boating, more about pushing ideas than about tearing down your opponent. . . . I’ve always thought Earley ranked higher on those scales than most [legislators].”

For those of us who know Mark Earley and have seen him in action in the chaotic and challenging world of policy-making, it is easy to understand why he may have the most bipartisan support of all the statewide candidates.

I believe Mark is a man of unparalleled principle, integrity and character who has earned respect and admiration from a lot of people with his hard work, his respect for others, and his courteous conduct. He has a lot of friends and supporters from both political parties.

Mark Earley believes that the office of Attorney General demands a professional approach, with its fiduciary duty to all citizens of Virginia. Senator Mark L. Earley wants Virginians to charge him with this duty of giving sound legal advice and protecting the liberties of all Virginians.

The Democrat Candidate for Attorney General is Bill Dolan. Although the Amicus Curiae repeatedly offered equal space to the Law School Democrats, no submission was received by the publication deadline. Despite the best efforts of the Amicus Editorial Board to obtain a position statement or responsive argument on behalf of Dolan, the Law School Democrats failed to respond to requests for information.

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Kevin Kline Rocks In & Out

By Chris Murphy and Kristi Garland

In & Out — Kevin Kline, Debbie Reynolds, Joan Cusack, Tom Sellek
Kristi: The movie opens with the sun-shiny scene of the bustling main street of a ‘Big Little Town’ (as it was some years ago) somewhere in middle America.

The grass is green, the sky is blue, and the high school students sit attentively as their teacher (Kevin Kline) recites Shakespeare to them.

This movie, in the spirit of Babe (one of my favorite flicks ever — fun for the whole family). . .), is hokey from the opening credits clear through to the conga-ending — but it works and is definitely worth the $6.25.

In a nutshell, the movie traces the aftermath of Kline’s mistaken “outing” on national TV by his former student, Oscar winner Matt Dillon. Kline’s fiancee, the obscurely located and fabulously underpopulated excuse for a bar. The singing of “Beefcake” Shakespeare to them.

“Lame” was the operative word at the so-called Bar Review at J.M. Randall’s, an obscurely located and fabulously underpopulated excuse for a bar. The singing was well-performed but morose, and the (very) small crowd dejected (very) quickly when Larry, his brother Darryl and his other brother Darryl took the stage to sing the blues. However, a few brave souls stuck it out, including Dana “I’ve only missed one Bar Review ever” Lofitis, to whom we owe profuse apologies in our omission last column (she’s got steel-toed Doc Martens). Also among the notable 2L’s in attendance were Mike “Why run when you can stay home” Hyman, Jeff “Thank God for no write-ins” Timmers, Chris “I like my butt” Garber, Jill “Bizarre Kindra” Cramer, Sara “The object of a 1L’s affection” Hirsch, Matt “Beefcake” Camblin, Dana “It was just a little healthy rivalry” Lofitis, Debbie “Beaker” Arscott, Dennis “Step away from the extra curricular activities” Barghaan, Janet “Um…” Forville, and Brett “The other white meat” Forville.

The ILS represented at the dive were Jo “Local Yokei” Whalen, Kim “Shiny happy people” Kurkjian, Liam “Ball and chain” McCann, and his better half. As a special treat to those in attendance, fresh from a direct Boston to Williamsburg flight, Dave “Chowda, didn’t even know heuh Kolman and Darren “Easy rider” Welch. Oh, did we forget Dana “The 2L’s don’t suck” Lofitis?

We’d like to take a moment now to introduce the newest member of our crack team of reporters, Phl “If you didn’t like it, I wrote it” Bohi, whose incisive observations are sure to make your reading experience infinitely more enjoyable. This brush young 1L rolled in with Giancarlo “Welcome to Fantasy Island” Campagnaro and began with a pair of single malt whiskies. As the time grew closer to nine and the dollar drafts were waning, a number of creative souls decided to repair to the Green Leaves.

Among the Wild Bill Hickocks were Tyler “You must assimilate: resistance is futile” Dow, Matt “The end justifies the means” Kuehn, Kevin “Everything is bigger in Texas” Rice, Jeff “The trigger safety must be stuck” Polich, Steve “MVP” Lasticke, Bob “Hat trick” Morris, Chris “Midget wrestling champion” Morrison, Chris “Hands On” Forster, Todd “Not Bad Todd” Rothisberger, Mac “Public servant” Stuckey, and Earl “Whaddaya mean I need ID for a rated R movie” Pinto.

Among the Calamity Janes were Gari Jo “Tough as nails” Green, Chris “Veleno” Murphy, Marybeth “Gentlemen start your engines” Lenkevich, Jessica “That judge must be smoking crack” Arons, and of course our trusty reporters, Erika “If I broke your leg you’d need a Kroecht, and Kindra “The whole kielbasa” Gromelski. As usual, the pitchers started flowing, and our memories become dim from this point.

Unfortunately the numbers didn’t result in love connections, with one possible exception. Apparently two of the aforementioned persons (you do the math), ended up taking a late night stroll together. Too bad they didn’t take the ride proffered them. If they had, it might have come to light that keys for the “love nest” were A.W.O.L. Please join us in singing to the trolley song: “Rap, Rap, Rap on the window, Bang, Bang on the door, wake up the buck-naked roomie, let us in ’cause we want to score.” For once, the buck-naked roomie was alone in his Garden of Eden splendor. Nevertheless he graciously led the co-conspirators to the Stairway to Heaven.

To all those Chinamps who refused the warm fellowship offered at Bar Review to watch Must See TV, consider this your warning. The gloves are coming off and we aren’t responsible for the bloody noses. Here is a list of those who are not worthy: Kimberle “I’m too sexy for the curb” Wisseski, Todd “Millar, skiller, get a grippet” Gillette, Susan “International student beer provider” Isbister, Jason “Connie” Rylander, Carla “I was on what ballot?” Boyd, Jennifer “My mom wouldn’t let me!” Stanley, Karen “But I’m not finished with my legal skills homework” Wesbrock, Rebecca “What exactly was your question?” McElrath, Don “The See SOCIAL on 12
Music for the Masses

The East Coast/West Coast Rap Spectacle:
Sophisticated Conspiracy or Just a Quest to Get More Champagne?

By: Muffinhead and Uncle Puffy (a.k.a.: Matt Kaiser and Simon Ulickas)

Since the brutal slayings of Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace, a.k.a. “The Notorious B.I.G.,” a.k.a. the oxymoron “Biggie Fries (oh, I mean Smallz),” all we’ve wanted to do is grab our 9’s, roll through the ‘Hood in our Volvo wagon, pick up some 40’s and some stank hos, and solve this gosh darn mystery once and for all.

We began our investigation in the exclusive Los Angeles borough of Compton. There we met up with some of our homies from the 8 Tre (for you crack-timers) gangstas, a militant faction of the Crips (the guys who wore blue in Colors — again for you crack-timers). After scoring some crack to get us through our day, we muttered up with our West coast correspondent G-Mac (Greg McMurray) who picked us up in his VW “love” bus. At Walden, G-Mac began worshiping one of Jerry Garcia’s reaches, and was convinced that Phish had maintained the fall of the Grateful Dead.

After having reached a dead-end on our West coast trip, we flew to Brooklyn’s Red Hook, where we were greeted cordially by our East coast correspondent, Bow-Tie (Mark Van Deusen). Bow-Tie had put his outstanding and refined research skills to good use by informing us that yes, the Notorious B.I.G. had been killed. Having reached yet another dead-end, and realizing that we have no idea what we are talking about, we decided to end the article and hand it in.

Complaints can be made to anyone but us. Thanks for your support in our time of need, and please, why can’t we all just get along?

Album Reviews:
1. Puff Daddy & The Family — No Way Out (of our job for the Amicus). Four dopes and a phat.

The views expressed herein do not reflect the opinions or beliefs of the Amicus Curiae. For that matter, the authors. We just needed to come up with two double-spaced pages of mindless blather that we could pass off as a music column.

Local Happenings:

On a lighter note, we would like to spotlight on of our own in his quest to become See MUSIC on 14

Texaco Offers More Than Gas;
Sakura Sails Through Sushi

By Kevin Muhlendr
& Andy Lustig

After last week’s column, which received many accolades and much criticism (the most hurtful of which accused us of having an 8th grade sense of humor — we were aiming for 5th), we have decided to lay off the 1Ls and instead focus on something more interesting, the food. This week, we reviewed the lighter side of Williamsburg and sampled the fare at two intriguing lunch spots, Cam Cam and Sakura. Both provided completely different experiences, each delightful in its own way. For those of you who do not know, Cam Cam is located in the new Texaco at the corner of Route 5 and I-95 and close to the Williamsburg train station. Sakura is located near campus at 602 Prince George Street. Our thanks to Windley Helter-Walden for pointing us to Cam Cam.

Many of our readers may question the wisdom of distinguished food critics such as ourselves reviewing the food at a gas station. We feel it is our duty however, to push the envelope, to risk our palates so you don’t have to — much like Lewis and Clark, Vasco De Gama, Larry Flynn, and Christopher Columbus — we take risks so you won’t have to. Cam Cam, in fact, turned out to be no risk whatsoever. For the Hoos out there, Cam Cam is reminiscent of the Bel-Aire Market in C-Ville, though it’s in a Texaco as opposed to an Exxon.

Regardless of which octane you prefer, the food at Cam Cam is excellent and plentiful. The fare consists mostly of sandwiches, but they are large and affordable. Kevin had the Turkey on French Bread (around $5). An enormous lunch, the fresh bread was piled high with Boar’s Head meat, cheese, and crisp veggies. Andy had a similar Roast Beef Sandwich, also loaded with Boar’s Head meat, and got his oil changed. Matt had his tires rotated and got his salad tossed — we mean a tossed salad. Delicious condiments such as the Raspberry Mayonnaise and delicious cheeses including Brie, several different havarti and cheddar, complemented the daily specials. All the sandwiches came with pickle slices, the hallmark of any fine establishment. In fact, in a test of the quality of the service at Cam Cam, Kevin asked for an additional pickle slice, which he was afforded at no extra charge. All in all, to top off your lunch with some supreme sandwiches, stop by the Cam Cam — you won’t be

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Coqua Felix
At Home with Pork and Cheesecake

By Kim Hackett

Forget taking your date to the Trellis! You can impress that special someone by fixing this elegant, yet easy to prepare gourmet meal. I guarantee that after the evening is over, your significant other will be phoning Mom to brag about what a wonderful cook you are!

A few helpful hints before you get started: Pork tenderloin is usually sold in two packages. Within each package, there are two pieces of meat. This recipe calls for using one package. I buy my pork tenderloin at Costco/Price Club. You will also find pork tenderloin at Sam’s Club, The Fresh Market, and Farm Fresh. Uncooked pork tenderloin may be frozen for up to three months. Be sure to use plenty of freezer wrap. Serve the tenderloin with brown rice. Try seasoning the rice with a little basil. Fresh asparagus or green beans go well with this recipe. Do fresh home bread. I highly recommend serving an Oregon Pinot Noir, such as Oak Knoll, with dinner.

Mark’s Pork Tenderloin

One package pork tenderloin

For the marinade:
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup butter

For the filling:
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 eggs
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate

One cup of minced shallots

Preheat oven to 350°. Place tenderloin in a glass baking dish. Spoon half of the marinade mixture over the tenderloin. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 40 minutes. Turn tenderloin over. Drizzle the remaining marinade over the tenderloin. Continue to bake, uncovered, for 35 minutes or until done.

Chocolate Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce

For the crust:
1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup butter

For the filling:
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 eggs
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate

One cup of minced shallots

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**In the Kitchen with Kim:** Tenderloin Pork and Chocolate Cheesecake

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Preheat oven to 350°. Combine the crust ingredients. Press the mixture onto the bottom and sides of a 9 inch pie plate.

In a kitchen aid or with a hand held mixer and large glass bowl, beat the cream cheese until fluffy. Mix in the condensed milk. Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in the microwave. If using a microwave, melt the chocolate slowly. Use a medium power setting and stir every 30 seconds. Add the chocolate to the cheese mixture. Beat in the eggs and vanilla. Pour the mixture into the crust.

Bake for 30 minutes or until done. Let cool in a draft-free place. Cover and chill for several hours. Remove from the refrigerator 20 minutes before cutting into slices. Spoon some of the raspberry sauce on the center of a plate. Place cheesecake on top of the sauce and garnish with fresh raspberries.

**For the sauce:**
2 lbs. frozen, sweetened raspberries, thawed
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 cup raspberry liqueur

In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch with the liqueur, stirring until the cornstarch is dissolved. Puree the thawed raspberries in a blender. You may strain the berries to remove the seeds. Place the liqueur and raspberry puree into a saucepan over medium heat. Stir constantly until the mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Let cool before serving.

More Clip 'n' Save Marshall-Wythe Trading Cards! Collect them all!!

This week: Hanging Judges of the Moot Court

Eliza Hutchison
Kim Hackett
Joe Klefer
Rachel Smith
A few years ago I came to Williamsburg and began my education at a venerable institution with a proud tradition. On the side I went to the college across the street from the Green Leafe. Not to borrow a phrase, I won't say that all I learned I learned from the Green Leafe, but some of the best lessons were definitely imparted there. It was there I learned: the difference between whiskey and whisky, and why an eighteen-year-old beats two twelves. Just how reasonable a great cabernet can be. That Babe Ruth's record for most scoreless World Series innings pitched stood until 1961, the same year his home run record was eclipsed. That a properly poured Guinness will hold the shamrock to the bottom of the glass. That there used to be fish in the river so thick you could hear 'em coming. That a good cigar's composition changes from tip to butt. That the British were growing tobacco. That Mickey Gilley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Jimmy Swaggart are cousins. The difference between an IBU and an IPA. That a good idea beats a good intention any day. The mystic words to the Gilley classic, "The Girls All Get Prettier at Closing Time." That the secret to a long life is knowing when it's time to go.

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<td>Not known for her driving abilities (more specifically, she just can't back out of a parking space), Rachel was recently seen in the Hospitality Center parking lot playing tennis, while certain 3L men slaved away to change her tire. When asked whether she could change her own tire, she responded, &quot;No, I have no idea what the number for AAA is.&quot;</td>
<td>Doubling as both Chief Justice of the Honor Council and a member of the Moot Court Bar, Joe was seen stuffing the ballot boxes with his own name during the recent 1L election. When caught, resulting in the invalidation of the election and a slap on the wrist by the full Honor Council, Joe responded, &quot;but I would do a really good job!&quot;</td>
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Wednesday, October 8
Men’s Soccer: vs. University of Richmond. 7:30 p.m., Busch Turf.

Lexis Training: Hey 1Ls, learn how to speed up your research for all those worthwhile Legal Skills memos. 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sign up at the library research desk.

Off to the Dumpe, the Dumpe, Dumpe, Dumpe: Rosie Rumpe’s Regal Dumpe provides the forum for an evening of Medieval dinner theater with audience participation. Show off your lance handling skills in public for once! Tickets cost $3.95 for adults (that’s us) and $1.95 for children (that’s how we act). Reservations are recommended for this little event, held in the Ramada Inn Central, Richmond Rd.

Thursday, October 9
Flag Football: Men’s, Women’s, and Co-Rec flag football entries close, 1-5 p.m. Don’t miss the chance to hang out with some of the more athletic of your peers, all running up and down an astro turf field in all sorts of abnormal weather, playing with a pig that has been slaughtered, tamed, and sewed up with too-white laces. Fun for all!

Friday, October 10
Air Force One: Not the Presidential plane, but the movie with Harrison Ford. We have presidential confirmation that the pod isn’t real, but the movie is packed with cool stuff. Of course, we all know how trustworthy any information that comes from the White House but is not connected to fund raising and solicitation would be. At the DOG Street Theatre at 9:00 p.m. through October 12.

Saturday, October 11
Fall Break: Attention 1Ls: Leave your books in the ‘Burg and go somewhere else. Attention 2Ls: Do you have a job yet? Attention 3Ls: If you stretch Fall Break into a week, there are only 209 days left till Graduation.

Yom Kippur: Begins at sundown. How fortunate that the College planned Fall Break this year. How fortunate that the College planned Fall Break this year.

Football: vs. James Madison University, 1:00 p.m.

W&M Pentathlon: 9:00 a.m. This event does not include channel surfing, sofa lounging, or beer lifting. I guess you have to be in good shape or just really willing to make a fool of yourself. Of course, it is during Fall Break, so nobody that you know will be around to see you looking silly.

Monday, October 13
Ulee’s Gold: A film starring Peter Fonda about a family torn. Torn about what, I have no idea, but they are, and you should go see it. At the DOG Street Theatre through October 16, at 9:00 p.m. This is supposed to be a good film and worth seeing, so just spend the few bucks!!
Coughlan Up Predictions

Take the Annual College Football Challenge

By Kenneth Coughlan

Anyone who votes in one of the major college football polls is in for one heck of a lot of criticism. It doesn’t matter who gets declared the national champion this year, there’s going to be controversy. First of all, let me get the old debate out of the way. It’s entirely possible that the number one and number two teams will not meet in the Orange Bowl. Why not? Look at the current rankings. Florida is number one, Penn State is number two and Nebraska is number three.

If Florida goes undefeated, they go to the Orange Bowl. The same is true for Nebraska. But Penn State would still be locked into the Rose Bowl as the Big Ten champion. Florida may lose a game and drop out of the running, but Penn State probably won’t and Nebraska shouldn’t either.

If both of the top two teams win their Bowl games, how do you know which undefeated team is better? This, however, is not a problem that pollsters haven’t dealt with before. The good news is that starting next year the Big Ten and Pac 10 join the Alliance, so we won’t have this problem anymore.

Even if all three of the top teams win the rest of their games, though, they all still will get at least an outside shot at the title. Even Nebraska could win if they beat Florida and Penn State loses the Rose Bowl. The problem that looks like it may surface in College Football this year is that there could be a lot more than just three undefeated teams at season’s end. Take into account these other contenders who could very well finish with an unscathed record, yet never get a shot at the glory:

- Virginia Tech: The good news for Hokie fans is that there is nobody on their schedule who has nearly as talented a team as they do in Blacksburg. The bad news is that the reason they stand out is because the Big East is horrible this year and the pollsters know it. The fact is that Tech hasn’t and won’t play anybody.
- Nebraska: I didn’t include Florida State because for them to be undefeated they would have to beat Florida which would move the Seminoles into the number three spot giving them at least an outside shot. Now I know that a lot of you are saying that this entire debate is premature. After all, it’s only the beginning of October.
- Florida: But look at the remaining schedules for the teams at the top. Not only is it possible that we’ll have four undefeated teams at the end of the season, but it’s probable! Maybe even five! Neither Virginia Tech nor Nebraska have any real stumbling blocks ahead of them. Penn State has some small challenges to overcome, but even if they lose, whoever beats them will probably go undefeated. And at least one of Florida, Florida State and North Carolina will probably also close out the year with an empty loss column. What is a pollster to do?

Of course, this type of season is truly a college football fan’s dream. A lot of teams are almost halfway through their schedule, but no one team has really stood out.

So here’s my challenge. I want to know who you think the final top five teams will be after the Bowl games. Make your list and drop it in my hanging file (3L). I’ll announce the people who come closest at the end of the season. And just to be fair, I’ll give you mine now in writing:

1. Florida
2. Michigan
3. Penn State
4. Notre Dame
5. Nebraska

Now I’ve even given you all an advantage. I’m making these picks without the benefit of watching the first October games because of my early deadline. So in fairness, I can’t give you too long. If you want to participate, get me your picks by Friday, October 10. I’ll figure out the final poll by adding together the total points in both the USA Today and Associated Press polls. Good luck!

Cam Cam and Sakura Both Digestible

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disappeared.

For those of you out there who have not yet realized it, Williamsburg can be a very touristy and provincial place to live. As a result our choices are often limited to pancake houses and the back room of Video Update — you know you’ve been there. Yet as your tiresome, brilliant, well endowed (with culinary expertise), and soon to be on welfare, food critics have discovered, the ‘Burgh does have one culinary luxury beyond the pancake pits and tourist traps — Sushi.

Sakura is generally known as a Japanese steak house — the type where the chef cooks the food on a grill right in front of you while doing all kinds of kooky tricks (knife throwing, slicing, dicing, chopping, back-flips, push-ups, deep searches), making for a very entertaining meal. In addition, though many of you may not be aware, Sakura also has a sushi bar. To our delight, the recently acquired Sushi chef, Matthew, makes excellent sushi while paying special attention to detail and service.

For those of you not familiar with his customers (he graduated with a psychology degree from NYU) regarding the types of fish he is using, the manner in which he is preparing them, satyrism.

Barack Jumps into Radio

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Williamsburg’s number one afternoon radio personality, Ryan “Soul Train” Barack has exploded onto the airwaves, Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m., spinning tracks on WCWM, 90.7 on the FM dial. Tune in to hear his unique program offering smooth and rare mistic and impromptu commentary. Ryan has been having difficulties with “pig-vomit” and is looking to expand his programing by featuring lesbians. His request lines are open and he is starting a long-distance dedication program. On September 1st, he made his first long-distance dedication to Schmoopy in Boston from Little Amanda (the names have been changed to protect the innocent) of the cult hit You Can Be My Yoko One by the Bare-Naked Ladies.

Hook up pick of the week:

- Stephen P. Diamond, Junior, the Doctor of Smooth, recommends The Spice Girls: If You Want to Be My Lover, You Gotta Get With My Friends, to set the mood, and Right Said Fred: I’m Too Sexy, to close the deal.

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Law School Continues to Dominate in Softball

By Mac Stuckey

Picking up right where they left off two weeks ago, the law school’s various IM softball teams have continued to dominate the opposition. Stellar club play has resulted in gold gloves and big bats becoming norm as the entire team prepares for this week’s playoff tournaments. While the undefeated 3L Legal Briefs remain the team to beat in Men’s A League action, several upstart club teams have vowed to claim the title as their own. One 1L was overheard saying “The changing of the guard is upon us.” Co-Rec action is equally as contentious, with Janmon, Jamon, Curmudgeon, and What Bacon all eyeing the championship. Let’s rewind for a look back at some of the action on the field throughout these past two weeks.

One of those so-called upstart 1L squads, Assault and Battery, has been dominating their foes as of late. Tyler Dow has made a name for himself as the man both on and off the diamond. Stealing hearts and bases, the feisty Brit has led Assault and Battery to three victories, ensuring that they remain the champs will be crowned. and the basemen Rebecca Eichler (3L) has been Mr. Consistency, having made only one out at the plate in all of his at-bats this season. Ed Haughery (3L) has been compared to Ken Griffey, belting several 300 footers to deep center. Joe Keifer (3L) and Paul Cariono (3L) have provided plenty of footage for the 11 o’clock “Sportscenter”, with some smooth moves on the field. Yet, muchtalk has centered around the new addition to the Briefs, Chris Forstner (1L). The 1L Forstner has betrayed his classmates and joined the Briefs’ bandwagon. Shunned in the classroom for his treachery, Forstner has still put up some big numbers at the plate and looks forward to meeting and beating some fellow 1L’s in the playoffs.

Maqui Parkerson’s (3L) aptly named Curmudgeons have posted victories in their last two outings. Powerhouse third baseman Rebecca Eichler (3L) cleared the bases with several towering shots and has made quite a name for herself fielding the hot corner. Jeff Timmers (2L) has received MVP honors for his brave (yet questionable) base running tactics, choosing to slide on the turf field. Catcher Parkerson and second baseman Nicole Gayle (3L) have turned in consistently strong performances for the squad, belting hits and flat out intimidating the opponents. Unfortunately, the same can’t be said of Tom Christiano (2L), who went down swinging in the last Curmudgeon out. You’ll get ‘em next time, Tom. Janmon, Janmon has gone 1 and 1 in their last two games, but the competition has been “incredibly fierce” as reported by several fans at the games. Rookie Dana Leflis (2L), dubbed “Bar Review Queen” by several of her teammates, has proved to be a diamond in the rough, with a big pop-fly catch last game to lead her team to victory. 1L sensation Kindra Gromelski took an injury for the team, going down on her knees for a game saving put-out at third base. Erica Krouich’s (3L) unique tomahawk batting stance has befuddled opposing pitchers and added several RBI’s to her impressive stats (batting .640, 12 RFI’s, on one journal, has one column in the Amicus, “social butterfly” designation).

Still, there is much to look forward to, as the entire team prepares for their last two games of the season. The 3L Legal Briefs are contending to win the title as their own. Yet, much talk has centered around the move of Juner, back with theBriefs, to the main 1L team. This move has resulted in several upstart club teams vowing to claim their unrelenting march to finishing the ir last two games, but the competition has been “incredibly fierce” as reported by several fans at the games. Rookie Dana Leflis (2L), dubbed “Bar Review Queen” by several of her teammates, has proved to be a diamond in the rough, with a big pop-fly catch last game to lead her team to victory. 1L sensation Kindra Gromelski took an injury for the team, going down on her knees for a game saving put-out at third base. Erica Krouich’s (3L) unique tomahawk batting stance has befuddled opposing pitchers and added several RBI’s to her impressive stats (batting .640, 12 RFI’s, on one journal, has one column in the Amicus, “social butterfly” designation).

New Television Series Pushes Envelope with Violence

VIOLENCE from 1L worry Dennis, just kidding about the shooting spree. But I am serious about one thing. Violence is fun, it’s one of the cornerstones of the entertainment industry, and I love to be entertained.

If the violence isn’t enough to win you over, the language is the deal maker. “Asshole” was uttered not once, not twice, but twelve times. Not muttered, not mumbled, but said straight out. A flasher is referred to as a “dickwaver.” The new obligatory “b***ard,” “ass,” and “son of a bitch” were uttered repeatedly.

More creatively, however, Yvonne, a cop’s wife who is described as having “just [come] from a ball-breaking lesson,” actually says “stoppy seconds,” which may be the first time that phrase has ever been muttered outside a frat house. A couple of observers then have the following witty discussion about Yvonne’s charms:

“Must be some fine piece of ass.”

“Ain’t no piece of ass that fine.”

Which the viewer realizes is true when Yvonne picks up a man at Sizzler and sets the poor schmuck up to get caught with his pants down by her cop hubby. She then blames her actions on “mood swings.” Ain’t it the way, girlfriend. Angie and I didn’t know that you could pick up Dan cell-mate Bubba. You ‘ve got IM scores, anecdotes or highlights to report, just drop a note in Mac Stuckey’s (1L) hanging file.

The sniper then answers, “Yeah. That’s all it was. Hey, I was wrong, man, alright? What can I say?”

Angie gave this particular scene the “It’s times like this when you really should have an attorney” award. Welcome to the big house sir, and here’s your cellmate Bubba. You’ll be his girlfriend for a while.

Another interesting and possibly little-noticed charm of “Brooklyn South” is the casting. I give total props to whoever picked the actress who played Rayanne Graff on “My So-Called Life” to portray Jimmy’s sister, Kathyleen. I still miss that show, but it could never make it. Not one time did we get to see Angelia Chase beat a guy’s head in, or otherwise, I don’t think I’ll watch. I mean, as horrifying and appalling as it is, I don’t think I’d watch just for the show.

Angie: “Because, otherwise, I don’t think I’ll watch. I mean, as horrifying and appalling as it is, I don’t think I’d watch just for the show.”

Angie: “It would be such a let-down.”

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