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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 Goforth (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

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Journal of Women and the Law Selected by the Order of the Coif to Host Annual Lecture

By Krista Newkirk

The *Journal of Women and the Law* has been selected as a recipient of the Order of the Coif Lecture Fund. The Order of the Coif has selected *The Journal of Women and the Law* from many other applications to host a lecture by Professor Wendy Williams of Georgetown University School of Law. Professor Williams plans to discuss a retrospective examination of liberal feminism.

The *Journal* has already received numerous letters and phone calls from scholars interested in writing commentaries in response to Wendy Williams' article. The article and its comments will compose a special Order of the Coif issue of the *Journal*. Wendy Williams will be speaking on campus on February 27, 1998.

The *Journal* proposed, and was strongly encouraged by former Dean Krattenmaker, to

undertake expansive advertisement of this lecture to alumni and scholars interested in feminist jurisprudence.

The *Journal* has received, and is very grateful for, the strong support from administration, faculty, and the *Journal*'s advisor, Professor Susan Grover, in its effort to coordinate this lecture with the Order of the Coif.

The *Journal of Women and the Law* has completed its third volume. The volume is expected

back from the printer shortly. Although the volume was completed behind the original schedule, the volume will be larger and will contain a variety of timely, well-written articles.

The highlight of volume three is two articles concerning the international treaties for human rights. Cynthia Price Cohen, a well-known scholar in the area of human rights treaties, wrote an in-depth analysis of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The article analyzes the language of the Convention as compared to other international human rights agreements. The article's thesis is that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, due to its inclusion of female, as well as male pronouns, more efficiently protects the rights of the girl-child than any other international agreement to date, including the Convention on the Rights of

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Students Rush to Busch Gardens Last Friday Law School Students Confused Over Where to Buy Tickets

Last Friday, October 3, over 2500 William and Mary students, including over 80 law students attended the William and Mary Day at Busch Gardens. Although miscommunication between the park management and the Student Assembly resulted in the management closing the majority of the park, the students enjoyed the remainder until 10:00 p.m.

The College sold approximately 2500 tickets, according to Travis Patton, President of the Student Assembly. The College subsidized the first 2000, lowering their cost to \$12.00. The remaining tickets were \$16.00. Several dormitories, including the Graduate Housing Complex, further subsidized tickets, lowering the cost for residents to \$10.00.

Some confusion was caused at the law

school over where law students could purchase tickets. Signs posted in the lobby and in the Amicus indicated that the Student Bar Association would be selling tickets in the lobby. When students looked for someone from whom they could purchase one, however, they looked in vain, as the SBA had run out. SBA President Frank Sabia initially ordered fifty tickets from the Student Assembly, and 388 of those sold the first day, leaving only twelve or day two, all of which sold quickly.

Sabia then instructed Jimmy Robinson, the law school representative to the Student Assembly, to get more tickets from Patton. Robinson, unfortunately, was told that the SA would need to get more tickets from the park and that Patton would give them directly to Sabia. It was not until

Friday morning that Sabia received the extra thirty tickets, at which time all of the subsidized tickets had sold, forcing the SBA to subsidize the tickets themselves.

Students were allowed into the park at 2:00 p.m., and were allowed to remain until 10:00 p.m. The park closed to the general public at 6:00 p.m. Lines for most rides were non-existent, and students were able to walk straight on. Many other rides only had a five to ten minute wait. Even the line for the front row of Alpengeist was only 45 minutes.

Some confusion was caused at the park at 6:00 when the park management began closing off all sections of the park except Germany. Both Sabia and Patton understood that the entire park would remain open, but the management ex-

plained that for special events, only Germany remains open, but that this section contains the majority of the roller coasters, the circus games, and the Festhaus. The issue was never resolved, but no other sections of the park were opened. It is unclear whether Patton will follow up on the apparent discrepancy.

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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, no 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 "Intent 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 be having 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 1Ls felt that they had already availed 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 of 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 President Sabia's campaign promises, 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 kiosk) 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. But the sign remained, promising students that tickets would be sold. Presi-



dent 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. Never 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.

SBA Officer Jimmy Robinson sits on the Student Assembly, but it is rare that the Assembly affects the law school — only during the College budget process does the student body see its importance. Finally, the Social Committee plans Bar Reviews. Otherwise, the SBA has had little success this year.

The next event that the SBA holds will be Fall From Grace. It is time for the SBA to step up to the plate and prove that it can successfully plan and execute an

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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 drug 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 as Virginia's last Attorney General not lead our Commonwealth's Attorneys to prosecute drug dealers for tax

fraud?

Gilmore claims that serious crime is down but the number of juveniles charged with drug offenses went up substantially in the last 5 years in Virginia.

The Virginia Reform Party and its candidate for Governor are pledged to prosecute drug dealers for tax fraud.

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**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 recent problems resulting from 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 ballots. A valid 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 on 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 complaints or hostilities 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 reviews have been a huge success this year. We have all been having a great time and it is good to see all three classes interacting with each other in a setting outside of academia. The success of the bar reviews this year over last year's poor showings can be directly attributed to Danielle Berry

(3L), Social Committee Chair. Danielle has worked hard to plan some very interesting and different bar reviews and in the process has been able to get us a lot of free food and special discounts on certain distilled and fermented refreshments.

The current project of the Social Committee is Fall From Grace, which is the SBA's annual fall social. It will be held on Halloween night from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. in Trinkle Hall of the Campus Center. As I mentioned in my last column, Friday, October 31st was the only available date for Trinkle Hall, so the SBA has decided to make this a costume-optional event.

Tickets will go on sale the Wednesday after Fall Break and will be available on sale in the lobby until the day of the event. Be sure to buy your tickets in advance because they will cost more at the door. Tickets will be available at a special discount on October 15th and 16th to encourage early ticket sales. Anyone interested in volunteering to sell tickets or to help in any way can drop a note in the SBA hanging file; we would greatly appreciate any assistance.

Speaking of assistance, one person who deserves special recognition is 2L Rep Ian Iverson. Ian provided the grills and the chef skills 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. Thanks to the faculty members who did come and spend some time with us that 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, applications will be available on 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, you should 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 supposedly will help them determine what to do, however we shouldn't hold our breath while we wait for some action to be taken. Parking Services conducted a survey two years ago and nothing was done about it.

The SBA remains confident, however, that there will be more than just talk this time around. We have told them that the busiest hours are the late mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please direct any comments or questions to Bill Blaine (3L), as I have appointed him to head the parking task force for SBA. We appreciate your patience this semester while we work to get this problem solved. I would like to thank Bill for taking the initiative on this matter and arranging the initial meeting with the parking powers that be.

There have been a few suggestions on what to do about the lack of food service on the law campus. I have spoken with the Student Assembly about getting their help in the matter, but so far that has been a dead-end. There are a few sandwich shops in the area that have offered to provide lunches if they are ordered a day ahead of time, but they are a little more expensive than what I think the students would want to spend, and most people don't plan their lunches that far ahead. I

would like to have some input from the student body (and even the faculty and administration) about types of food they would like to see and how much they would be willing to pay, etc.

Please direct your comments and questions to Tom Kearns (2L) who chairs the Student Services Committee. Tom would also welcome help on the committee, so if you are interested in serving on the Student Services Committee, let him know.

On a final note, I am glad to see that there were quite a few law students at Busch Gardens on Friday. For those of you who were upset by the closing of most of the park at 6 p.m., all I can say is that I am sorry, but the SBA had nothing to do with it. We were under the impression, as was the Student Assembly, that the entire park would remain open until 10 p.m. However, two areas (Germany and Oktoberfest) were left open, the price was still reasonable, and there were still seven rides available (three of which were roller-coasters) after 6 p.m. There were about one hundred law students there and 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 Wednesday, 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. I wish everyone a happy and safe Fall Break, and as always, if you have a comment 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. Sabia

Journal Receives Order of the Coif Honors

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Women. (It should be noted that the United States is one of only two countries that has failed to sign the Convention on the Rights of the Child).

This article is accompanied by an article by William Schabas addressing the problem of state parties joining international agreements, but with such reservations to the agreements as to endanger the enforcement of the agreement.

The reservations create the conundrum of two options: first, to extinguish the right to reservation, causing less countries to sign the agreements because of conflicts with small parts of the convention; or continue the prac-

tice of reservations, which has allowed countries to claim they are a state party to the convention while noting multiple reservations to the convention, and making enforcement effectively impossible.

Schabas proposes an interesting solution to the conundrum. Both of these articles are preceded by a wonderful introduction written by Professor Linda Malone. The introduction draws the two articles together and provides a broad overview of the necessity of international human rights treaties.

Volume three also includes three commentaries and an interview based upon the spring symposium hosted by the Journal.

The symposium addressed the issue of Virginia's new mandatory arrest policy for domestic violence offenders.

The commentaries synthesize statistics from various states and cities of the United States regarding the effects of mandatory arrest policies on domestic violence recidivism rates. Interestingly, the articles come to very different conclusions regarding the value of such policies.

This year the Journal is already in the middle of subchecking its fourth volume. Consistent with its policy of refusing to discriminate against any article due to the political stance of its substance, the Journal will publish some very interesting ar-

ticles addressing a broad range of topics.

For example, the volume contains the following article topics: the problem of juries using the torts theories of assumption of risk and contributory negligence in rape trials; an historical evaluation of women's participation in juries; and an article advocating abolishing abortion due to its imbalanced use against women by sex selection abortions.

One article is a strong critique of a previous article by a feminist author addressing the need for an expansion of the excited utterance exception to the hearsay rule in cases of rape. The article, written by Professor Randolph Jonakait, is entitled,

"My God!" Is This How a Feminist Analyzes Excited Utterances.

The Journal expects to publish its fourth volume in the spring. The volume will include several student notes which have been written under the Journal's student note program.

The Journal is expanding its student note program this year and expects more than fifteen student notes to be submitted by second year members of the Journal.

The Journal has been able to expand due to the interest of the student body and the many applications it received this fall. The Journal was pleased to offer Associate Editor positions to over twenty new members.

-Law Watch-

Apparently Scott Turow Isn't That Popular

The prosecutor's office in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, has former judge Clifford Hopper to thank for the mountain of work they have been working their way through this summer. The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals ordered retrials in fifty cases potentially prejudiced by Hopper's errors while presiding over the original trials. Specifically, Hopper routinely instructed jurors that defendants are "presumed not guilty" instead of the proper "presumed innocent." Additionally, Hopper failed to instruct juries that the prosecution must prove (all of Marcus' students in harmony) each element of a criminal offense beyond a reasonable doubt. Not to fear, though, the possible influx of criminals onto the streets of Oklahoma has not materialized as the 45 retrials already completed have resulted in convictions.

Does the U.C.C. Regulate These Arrangements?

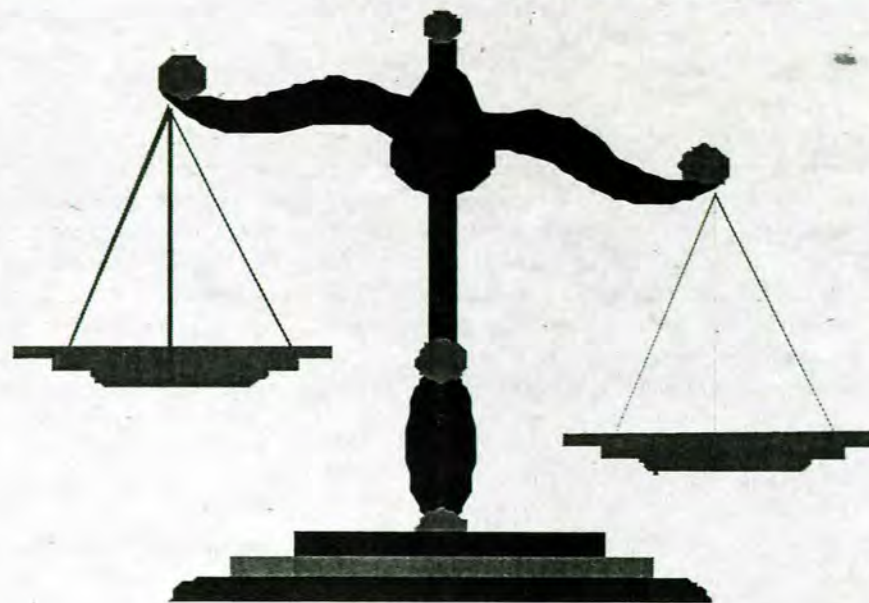
During the summer, the news service Agency France Presse reported that the Lebanese Shiite Muslim organization Hezbollah had embraced temporary "pleasure marriages" as an alternative to the more traditional "till death do us part kind." Citing great poverty and a shortage of men as the bases for this deviation from traditional marriage, justification for these temporary alliances (known as "mutaa") has been found in the Koran.

The mutaa essentially reduces to a contract for a specific time (whether days or years) during which an unmarried woman will take on the duties of a wife in exchange for a sum of money. According to the Powers that Be in Hezbollah, the mutaa implies a religious-based right to sexual pleasure that is not permitted in many other religions. And people say the Episcopalians have become too liberal!

Who Says Men Won't Change for the Women They Love?

Philip Wright, 18, received a suspended sentence from a magistrate in

Newquay, Cornwall, England, this summer. Charged with assaulting his mother and father, Wright began punching when his parents suggested (as they had many times in the past) that Wright's long-standing obsession with models Claudia Schiffer and Eva Herzogova was getting a bit out of control. The impetus for this final installment in the cycle of parental nagging? The fact that Wright had legally changed his name to Philip Herzogova-Schiffer.



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.

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.

Didn't I Hear Something Once About Proximate Cause?

Sebastiano Intili, 43, decided to ven-

ture through the streets of Rome on a hot, late summer frolic that included stops at some of his favorite fountains throughout the city. When he jumped twice off a particularly beloved statue of a dolphin and into a fountain, he accidentally broke off a piece of the dolphin's tail that Italian restoration authorities estimate will cost \$8,500 to repair.

Two days after his frolicking and de-touring, Intili was sentenced to three months in jail for trespassing (talk about swiftly moving wheels of justice). Never deterred, however, Intili's attorney (i.e., plaintiff's personal injury attorney) announced that the fountain was "in a decrepit state" and that his client had jumped into the fountain at great personal risk. Intili now is suing the city of Rome for approximately \$6,000. Obviously, he didn't receive the benefits of a state-financed public education.

Two Items That Won't Be Stolen From the Evidence Locker

Detectives in Loudon County, Tennessee, and Lexington, Illinois, managed to crack two burglary cases that have only been described as messy. Sheriff's deputies in Loudon County arrested Frederick Downing, 31, after he pawned a VCR that appeared to have whitish stains on the top. The stains, bird droppings, left by the bird who resided in the home that was burglarized and who regularly perched above the VCR.

James D. Kennedy, 32, pleaded guilty in Lexington to stealing a piece of railroad machinery. Police linked Kennedy to the machinery by freshly vomited spaghetti on the casing of the machine. After he noticed the "evidence," the Lexington police chief canvassed local restaurants until he discovered one that had run a spaghetti special the night of the burglary. The restaurant owner described Kennedy, leading the officers to arrest the culprit—most likely in time to schedule a new place where the force could have lunch. No information was available on where future donut breaks would be held.

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(and you know what we mean)

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 populus 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 roofing 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: Karima 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 Jemjemian (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 fmonday@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 Acuff, 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 that 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

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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 invalidated 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 "Intent to Compete" forms. The Honor Council then creates the ballots, monitors and runs the actual election, counts the ballots, announces the results, and handles any challenges. The Council is debating whether the Bylaws requires them to run the entire process.

"This has made us look at the entire

election procedures and Constitution Bylaws because there are a lot of unclear areas," said Sabia.

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 cast 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 garnish 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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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 like 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 have not 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 Con. 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 LeBel'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 losing and pathetic softball team 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 — he couldn't run the country, so what makes

him think he can do anything here. (On second thought, he can't be worse than the current dweeb we have.) And finally, we have Stephen King, although trust me, he writes books better than newspaper articles. Thank God nobody reads the newspaper anyway.

We have a medical doctor in our class. Talk about a professional student. This guy just can't seem to pick a job and keep it. Also of note we have a Jeopardy! champion. He was easy to spot — he kept answering professors' queries in the form of a question. Except that none of them seem to get it cause they're convinced that he is just trying to get into this Socratic method thing. Tools. The only thing worse than the professors reactions is the card Mr. Jeopardy! holds in front of him with his score.

Get this — this school has a fixation on Elvis. Get over it. The fat old man died on the toilet. Now that's something to make a shrine over. Maybe there is hope for Dean Krattenmaker yet. 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 abscond with \$25 for God-knows-what (I have a feeling I just paid the tuition of the RAs), 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 townies dress up and churn butter. Well, it is Virginia, where family trees go 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.

Ask Smarter Guy

Dear Smarter Guy:

Can't we all just get along?

Being a sensitive and caring law student, who has chosen his profession to help the poor and downtrodden of the world, I must ask: Why is the *Amicus Curiae* so mean? I agree with the letter to the editor in the last issue that the *Amicus* uses its extremely powerful position as the oldest and most reputable law school newspaper in the country to bludgeon those it dislikes in a flurry of malicious commentary.

Can't we all just get along? I thought lawyers were supposed to be nice people. We ought to act as the boy/girl scouts of the legal world, helping the less fortunate to cross the proverbial streets of litigation.

We ought not act as voracious piranha, tearing each other apart at the least scent of blood.

William Bennett may have his "Little Book of Virtues," and I too have been shaped by my own youthful experiences, and as my mother used to tell me, before tucking me into bed: "It's good to be good." Hopefully, the *Amicus* can understand what it means to be truly good.

The Oxymoronic, Sensitive Law Student.

Dear Oxymoron:

Patton used to say, "Americans love a winner and hate a loser." He should have said they hate a whiner. Yes, that's what you and all those other sorry excuses for future professionals are. You think the *Amicus* is nasty to

people, wait until you get a real job and have to deal with some of your fellow attorneys. If you want kinder and gentler, go into the Peace Corps.

Lawyers rank as one of the most vilified professions — Why? Because they do the dirty work for people. People like to blame lawyers for creating litigation, but it's John Q. Public who jams the hot coffee between his legs and is surprised that his crotch gets burnt, then expects some lawyer to win him millions of dollars for his own stupidity. The hatred of lawyers burns so deep it has even inspired literary abuse by the likes of Shakespeare and Dickens.

So if you think our few sophomore comments are a bit too upsetting, what will happen when you experience the full force

abuse that awaits? Are you going to write to the ABA and complain that you aren't being appreciated as much as you ought to be?

I certainly can't wait for when you go out into the edenic workplace you envision and ask Mr. Slumlord very nicely, "Please let my client stay in your wonderful flop house — honest, he'll pay his rent." Or, say pleasantly to Mr. Cigar-chomping, Bloated, Sexist Pig — "Now you know my client feels uncomfortable when your grab her ass and ask her 'what's cooking.'" I'm sure by spreading good cheer, you will get a very positive response.

While we here at the *Amicus* are sorry if we aren't providing you with positive self-esteem and that our humor may be a little cynical and jaded, some of us

don't have our parents paying for our education.

Most of us are now going into enough debt to pay for a nice mansion next to Prof. Devins' in Kingspoint. And after three years of putting our lives into hock, we have the added pleasure of trying to get a job.

The only advice I can give you, since, apparently, the *Amicus* is unable to fill that deep void within and provide the characterbuilding messages you seek, is as William Shatner once said when speaking as the evil Captain Kirk on *Saturday Night Live*, "Get a life!"

Smarter Guy addressed student concerns and issues — mostly his own in this question and answer format. This article originally ran in the September 18, 1995 Amicus.

PSF Funding at Work: More Summer Stories

Providing Civil Legal Representation to the Poor

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 1Ls 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 benefits 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 projects 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 depositions 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 hire (exploit?) 1Ls] has — they pay you with pats 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 wheezing, gasping, coughing, whining scrap of metal they call a car). Oh, by the way, that arguing on behalf of clients stuff — undefeated, baby, undefeated.

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 debarment 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's Office of General Counsel bring cases against schools they suspect of violating funding regulations, and OHA hears and decides those cases. 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.

Although both judges provided valuable guidance and answered questions for me, I had primary responsibility for researching the issues and deciding the cases.

All of the cases I worked on involved pro se litigants, and one of the most challenging aspects for me was striking an appropriate balance between being the objective decisionmaker and wanting to refine the pro se litigant's case in areas where it seemed weak. During my research for one case, I found an argument the school failed to make in its brief that ultimately altered the outcome.

One particularly interesting case that came up toward the end of the summer dealt with federal funding for American students studying at a medical school in Poland.

The school in question appeared to meet American medical school accreditation standards, which would make American students eligible for funds; however, an independent accreditation board deemed that Poland's overall medical education system did not meet American medical school accreditation standards.

Therefore new American students at the school could not get funds. Although the judge hearing the case wanted to ensure funding for American students, the regulations explicitly denied him discretion in the matter.

I came away from OHA knowing that the judges with whom I worked take great care to ensure efficient, proper use of federal funds and to promote the Department's overarching goal of equal access to education.

They were also, by the way, rather chatty, and dispensed a wealth of information that substantially broadened my own perspective on the federal government's role in our education system.

Fighting Child Abuse in LA

Greg McMurray

As a recipient of a Public Service Fund Fellowship, I spent this summer in Los Angeles working with Dependency Court Legal Services, Inc. DCLS is a non-profit public benefit corporation funded by the County of Los Angeles to represent the interests of parents or children at risk because of alleged abuse or neglect in juvenile court cases. The organization is made up of 82 attorneys who are divided into three separate law firms. Each of these law firms is equipped with its own supervisors, staff attorneys, paralegals, and social workers in order to maintain strict client confidentiality.

During the course of the internship, I worked on several different dependency court cases. On a given case, I would interview the parties, develop a case strategy, prepare the necessary motions or petitions, and formulate questions to be used at trial. I encountered issues concerning legal guardianship, long-term foster care, adoption, visitation rights, individual and family counseling, substance abuse, psychological evaluations, medical examinations, and medical malpractice. On one case, I was presented with the issue of whether to terminate life-sustaining medical treatment on a newborn baby who was a dependent of the court. The baby was born with severe brain damage due to the mother's abuse of prescription drugs during the pregnancy. The baby died before the issue was formally presented to the court.

Although at times disheartening, the overall experience was rewarding. I was able to help disadvantaged people while gaining valuable legal experience. Serving as an advocate for children who are abused and neglected and helping preserve the parental rights of poor and minority parents carries with it a sense of fulfillment. I would only recommend this type of work, however, to those individuals who are truly interested in serving the public.

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

Cindy Ewing

Marshall-Wythe School of Law Alumnus and Virginia State Senator Mark L. Earley is the Republican candidate for Virginia's Attorney General in the upcoming November 4th election. Senator Earley graduated from this law school in 1982 and is also an alumnus of the College of William & Mary having graduated with a B.A. in Religion in 1976.

Mark has practiced law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for fifteen years and has been a state Senator for ten years. He has lived most of his life in Chesapeake, Virginia, where he was born and now resides with his wife, Cynthia, and their six children.

Mark attributes his 1987 victory against an incumbent Virginia senator to several things, including his family's good reputation in the community and a lot of walking and talking to people in the district which had not elected a Republican senator since Reconstruction. In his first campaign, Mark was endorsed by a number of important organizations, including local chapters of the NAACP and the AFL-CIO. Since that time, he has earned a great deal of respect from his fellow legislators and a popularity among the citizens that helped place him in the 1997 race for Attorney General of Virginia.

When asked why he got into politics, Mark answers by describing his two-year ministry experience in the Philippines in the late 1970s which was during a very unstable period when President Marcos had declared martial law. One day while riding his bicycle in Manila, Mark noticed large military tanks at every intersection and many soldiers with machine guns and other artillery. He then discovered that this show of force was because it was election day in the Philippines.

Young Filipinos would often ask Mark 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 reprisal. 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 those freedoms. Re-

"[Earley] 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."



Courtesy of Friends of Mark Earley '97

Mark Earley represents the Republican Party in this Fall's Election for Attorney General.

flecting 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. Enter Mark Earley into the world of politics.

Mark chose the Republican Party because he believes in limited government, strong family values, low taxes, a strong criminal justice system, a vital economy, and the belief in the sanctity and dignity of all life, a message that should appeal to all citizens — black and white, men and women, young and old. Mark was chief sponsor of Virginia's legislation for welfare reform, juvenile justice reform, Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, and parental notification.

He has been a Senate leader for high academic standards, adoption reform, better care for the mentally ill and dis-

abled, safer schools, a strong economy, and protection of our constitutional rights. Earlier this year, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* named him the "Most Valuable Player" of the 1997 General Assembly.

The National Republican Legislators Association chose Mark Earley out of all legislators in the country, including federal, state and local lawmakers, as the recipient of the "1997 National Legislator of the Year Award." Although Mark has been a champion for conservative social policies and reforms, he has received a great deal of bipartisan respect and support in his legislative efforts over the past decade.

At the request of Paul Gillis, President of the Virginia State Chapter of the NAACP, Mark attended the National NAACP Conference in Pittsburgh this past summer. In a *Washington Times* article, Mr. Gillis was quoted as saying: "I know Mark Earley. I've had a relationship with him since 1983. Mark Earley is a friend of the NAACP and that's who I'm asking the members to support."

Mark is proud of the fact that he first tried to be "an agent of racial reconciliation" in the early 1970's. "Both in my personal life and my political life, I've always tried to be inclusive," said Earley. Mark offered to review discrimination complaints for the Chesapeake NAACP branch even before he was first elected to the Virginia Senate. Mark has been a member of the NAACP since 1983.

Journalist Margaret Edds of the *Virginian-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 "[i]n 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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**THE RACE
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**JIM GILMORE VS.
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Kevin Kline Rocks in 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 its welcome sign announces), 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-line 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 fiancée, the always funny Joan Cusack (not to be missed in this summer's *Gross Pointe Blank*); his mom, Debbie Reynolds; and his crotchety, oatmeal-eating father, Wilfred Brimley, round out the cast with somewhat predictable, but nonetheless enjoyable, ease.

And while you pretty much know what each character will

be offering (though, now that I think of it, Kline's small-town friends are surprisingly accepting of his Barbra Streisand fetish), the movie has unexpected twists and turns that are hysterical—Tom Sellek puts in a good performance here—and who can find fault with paying homage to the Village People?

A good movie that doesn't try too hard but instead proves to

me (too often) that there are some things that I just shouldn't tell people about myself (like how long it took me to figure out that the law school was not in fact named after the mythical state of Wythe).

Unfortunately, though I really enjoyed the movie *In & Out*, it caused me to make some not-so-comforting discoveries about myself. Like, I am one of the

person. Apparently, if I had seen *A Fish Called Wanda*, *The Big Chill*, or *French Kiss*, I would have discovered this sooner.

You must try to understand—I was raised in captivity with scary men in white coats performing shock therapy on me in order to ensure that when I grew up I would have absolutely no conversational skills, would never catch a subtle *Fletch* reference, and would make a fool out of myself by coming home to my roommate and telling him that Kevin Kline was definitely much better looking in this movie than in *The Bodyguard* or *Robin Hood*. It gets worse.

I also didn't know that there was a Debbie Reynolds and a Debra Winger—once again, two different people. I had been thinking that the lady from *An Officer and a Gentleman* sure did look older than I thought she was, but my did she age well! So, I feel like this should have a point, aside from the fact that my knowledge of everything cinema is nil and you are relying (ostensibly) on my review to keep you in touch with the ways of the world and the changing values of society.

In sum, *In & Out* is a great

flick, despite its unknown cast. ☺☺☺☺ (out of four).

Setting the Precedent

Having read our two previous columns, you may already have a sense of from where we are coming with these movie reviews. In case you are still not sure whether you will or won't see a movie based on our ramblings here, or you just can't afford to go to a real movie, we thought we should present our abbreviated "movie litmus test."

The following are some of our all-time favorites—you have undoubtedly seen most, but to prevent you from falling into the eternal abyss of Murphy-like cluelessness, we have decided to bestow our movie wisdom on those of you still reading this... *Chris's picks:*

So, I Married An Axe Murderer: Dear God, this movie is hysterical. Don't watch it after drinking a cup of coffee, or if you have a cold, or you will be subject to some very embarrassing accidents. This movie will make you laugh from the first line ("Excuse me, I believe I ordered the large cappuccino!") to the last ("Hey Jane, get me off this crazy thing... called... love")

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be two hours well-spent—who could ask for more?

☺☺☺☺ (out of four).

Chris: Kristi and I both liked this movie, so I guess I don't need to reiterate everything. I am going to get a little bit introspective here. Hang on tight. People tell

most clueless individuals on Earth. If I were cool enough to make it into the *Amicus* gossip column, I would be nicknamed Christine "Where the hell have you been all your life" Murphy.

First of all, I never picked up on the fact that Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner were not the same

1Ls Dominate Crowd at JM Randall's

By Erika "Judge Learned Hand" Kroetch, Phil "Judge Slow Hand" Bohi, and Kindra "Judge Talk to the Hand" Gromelski

"Lame" was the operative word at the so-called Bar Review at JM Randall's, an obscurely located and fabulously underpopulated excuse for a bar. The singing was well-performed but morose, and the (very) small crowd depleted (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" Loftis, 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 "Bizarro Kindra" Cramer, Sara "The object of a 1L's affection" Hirsch, Matt "Beefcake" Cambi, Dana "It was just a little healthy rivalry" Loftis, Debbie "Beaker" Arscott, Dennis "Step away from the extra curricular activities" Barghaan,

Janet "Um..." Forville, and Brett "The other white meat" Forville. The 1Ls represented at the dive were Jo "Local Yoke!" 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 2Ls don't suck" Loftis?

We'd like to take a moment now to introduce the newest member of our crack team of reporters, Phil "If you didn't like it, I wrote it" Bohi, whose incisive observations are sure to make your reading experience infinitely more enjoyable. This brash 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 Leaf.

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" Lastelic, Bob "Hattrick" Morris, Chris "Midget wrestling champion" Morrison, Chris "Hands On" Forstner, Todd "Not Bad Todd" Rothlisberger, 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 "Velcro" 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" Kroetch, 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, 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 Chizumps who refused the warm fellowship offered at Bar Review to watch Must See T.V., 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: Kimberlee "I'm too sexy for the curb" Wisniewski, Todd "Millet, skillet, get a grippet" Gillette, Susan "International student beer provider" Isbister, Jason "Commie" Rylander, Carla "I was on what ballot?" Boyd, Jennifer "My mom wouldn't let me" Stanley, Karin "But I'm not finished with my legal skills homework" Wesbrock, Rebecca "What exactly was your question?" McElfresh, Don "The

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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 Fluffy (a.k.a.: Matt Kaiser and Simon Ulcik)

Since the brutal slayings of Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace, a.k.a. "The Notorious B.I.G.", a.k.a. the oxymoronic "Biggie Fries (oh, I mean Smallz)," all we've wanted to do is grab our 9s, roll through the 'Hood in our Volvo wagon, pick up some 40s 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 homeys from the 8Tre (83, for you crackers) gangstas, a militant faction of the Crips (the guys who wore blue in *Colors* — again for you crackers). After scoring some

crack to get us through our day, we hooked up with our West coast correspondent G-Mac (Greg McMurray) who picked us up in his VW "love" bus. At

nolia, began worshipping one of Jerry Garcia's roaches, and was convinced that Phish had masterminded the fall of the Grateful Dead.

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

along?

Album Reviews:

1. *Puff Daddy & The Family — No Way Out* (of our job for the Amicus). Four dopes and a phat.
2. *The Notorious B.I.G. — Life After Death*. Four phats and a dope. Featuring the prophetic hit *You're Nobody (Til Somebody Kills You)* — word.

The views expressed herein do not reflect the opinions or beliefs of the Amicus Curiae, or 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 one of our own in his quest to become
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that time we questioned him on his theories of the case, to which he replied in a haze of smoke, "what case?" We soon realized that instead of investigating our fallen brothers, G-Mac had become hypnotized by *Sugar Mag-*

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

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

Texaco Offers More than Gas; Sakura Sails Through Sushi

By Kevin Muhlendorf & 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 11s 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 Ironbound (near the Winn-Dixie). *Sakura* is located near campus at 602 Prince George Street. Our thanks to Windley Hoeller-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's 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 Flynt, 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. Delightful condiments such as the Raspberry Mayonnaise and delicious cheeses including brie, several different havartis, 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 tank 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 especially well with this recipe. So does fresh rye bread. I highly recommend serving an Oregon Pinot Noir, such as Oak Knoll, with dinner. And gentlemen, buy your date some roses. If she rejects your flowers, they are always welcome in my hanging file!

Mark's Pork Tenderloin

One package pork tenderloin

For the marinade:

1/2 cup dry white wine	celery salt	garlic salt
olive oil	brown sugar	mustard
red wine vinegar	onion powder	salt and pepper

Before bedtime, mix the marinade ingredients in a large glass mixing bowl until tart and slightly sweet to the taste. Roll the tenderloin in the mixture and cover the bowl with foil. Marinate in the refrigerator overnight. Turn tenderloin over in the morning and continue to marinate until 90 minutes before dinner.

Pre-heat 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 1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs	1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/3 cup powdered sugar	1/2 cup butter

For the filling:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened	14 oz. can sweetened, condensed milk
6 oz. semi sweet chocolate	2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla	

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TV Violence All That Redeems "Brooklyn South"

By Dana Loftis

The much anticipated and quite controversial new show, "Brooklyn South" (Mondays, 10 p.m., CBS) has been hyped, advertised and discussed for weeks now. This is mostly due to the fact that the introductory credits to the show are preceded by sixteen minutes of carnage. Oh yes, and the fact that the commercials have been omnipresent. I even saw a commercial for this newest network blood-bath when I went to the movies. And boy was I excited.

Unlike most of the family values-spouting morning television anchors and what-is-television-violence-doing-to-our-children policy wonks, I am thrilled and titillated by the prospect of ever more racy and violent television shows, kids be damned. I was raised by television and I turned out fine, right? So what's the problem?

Anyway, after a week of anticipation and excitement over the promised blood running in the streets of Brooklyn, my roommate Angie and I sat down with a big bowl of popcorn to enjoy this latest televised feast for the senses. And a feast it was!

Starting with a punch to the face of an unsuspecting businessman (probably a lawyer, who deserved a nice smack), accused bank robber and murderer Deshon Hopkins lets loose on the streets of Brooklyn and Brooklyn's finest with a ven-

geance. With not one but two semi-automatic handguns, Hopkins wreaks havoc the likes of which have never been seen on network television. Honey, wake up the kids, history is being made here.

After cutting loose on the businessman, Hopkins beats up a car, shoots a cop in the back of the head (death count one), and shoots the first cop's partner (paralyzed), shoots a retired cop (death count two) who is in his car after a minor fender-bender with an Asian woman. Now, I don't believe that she had anything to do with anything, seeing as how she was on screen for a total of five seconds.

Angie, however, developed a complicated Oliver Stone-type conspiracy theory in which this woman instigated the fender bender in order to draw the first two cops to the scene, granting Deshon the chance to start his rampage. Angie also thinks that the woman did this in collusion with the second shooter. She was mumbling something about a grassy knoll when the men in the white coats took her away, but that's another story.

At this point, the entire police force, assembled for morning roll call, hits the streets, having heard gunfire. Oh yeah, and Deshon puts in a fresh clip and starts running.

Next victim is a blind, panhandling guitar player (death count three), whose style had been praised by the shift sergeant. Deshon has fired off so many

rounds at this point that he reloads both guns with fresh clips. He then takes down two members of the Brooklyn warrant squad, the first in the chest and his partner in the leg. One of these cops licks up and scores a hit to Deshon's chest, which momentarily stuns him, but Deshon recovers quickly and takes off down the street.

You would think that this is all the excitement the network can expect a viewer to take. You would be wrong. While the two warrant squad cops are hiding behind a car to avoid the wrath of Deshon, one of them is shot by a previously unseen sniper. Not just shot, but graphically blown away.

In one of the most visually impressive gunshots I have ever seen, and by far the best ever seen on network TV, the cop is shot in the head. The entry wound is unimpressive. The exit wound, however, is shown in slow motion, complete with a blood and brain spray out of the back of the unfortunate victim's skull.

This brings the death count to two cops, one civilian and one retired cop. And at this point, blood is indeed running in the streets. Folks, this is what TV was meant to be.

Deshon next grabs hold of a barmaid at the local cop bar and tries to use her as a human shield. However, Deshon meets his match in Jimmy Doyle, the apparent good cop and resident hotty of the show.

The waitress is recued and Deshon is pistol-whipped by Jimmy Doyle, "good guy."

Deshon is dragged out of the sniper's line of fire into the precinct house and handcuffed, smacked around a bit, and left until the paramedics get there, at which point he is pronounced dead (death count four), but not before the audience gets to see lung tissue foaming out of his mouth. Yes, I said lung tissue. That's what the paramedics called it and that's what it looks like, so I'm sticking with their superior judgement of such things.

I tell you, the fun on this show is non-stop! And then the credits came on, complete with cheesy Hill Street Blues meets Army Recruiting Commercial meets John Wayne movie theme song music.

After these brutal opening scenes, Angie had this to say:

"I appreciate the value of free speech. I really do. I never considered myself a conservative, but it's things like this that will drive you there. I mean, what is TV going to be like when I have kids? They won't be able to watch it; I won't let them."

I, however, found the brutality and violence exhilarating. At the end of the opening credits, I was ready to go buy a gun and take some pots shots at my favorite *Law Review* victims, or at least paper targets made up to look like them. Don't

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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
1/3 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 liquor 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 Kiefer



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 needed I learned from the Green Leafe, but some of the best lessons were definitely imparted there. It was there I learned: the difference between whisky and whiskey, 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 preparing to abandon Virginia when Rolfe suggested they try 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.

The Green Leafe Cafe
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3Ls Kelly Clopper and Kevin Rasch express their excitement while on the roller coaster at Busch Gardens.



1Ls discuss the intricacies of Client A while the enjoying free wings at Outback.



Lydia Hoover (3L) strikes a pose.



Brian Robinson (2L) and an unnamed 1L discuss family law.



Caroline Dooley (3L) and her fiancée board the Alpengeist.



Students crowd into Outback Steakhouse for the food and drink specials while watching the game last Thursday night.

TRADING CARDS: Hanging Judges of the Bushrod Tournament

Rachel Smith

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, "No, I have no idea what the number for AAA is."

Joe Kiefer

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, "but I would do a really good job!"

Kim Hackett

"Coqua what!?" asked certain *Amicus* editors. "Isn't that cured with a shot of penicillin?" Kim, who also writes the cooking column for this fine newspaper, responded, "No, it's Latin, for 'Eat this, Dumbass.'" Kim hopes to leave law school in May to head to the American Culinary Institute, where she will major in "Foods Beginning with Q."

Eliza Hutchison

Seen attempting to fly with her judge's robe in the lobby, Eliza espoused the importance of love within the law school, and was heard at the end of one of the moot court rounds saying, "Thank you for sharing, I really do appreciate your comments." As soon as the contestant left the room, however, Eliza swung her wand and axed the contestant's score in half.

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Monday, October 6

Do That To Me One More Time: Victims, er . . . Candidates, for First Year Representative face off once again in an election to determine the three 1Ls who will represent the class this year. If there's this much whining, infighting, and competition just to select someone to clean out the refrigerator, I shudder to remain in Williamsburg during the *Law Review* write-on competition this Spring.

Contemporary American Indian Art: The Feddersen Collection: at the Muscarelle Museum of Art through Sunday, October 19. No joke, cuz this just ain't funny.

Inuit II: at the Muscarelle Museum of Art through Sunday, October 19. No idea what it's about, but go see it anyway; it's better than class.

And you thought Camilla Caused Trouble: DOG Street Theatre presents *Mrs. Brown*: A movie about the lesser known relationship between Queen Victoria and her loyal servant John Brown, a relationship that scandalized the country and threatened the stability of the Crown. 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. through October 16.

Spades: Learn all the card tricks, then go register for the BLSA Spades Tournament. Registration continues through October 10. Cost is \$5.00 per team.

More Library Stuff: Lexis training. Learn how to use the on-line research tool with access to the most documents. God knows, you won't find it here. 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sign up at the library research desk.

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, Dumpe: Rosie Rump'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 \$32.95 for adults (that's us) and \$12.95 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 astroturf field in all sorts of abysmal weather, playing with a pig that has been slaughtered, tanned, 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 now.

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!!

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

1Ls Still Being Social

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Hammer" Martin, Bretta "Nick at Nite!" Zimmer, Jason "Cannahavaridehome" Cervenak, and Chris "Fashionably late" Hewett. Last but not least, at least in the opinion of one smitten author of this piece,

Sara Ruth "How deep is the ocean?" Chandler showed. Hey, if you didn't make it to Bar Review, you have plenty more chances! Oh, and don't forget to do something that our readers will want to hear about!

Wednesday, October 15

Classes Resume: This is for 1Ls and 2Ls only. Classes for 3Ls don't return till the first Finals sometime in December. Just when you thought you were recovering from the overstimulation of the first half of the semester, you have to go to class.

Friday, October 17

Remember Being Seven Years Old?: If not, Go see *The Quiet Room*, a film that takes the viewer into the mind of a seven-year-old whose parents are separating. At the DOG Street Theatre through October 18, at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Tetsuo II: No, this is not some bizarre disease requiring a shot of penicillin, but an instant cult classic about weird sci-fi nightmares and energetic live action. At the DOG Street Theatre through October 18 at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19

Women's Field Hockey: vs. Duke. 2:00 p.m., Busch Turf. So many lovely thoughts come to mind, so little space to say them. You get the idea, so go watch the ladies with their sticks.

It Happened One Night: You may think this is just another way of saying a one-night stand, but it's a classic movie with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. At the DOG Street Theatre at 3:00, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

Flag Football: Play begins today. What a better way to make a pass at that "studly guy" in your Torts class than to grab his flag? Oh yeah, reality check, and we suddenly remembered that studly guy in the same sentence as William and Mary would be oxymoronic. Sort of like helpful librarians.

Smilla's Sense of Snow: No, Dean Marcus, no need to worry about whether to cancel classes, it's just a movie with Julia Ormond and Vanessa Redgrave. At the DOG Street Theatre through October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Hollow Reed: Another British movie about a gay man trying to get custody of his nine-year old son, who is being abused by his mother's boyfriend. At the DOG Street Theatre at 9:15 through October 23.

Friday, October 24

Homecoming Weekend: Oh joy, all the alumni return to relive their glory days in school. Is the real world really that bad that you have to go back to law school to have a good time?

Swimming: Green and Gold Alumni Meet, 4:00 p.m. Go watch men and women in speedos jump into a pool and swim.

The Full Monty: Its got all the basics for a girl's night out: British accents and naked steel workers. All that's really missing is Brad Pitt, Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford, or one of those studly men from the swim team. A film at the DOG Street Theatre through October 27 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Ever wonder Where That Phrase Came From?: Come see why so many people say "It's just like a scene from *Deliverance*!" Yes, it is the late show at DOG Street Theatre through October 25 at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25

Homecoming Game: Football vs. Villanova, 1:00 p.m. Go watch the Tribe kick some Villa ass. Even better, catch one of the tailgate parties before the game.

I thought It Was Just a Jacket: American Painting from the Tweed Museum at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, through December 7. Wow, tweed really is expanding its market share.

Memories of Brooklyn: Photographs by Dinanda Nooney: at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, through December 7. What could these memories be? Muggings, murders, random violence? Yeah, I want to remember that.

Monday, October 27

Amicus Publishes, Again: Just when you thought the law school was safe, the *Amicus* is publishing on October 27. Articles must be submitted by Wednesday, October 22.

SBA Lacking Leadership

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event. It is meant to be an umbrella organization for student groups and the main organization around which the law school socializes. So far, the students haven't seen this. The SBA has fallen

sadly behind in its representation of the student body.

Without strong leadership soon, the law school community will continue to fracture. The election debacle is only the beginning.

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 10 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 10 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:

North Carolina: The Tarheels arguably have their best football team ever this year. The defense is amazing and they have two very talented quarterbacks. Nonetheless, even if they beat Florida State in the regular season, they may never climb higher than number four.

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.

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.

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. **Nebraska (12-0):** I admit that, being a Nebraska fan, I'm a little biased. But Scott Frost is finally getting it together and the Cornhuskers handily beat a very good Washington team a few weeks back while on the road. The Huskies' stadium is supposed to be one of the toughest stadiums in which to win a road game due to crowd noise alone. Osborne's gang will beat the Gators in the Orange Bowl.

2. **Michigan (12-0):** The Wolverines will be quite unhappy at their failure to

obtain even a share of the title after upsetting Penn State and beating Washington in the Rose Bowl. Oh well, always the bride's maid...

3. **North Carolina (12-0):** Yet a third undefeated team will emerge after the Tarheels whip up on the Hokies in the Fiesta Bowl. Final score: 35-6.

4. **Florida (11-1):** The Gators will enter the Bowl season ranked number one, but Spurrier still has not figured out how to stop the awesome Nebraska pass rush and his inexperienced quarterback will get flustered into making some poor decisions.

5. **Penn State (11-1):** This one was a tough pick. I'm thinking that Penn State will square off with Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl and I'm giving the Nittany Lions the slight nod. This is a close call. Even though they're better than every team on their regular season schedule, they'll still drop one game, probably to Michigan. If you don't believe me, look to last year when they lost to Iowa.

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!

In & Out a Hit, but Video Picks Better

MOVIES from 9

The Fugitive: Okay, so the only reason to watch this is because Harrison Ford is sexy. What more do you need?

Striptease: Gotcha!

Kristi's picks:

A Fish Called Wanda: My favorite movie ever — John Cleese is brilliant, along with the other Monty Python types. Kevin Kline and Jamie Lee Curtis aren't quite up to the Brits, but are still pretty good.

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert: funny, beautiful images, poignant. This movie

about Australian transvestites traces their journey from urban Sydney through the Outback to their next show. A great movie and — just as in another great Australian movie, *Muriel's Wedding* — ABBA lives!

The Spitfire Grill: Set in a small town in my home state of Maine, this movie presents a solid story about an ex-con trying to adapt to life on the outside. Though the accents are off, the scenery and the acting are great. Guys, beware, though, this is a movie that appeals to a woman's sensibilities (a.k.a.: Chick Flick).

Barack Jumps into Radio

MUSIC from 12

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 music and impromptu commentary. Ryan has been having difficulties with "pig-vomit" and is looking to expand his programming 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 Ono* 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 Top Sexy*, to close the deal.

Cam Cam and Sakura Both Digestible

SAKURA from 10

disappointed.

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 in there. Yet as your tireless, brilliant, well endowed (with culinary expertise), and soon to be on welfare, food critics have discovered, the 'Burg 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 kinky tricks (knife throwing, slicing, dicing, chopping, back-flips, push-ups, dean 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.

Your modest and strikingly handsome reporters enjoyed a variety of sushi including yellow tail rolls, spicy tuna rolls, eel rolls, and a rainbow roll (a large California roll topped with an assortment of salmon, eel and yellow tail slices). Each type of roll was reasonably priced between \$4-5, while the larger rainbow roll was about \$6. In preparing his very tasty and attractive sushi, Matthew worked quickly and meticulously. Elbow deep in raw fish, Matthew was quick to converse with his customers (he graduated with a psych degree from NYU) regarding the types of fish he is using, the manner in which he is preparing them, satyrism. Matthew was also not averse to giving away samples of his creations while we waited.

So forthose of you who are craving good sushi, or need a good shrink (that should cover just about all of you), Sakura is the place to go.

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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 pitching, golden gloves and big bats have become norm as the each 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 clubs 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 **Jamon, Jamon, Curmudgeon**, and **Phat 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 the "A&B" charge. Following Dow's lead, 3B Matt Keuhn's several homers have driven in the runs and brought the fans to the park in droves. (Special thanks go out to the "A&B" faithful, including Kindra Gromelski (1L), Erica Kreutch (1L), MaryBeth Lenkevich (1L) and GariJo Green (1L). MVP honors go to Steve Lastelic (1L), whose solid efforts at the plate and at short have secured the team's last two victories. In addition, Jeff Polich's (1L) intellectualism has stunned opponents into submission. One fan was

quoted as saying, "It doesn't matter if he doesn't catch the ball, he'll have the best job in three years." Kudos also go out to Old Man Morrison (1L) and Eric Lehtinen (1L).

The 3-L Legal Briefs have continued their unrelenting march to finishing their three years at W&M without a single notch in the loss column. With a perfect 4-0 season record, they have outscored their opponents by a collective score of 403 to 3. Again Sean Ducharme (3L) has

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

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 outing. You'll get 'em next time, Tom.

Jamon, Jamon has gone 1 and 1 in their last two games, but the competition has been "ncredibly fierce" as reported by several fans at the games. Rookie Dana Loftis (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 Kreutch's unique tomahawk batting stance has befuddled opposing pitchers and added several RBI's to her impressive stats (batting .640, 12 RBI's, on one journal, has one column in the *Amicus*, "social butterfly" designation). Mike Hyman's (2L) 'bizarre baserunning (drilling the ball to center and then falling on home plate), Dennis Barghaan's (2L) pitching, Matt Cambi's (2L) glove and Chris Garber's (2L) overall prowess have each proved integral in Jamon's successes.

Stayed tuned to the next edition, when the champs will be crowned and the chumps will go home. Don't forget, IM flag football sign-ups are this week, Oct. 8&9, and 3x3 hoops are on the 22nd. Get a team and get famous in the *Amicus*. (If you've got IM scores, anecdotes or highlights to report, just drop a note in Mac Stuckey's (1L) hanging file.)



been Mr. Consistency, having made only one out at the plate in all of his at-bats this season. Ed Haughey (3L) has been compared to Ken Griffey, belting several 500 footers to deep center. Joe Keifer (3L) and Paul Carlino (3L) have provided plenty of footage for the 11 o'clock "Sportscenter", with some smooth moves on the field. Yet, much talk has centered

the basepaths 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) baserunning 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,

New Television Series Pushes Envelope with Violence

VIOLENCE from 11

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 *three times*. Not muttered, not mumbled, but said straight out. A flasher is referred to as a "dicky waver." Then now obligatory "bastard," "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 "sloppy 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 after 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 Cortez look-alikes at Sizzler, but we are going to try the Golden Corral soon, hopefully with similar results.

One of my favorite exchanges of the show, and one which should be of interest to future criminal lawyers, was the interrogation of the second shooter. The cops convince the sniper that he'll get a lesser charge if he admits that he shot the cop, but says he was aiming for the other one.

When faced with the evidence of his own involvement in the brain-spray episode, the sniper says:

"I didn't think I was gonna hit anybody."

To which the interrogating cop replies, "So you let go a few rounds."

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 cell-mate 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 Grafton "My So-Called Life" to portray Jimmy's sister, Kathleen. I still miss that show, but it could never make it. Not one time did we get to see Angela Chase beat a guy's head in with a brick or Jordan Catalano do a drive-by of Nino's house. Where's the fun?

After the credits, Brooklyn South deteriorated from the finest sixteen minutes of television I've seen in recent memory to a cop show. Who knew? It's a pretty good cop show, but predictable. Deshon is black. He dies as a result of being beaten by

a white cop while in police custody rather than as a result of his gunshot wound. The community gets mad. The cops come under fire for police brutality.

If I want to see racist cops beat up an African-American suspect, I'll turn on CNN. The cute guy is also the good guy. The ugly guy is the one who beat the suspect to death. Shock. The cops are all trim and in good shape, muscular and photogenic, and none of them have those cop mustaches. Whatever.

I know what donuts do to cops, and it has nothing to do with great bone structure and washboard abs, if you know what I mean. Show me some forty inch waists and comb-overs and I'll call it reality-based television. And we all know that a cop without a mustache is just not a real cop. All the blood sprays in the world won't make me believe that these clean-shaven, thirty percent body fat pretty-boys are cops.

In the final analysis of "Brooklyn South", Angie and I had this to say:

Angie: "My question about

'Brooklyn South' is this: Is every episode going to have that much blood in the first sixteen minutes?"

Dana: "We can only hope."

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."

Dana: "It would be such a let-down."

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