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Krattenmaker leaves abruptly; Marcus named Acting Dean

By Heather Conoboy

Law School Dean Thomas Krattenmaker resigned as Dean of The College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law shortly after graduation last spring on May 19, 1997. His resignation became effective June 30, 1997 and Professor Paul Marcus was named acting Dean until a replacement could be found. The former dean cited a yearning to return to “the excitement and rewards of full-time teaching and legal research” in his resignation letter as the primary reason for his departure. In addition, the number of key decisions to be made this year made him feel that it would be inappropriate to stay on another year. Krattenmaker will be on leave this year working in Washington.

Rumors abound throughout the college community regarding the nature of Krattenmaker’s resignation. While most deans give at least one academic year of notice between the time they announce their resignation and when they step down, with many agreeing to stay on until a new dean can be found, Krattenmaker gave less than six weeks notice. Acting Dean Marcus received only eight days notice before he began his duties as Acting Dean. A widely-held belief that the Dean was forced to resign because of a sexual harassment charge was heralded as unfounded. Acting Dean Marcus stated that he had “no knowledge” of such a charge and that there was no lawsuit pending as far as he knew. Since any internal charge of harassment would be recorded in the former Dean’s employee file, it would be considered a private record and not accessible to the public, so it was not possible to either confirm or refute the existence of such a charge.

A search committee to find a new dean has been created, headed by Professor Douglas. Though it took two years to find the last Dean, Marcus stated that they were hopeful that a new Dean could be found by the end of the academic year. Professor Douglas was unavailable for comment. Though widespread speculation led to the belief that the Acting Dean would possibly submit himself as a potential candidate, Marcus stated that he had no intentions of applying for the position, citing family as his primary reason for remaining primarily committed to teaching.

While the Acting Dean recognizes the transitory nature of this year, he is committed to achieving several goals for his office, including private fundraising, increasing scholarship availability, and keeping the law school competitive with the rest of the college for allocations of state money, as well as resolving the question of a possible new building for the law school.

West Bar Review Closes Doors; Students Left in Dark

By Deanna Griffith

Some Marshall-Wythe law students received a back to school surprise. West Bar Review ceased operation of its bar review program on August 22nd. According to the West home page, students who registered to take the course in the winter or summer will be entitled to a full refund. Registered customers of West Bar Review will be receiving a letter explaining how to obtain a refund of their deposit. If students who are registered have further questions, they can call 1-800-693-7822. According to Louis Birdsong (3L), one of the W&M representatives who spoke with Jim Wolf, Virginia coordinator for West Bar Review, West Bar will attempt to do whatever is necessary to help those students already enrolled in the bar review. Birdsong added that the closing shocked and surprised the employees of West Bar Review just as much as it did the students. However, some students who registered for West Bar Review have still not been contacted by the company. According to Birdsong, West hired about twenty representatives at the law school and that all of these people are now out a job. Birdsong stated that representatives typically receive a free bar review course, but that now they will have to pay for another company’s course. Another problem this creates for W&M is that several people last year purchased a West Bar Review course from the Dinner Date Auction and are now out of luck. Birdsong stated that he is working with West to attempt to help those students, but that at the moment, no solution has been reached.

According to the consultant reached at the informational number, West continues to be dedicated to legal education. Birdsong added that West will maintain a presence in law schools and thus plans to work diligently to rectify any problems the closing creates. He stated that West does not want to tarnish its reputation with law

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Journal of Women and the Law Fails to Publish

By Sutton Snook

Last year the journal of Women and the Law failed to publish its only issue due to computer problems and article submissions. Last year, the journal was slated to publish only one issue and the College Publications Review Board had funded the project for that goal. According to Rene Esfandiary (3L), Managing Editor of the Journal, last year’s issue is to be sent to the printer in the next two days.

Esfandiary stated that the main problem was that the journal had two international articles submitted which caused problems in the subchecks. Compounding the problem was the discovery of five viruses on the journal’s new computer, which shut production down for some time. Consequently, the journal fell two months behind schedule.

Last year’s Editor-in-Chief Katherine Chen informed the Amicus Curiae that the journal remained on schedule in spite of these problems and that the journal was to publish in late spring (Amicus, March 3, 1997). The article reported that the Journal of Women and the Law was the only WM journal to remain on schedule as all others had fallen woefully behind. Although the other journals have now published all issues from last year, volumes traditionally released in late spring or early summer did not reach the presses until August. Consequently, these issues did not reach their readers until after school had convened.

Esfandiary stated that the Managing Editor last year, Laura Sullivan, did not believe that the issue from last summer as is normally expected of journal editorial boards. Rather, the issue fell to Esfandiary to complete this year. Esfandiary has been working frantically to finish the issue so that the production schedule for this year’s volume does not fall behind. Esfandiary added that Sullivan had been working on studying for the bar, so did not have time to work on the issue during the summer. Esfandiary was given the job of finishing it after she returned to school this August. The problem of graduating editors affects all journals, yet rarely causes delays this serious. Esfandiary further stated that this year’s schedule is on track and that the journal already has four submissions.

The Journal of Women and the Law may publish a second issue this year, but it has yet to make a final decision. Should they decide on a second issue, the topic will surround a submission by Wendy Williams, a renowned feminist at Georgetown University. The issue would feature Williams’ article to be followed by responses from other authors.
From the Editor’s Desk . . .

I suppose I should begin by welcoming the 1LS, but by now you have been welcomed to death, so I won’t do it. I’m sure every 2L has imparted his or her infinite wisdom of how to ace law school, and every 3L has shared his or her secret of how to survive and graduate. And most importantly, I know the administration has given its own advice of how to succeed in the marathon of law school.

I’m sure that every 1L has then run home to the library, where they have written the latest words on parchment. I thought the best way to expel- diate this ordinarily laborious task is to impart snippets of others’ wisdom here:

Go ask Jimmy Robinson why he volunteers so much.
Go ask Rebecca Eichler what she thought staring down the barrel of an M-16.
Go ask Professor Grover about her latest research on women’s rights in the Caribbean.
Go ask Victor Voloshin about Chernobyl.

From The President’s Desk . . .

Another year is upon us and the Student Bar Association is working hard to make everything run smoothly. On behalf of the SBA Executive Board, I would like to welcome all of the 2LS and 3LS back to school and extend a special welcome to the new 1LS. The LLM exchange students, and the new transfer students who have decided to join our law school community. For those who do not know, the SBA is the student government for William and Mary Law School and acts as the umbrella organization for the various law student organizations (approximately 35) on campus. This column is a way for you to keep in touch with what the SBA is doing and will appear in every issue of the Amicus. There are a few matters that I would like to address to ensure that the year starts out great.

First, the 1L class will be electing three representatives to sit on the SBA Executive Board on Tuesday, September 30th. Any 1LS interested in running for these positions should fill out a declaration of candidacy form which will be available on the SBA office door. A copy of the SBA Constitution is available on reserve in the library for those interested in reading it to find out more in formation about the SBA. Potential candidates may also ask one of the current board members about the SBA and the office of 1L Rep. A list of current board members is available on the bulletin board above the hanging files and on the SBA office door.

Second, the 1L positions on the Honor Council will be filled in October. The Honor Council is responsible for interpreting the Honor Code and presiding over Honor Trials. The positions are filled by appointment by the SBA President in consultation with the 1L Representatives and the Chief Justice, and approved by a vote of the SBA Executive Board. More information will be posted about these positions later this month. Feel free to ask any of the current Honor Council justices about the duties and responsibilities of that position.

Third, I would like to mention student organizations. The SBA is currently working on the budget allocations for each student organization. We plan to finish the budget process by September 15th and inform each group shortly thereafter of their budget for the year.

The leaders of all the student organizations were dropped a notice in the organizations’ hanging files last week. The SBA and the administration keep a list of all student organizations and their officers/contact persons in order to inform the organizations about events, activities, budget information, etc. Please read the memo and the attached list. If the current list does not contain the names of your officers, you are only hurting your organization by not responding with the correct information. Corrected lists should be returned to my office and should be compiled with a student-faculty mixer sometime during the lunch hours, perhaps on a Thursday. More information about this, if it is to happen, will be forthcoming.

One last word about student organizations: SBA will provide publicity for your group activities as long as the event is open to the entire law school community. Publicity request forms are available outside the SBA office and should be completed.
**Dropping Like Flies: M-W Loses Another Dean**

By Sutton Snook

On September 3, 1997 Associate Dean for the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs Rick Overy resigned to accept a position with Legg Mason in Williamsburg. Overy's resignation is effective October 31. Overy will become a financial advisor for the Virginia-based financial services company.

"I was both saddened for the law school community — and pleased — for you — to receive your August 13 resignation letter," responded Acting Dean Marcus in a letter to Overy.

Overy has worked for the College for eight years, and with the law school for the past five. Hired by University President Timothy Sullivan, three days before Sullivan was named president of the College, Overy has doubled the size of the law school endowment to over $20 million and increased the amount of the Annual Fund by thirteen percent to $385,000.

"Our alumni and friends, not I, made these things happen, but I hope that contributions will have a lasting impact on the law school," wrote Overy in his letter to the community announcing his resignation. In addition, Overy's office has secured $15 million toward the new law school building.

Marcus, in a letter to Overy, credited Overy for his hard work on fundraising. "Much of this progress is due, in large part, to your enormous energy, creative activity, and loyal service," wrote Marcus.

Sullivan expressed his thanks to Overy for his many years of service to the school. In a letter to Overy, Sullivan stated "You have been a loyal supporter of the College in so many ways. . . . The kind of loyalty which you have shown is rare and truly precious."

"On behalf of the large number of individuals throughout our community whom you have positively affected during your time here," wrote Marcus, "I say, thank you very much."

Overy will remain in his position at Alumni Affairs until October 31. The administration has not yet named a replacement for Overy.

**Law Library Gets a Facelift**

By Sue Trask

**Reference Librarian**

The law library, to first-year students, appears to be a well-organized collection of legal materials. To returning students and faculty, this same well-organized collection of legal materials might look changed, unfamiliar, and somewhat confusing.

On August 27 and 28, the library staff hosted two morning open houses based on the theme "Have You Seen It?" to introduce new and returning students to the library. Over half the student body attended the event. Offerings included food, tours, stickers, and printed information about the library and information services. Twenty-two starburst signs are hanging in the library to alert users to changes in location and services. These starbursts will remain until Friday, September 12. Petra Klemmack, Circulation Supervisor and chair of the library's Public Relations Team, described the two-day event as "highly successful and really fun!" and added "we get terribly bored during the summer so it was really great to welcome the students back."

She and team members Mary Grace Hune, Head of Computer and Audiovisual Services, and Emily Shriver, Documents Assistant, planned and coordinated the open houses.

Janey Janson, Serials Assistant, assisted in placing starbursts around the library. One of the most noticeable changes in the library is the Information Desk at the center of the first floor. This desk will be staffed by Reference Librarians and Technology Services staff, legal research and computer questions can be asked and answered here. Surrounding the desk are the glass offices of the Reference Librarians, including new reference librarian Chris Byrne.

Materials that used to be enclosed behind glass walls in the Reference Area have been moved to new locations on the first floor. Reference materials like directories and finding guides are now housed in the low wooden shelves next to the Information Desk. Also located near the desk are the CD-ROM stations, Legal encyclopedias and American Law Reports (ALRs) were relocated to the first row of shelves in the middle of the first floor. Form and practice books, as well as self-help legal books, are located in the small room next to the elevator (where Shepard's used to be). The Shepard's collection resides on the shelves by the front windows of the first floor. The current Virginia materials have been consolidated on the wall under the clock by the sign "Virginia Materials." Some of the historical Virginia materials moved upstairs to the Virginia section of the state materials. The new journals are tucked into the far left corner of the first floor (with some chairs for lounging and reading). Look for orange signs at the Information Desk that list "where things are now." Also, anyone at the Information or Circulation Desks can help locate materials in their new locations — just ask!

The library will build on this PR kick-off event by featuring each of the four library departments and what's new and different in their domains over the rest of the academic year. Circulation/Reserve and ILL and Technical Services are planning open houses for this fall with fun activities, helpful hints, and free food. We look forward to seeing you in the library.

**M-W Welcomes New ALS Students**

By Sutton Snook

This year, M-W welcomes a record number of American Legal System students, with a total of six entering this year: Yolanda Cano Galan hails from Madrid, Spain. She holds her law degree from La Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and she teaches labor law in Spain. She is the recipient of a grant form the Instituto de Creditio Oficial. Yolanda hopes to focus on American labor law and the industrial relations system with research on trade unions and labor flexibility.

Cvetan Cvetkovski arrives in the "Burgh from M-W. Cvetkovski received a one-year Ron Brown Fellowship through the International Research and Exchanges Board. He received his law degree in 1982 from the Law Faculty in Skopje and has worked as chief counselor at the Constitutional Court of Republic of Macedonia on cases concerning the review of laws and protection of fundamental civil liberties and rights. Since 1985, Cvetan has worked as legal advisor with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Macedonia as head of the Department of Human Rights.

Matthew Hamminn comes to us from England and received an Exeter Scholarship through the Reves Center at the College. He earned his LL.B. Honours in Law from the University of Exeter and the Diploma d'Etudes Juridiques Frangaises.

Yasuaki Hori hails from Japan and earned his law degree from Kobe University. He has worked at Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. since 1990.

Jolanta Indrayeite comes to W&M from Lithuania. She received her law degree from Vilnius University in 1994. She has worked in the Ministry of Social Security and is the recipient of a grant form the Institute of Legal Studies in Europe.

Finally, Maryse Selit joins W&M this year as our 1997-98 Draper's Scholar. She finished her degree at the University of London this summer and was the first prize winner of the 1997 University of London Intercollegiate Mooting Competition.

W&M welcomes these six scholars and wish them the best for the coming year.
Amicus Curiae Receives ABA Award

The Amicus received a second place award from the American Bar Association Law Student Division for the editorial published last October on AIDS and ethical issues surrounding representation of parties discriminating against victims of AIDS. The ABA runs a student newspaper contest annually. It is the second time that the Amicus has received recognition from the ABA for excellence in journalism, earning a third place award in the 1991-1992 contest.

Bill of Rights Journal Announces New Staff Members

Congratulations to the following students: Deborah Arscott (1L), Joseph Barton (1L), Christine Cox (2L), Elizabeth Evans (2L), Ann Haselbauer (2L), Ian Iverson (2L), Thomas Kearns (2L), John Lanou (1L), Katherine Macaulay (2L), Iain McPhie (2L), Eunice Park (2L), Ross Parr (2L), Michael Pascual (2L), James Peck (1L), Jeff Polich (1L), Raena Smith (1L), Sheila Staggs (2L), Jennifer Tatum (2L), Bob Toy (2L), Jennifer Vollmer (2L), and Kathryn Yoder (2L).

Faculty Status Committee Reviews Professors

Assistant Professor Kay Kindred and Assistant Professor Alan Meese are under review by the Faculty Status Committee for promotion to Associate Professors. Associate Professor Raj Bhala is also under review to become Professor with Tenure. The Committee, in accordance with the Faculty By-Laws, invited students and faculty to submit comments on the faculty members under review. The Committee will evaluate the professors' contributions in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and other factors.

Dickerson to Deliver Blackstone Lecture

On Tuesday, September 16, Professor Mechele Dickerson will deliver the second annual Blackstone Lecture. The lecture was inaugurated last year by Professor Bhala and was designed to honor outstanding younger members of the law faculty. This year's lecture is entitled "Lifestyle Issues in Bankruptcy" and will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Room 127.

Roof Construction to Continue to Next Millennium

You may have seen the recent D.C. school closings ordered by a federal judge because installation of new roofs were not completed. Well, things are different down here. The construction was to be finished by the start of classes, but because of weather delays, which forced a reallocation of labor, construction continues. No official word on when it will be finished, but in the meantime, watch out for falling debris and try to ignore the sounds of the building falling down around you.

Peace Corps Director Speaks at W&M

The Director of the Peace Corps Mark Gearan spoke at the W&M Convocation on Friday, August 29. Gearan spoke of the work of the Peace Corps, as well as "service and how important it is to the future of the students' communities, and why service should be an integral part of their daily lives." Gearan encouraged students to remain active in their communities as well as in the world.

Sullivan Requests Pay Raises for Faculty

On Friday, College President Tim Sullivan requested pay raises for all W&M faculty for the next two years. Speaking before the Board of Visitors, Sullivan requested a nine percent raise for each of the next two years. Sullivan defended his request by pointing out that the State Council of Higher Education recognized the quality of education at the College by assigning it a new peer group which includes some of the top universities in the Nation, including Georgetown, Duke, and Brown. The average faculty salary at W&M is $61,090, while the peer group average is $69,020.

Volunteers Wanted

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CASINO NIGHT

Friday, September 19th
8 p.m. to Midnight

Public Service Fund needs your help at Casino Night

If you are interested in helping out, please drop a note in Karen Field's (3L) hanging file

And, if you can't help out, we still hope to see you there. Tickets will be on sale next week and at the door!
More Thoughts from the President

SBA from 2 week in advance of when you want the publicity to start.

Fourth, there are a couple of minor housekeeping items: 1) Those of you who bring lunches and use the refrigerator would try to remember not to leave items in there for a time long enough for them to evolve into life forms that would make a Klingon wince. 2) People posting on the bulletin board above the hanging files are making it look like a disaster area. The middle section of the board has been reserved for SBA and Honor Council information. Postings in that space will be torn down. You are limited to two 8 1/2 X 11 posters (one on each side of the bulletin board). Anyone wallpapering the board will have their posters torn down. Please remember to be courteous and take down your posters after your event has happened. Also keep in mind that you may post signs in other areas of the student lounge and on the bulletin board space each group has been allotted in the hallway across from the SBA office.

Fifth, there is some general information I would like to relate about the SBA's plans for the semester. Executive Board meetings will usually be posted at least a week in advance. Meetings are open to the entire student body, though only Board members may vote. Sometime this week, I will post a set of office hours during which students may sit down with me or other Board members for questions and concerns or to request an item to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

The social events for this semester are almost completely planned. Bar reviews are usually scheduled for Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. and attendance for the first three this year has been superb. Fall From Grace, the SBA's annual fall semester social is planned for October 31st, which is Halloween and the only available date we could reserve Trinkle Hall. The Social Committee is discussing the possibilities of turning the event into a masquerade ball and having some special entertainment in addition to a DJ. Tickets to the event will go on sale during the middle of October. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help out with the event, you should contact Danielle Berry (3L), Social Chair, or an Executive Board member.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the new members of the journals and the various student organizations on behalf of the SBA. I would also like to extend a welcome and congratulations to the new faculty and administrators. The SBA is looking forward to working together with Acting Dean Marcus to provide an exciting and rewarding experience for the student body this year and to prepare the school to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

I want to close by assuring the entire student body that the Dean Search Committee is dedicated to hiring the most qualified and exemplary person to become W&M Law School's next dean and involving the student body in the process. The Provost has appointed me to represent the student body on this committee, and it is a position that I will not take lightly. I will listen to your ideas about what qualities you would like to see in our new Dean and present them to the committee. We know that we attend one of the Nation's greatest law schools and together with our new Dean, we, and those that follow us, can ensure that W&M continues its tradition of quality legal education and furthers its reputation as not only the Nation's oldest law school, but one of the best.

Thank you for your time,
Frank T. Sabia, SBA President

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Damn Good Food!!!
Restaurant Review

A Fresh Look at The GreenLeafe: Yes, it Does Serve Food

By Kevin Muhldorf and Andy Lustig

By now, most of you, except the first three years, have been to the GreenLeafe Cafe. Joining us this night were seven other 3Ls helping to broaden our sample size and collectively approximating a problem set for the DSM IV. All names have been altered to protect the innocent, as by the end of the night most of our party, including these reporters, were loaded and making general asses of themselves. Now we know that many of you think of the Leafe as merely a place to drink when you're not at Paul's, but for those who have not had the food, you are truly missing out on something special.

We were already big fans of Amy the behind the bar and were delighted to meet the newest addition to the wait staff, Emily. We were already big fans of Amy the bartender and were delighted to meet the newest addition to the wait staff, Emily. But she was extremely knowledgeable and funny and not afraid to engage in debate with a bunch of obnoxious law students. As many of you are aware of the Leafe's fabulous beer selection, we'll forego details about them or the extensive collection of single malts, though we highly recommend sampling them all. Suffice it to say, as a former PDP officer in our party, who shall remain nameless, commented about one of the beers, “The lack of incarceration went well with the stout.” And no, no PDP funds were used for this outing, nor were any oversensitive people offended by any meaningless, but nonetheless humorous, nicknames, though we were called some pretty nasty things ourselves by several undergraduates who didn't believe that as professional reporters, we had anything but the purest of motives for obtaining their phone numbers in case we needed to follow up for this story.

Both reporters, though hesitant to order a salad as an entree, had the beef tenderloin salad ($7). Though real men generally don't order salad as an entree, the exception to the rule is that real men can eat salad as an entree if there is some kind of dead animal on it, preferably red meat. So for those of you questioning our manhood — stop it — Andy lifts heavy things and Kevin brews beer. The salad came with a variety of vegetables very colorfully arranged around a big hunk of beef tenderloin. In the end, the salad passed our three prong test: it was pleasing to the eye, to our bellies, and most importantly, to our wallets.

Neither of us could resist dessert, as we were still hungry. The house specialty is a grilled portabella sandwich ($5) with smoky flavor. Doug the bartender and two of our party have pined for since its removal last year. All in all, you won't go away hungry and the food is not only delicious, but very affordable. The portions are generous and there certainly is something for everyone. From interesting pastas to inviting soups, the Leafe has it all. Coupled with friendly service and the always promising opportunity of hitting on undergraduates, we highly recommend dining at the Leafe.

For those 3Ls guys thinking about taking your date to the GreenLeafe for dinner, here are a few things to keep in mind: First, your date had a boyfriend. Second, she won't for long. Third, if you are looking for a place to have a discreet meal where you won't be noticed, forget it. Nothing is sacred here in the 'Burg.

See GREENLEAFE on 15
A Summer in Cambodia: From Culture Shock to Fleeing the Country, Including Tips on Surviving a Coup

Rebecca Eichler

I worked for the International Human Rights Law Group’s Cambodian Defenders Project (CDP) and their Cambodian Court Training Project (CCTP) in the capital, Phnom Penh, for seven and a half weeks this summer. I was supposed to work for ten weeks, but following the July 5-7 coup d’état by Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, the U.S. government ordered all projects receiving USAID funds to shut down and all the international staff of my two projects evacuated to Bangkok, Thailand.

The Cambodian Defenders Project was established in 1994 to train criminal defenders. (The Cambodian courts allow non-lawyer defenders to defend criminal cases.) As a result of the Khmer Rouge genocide of 1974-79, in which 2 million people died of starvation, overwork, or were killed, there are only 63 lawyers in all of Cambodia, many of whom were trained by the Defenders Project. Today, CDP provides free legal aid for both criminal and civil cases, with a Women’s Litigation Unit dedicated to women’s legal issues, specifically domestic violence cases.

I worked under the supervision of an American domestic violence attorney who headed the Women’s Litigation Unit. Together we secured outside funding, and planned and carried out the Task Force on Domestic Violence. The Provincial Court in Siem Reap, a far northern province bordering on Thailand with extremely limited legal resources, requested help from the lawyers of the Women’s Litigation Unit to help with a backlog of divorce cases involving domestic violence. The Task Force provided legal assistance and counseling to these women, and left behind a foundation of support for these current and future victims of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is especially brutal in Cambodia, given the country’s extremely violent recent past and a culture which treats women as second class citizens. A recent report found that one in six women in Cambodia are victims of domestic violence. There are no laws that criminalize domestic violence. The police treat domestic violence as a family matter, unless the woman is severely injured or killed. Furthermore, there is a strong cultural stigma associated with divorce. Buddhism and Cambodian tradition teach a woman to accept her fate, which includes taking abuse by her husband, and teaches that if she is good, she will be born a man in her next life.

Because of these cultural norms, very few women seek assistance from the law to stop abuse, and even fewer seek divorce, so that the cases that came to the Women’s Litigation Unit were especially brutal. One client wanted a divorce because her husband and five of his friends had repeatedly raped their mentally-disabled daughter until she became pregnant. (Incest is also not a crime in Cambodia.) Another client who had already been granted a divorce came to us for help getting her child support payments. Her husband was a dentist earning $400 a month (an enormous fortune in a country where the average GDP is $280 a year), yet refused to pay his $11 monthly child support.

My second project was for the Cambodian Court Training Project (CCTP), which works to raise the overall quality and efficiency of the courts in Cambodia. The majority of judges are neither lawyers, nor have had any legal training at all. They are generally political appointees or village elders. The average judge’s salary is $40 a month, and so it is quite the norm for judges to accept bribes in order to earn a living salary. Cambodia is one place where justice goes to those who can afford it.

The courts are generally very poor, and few courts even have copies of laws on hand. One of CCTP’s project was to produce a Bench Book, which would serve as a judge’s reference book. All legal issues were laid out in a basic and straightforward manner, with examples and citations to both Cambodian laws and international treaties to which Cambodia is a signatory. I wrote the chapter on criminal domestic violence.

The Bench Book was scheduled to be published in December 1997, however since the coup, the U.S. government has suspended aid to those projects which directly or indirectly benefit and assist the new illegal government. The majority of judges are supporters of Hun Sen, and so CCTP will no longer receive vital funding. The future of the Bench Book is uncertain, although it is currently being reworked into a general reference volume on Cambodian laws.

Since returning to William and Mary, I’ve often been asked how my summer was. It would take at least an hour or a small novella to adequately answer that question. Even if there had been no coup, if I hadn’t been holed up in my house for four days while machine guns and rockets exploded outside my front door, if I hadn’t been forced to say goodbye and leave my colleagues to a very uncertain and dangerous future, I had an incredible experience in Cambodia. I learned so much this summer, both about international law and development, and about myself. All the course work in the world could not teach me what it’s like to actually be in the field. And there is no comparison to what you learn about yourself when in the midst of real life fighting.

One major problem was the daily violence. The Phnom Penh Court is next door to a large police station and to the office of a renegade political faction of FUNCINPEC (the side that has since lost in the coup). During my first week in Phnom Penh, the court shut down because the CPP army (the side that won the coup) was aiming its tanks at the building in dispute over a FUNCINPEC sign. One lawyer told me that there are almost weekly shootings at the court house, forcing it to close down for several hours.

At the beginning of my second week, the project’s Security Officer issued a security alert because of heightened political tension. An hour later, the sound of shelling and rumors of fighting at the airport and downtown sent everyone in the office home. This time the shelling turned out not to be shelling at all, but was only a de-mining team disposing of mines that they had uncovered.

On June 10, the escalating political tensions erupted into street fighting between the two political factions, where
Eichler Evacuated from Cambodia During Coup

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three soldiers were killed and
two bystanders were wounded.

After this, my office imposed a
nighttime curfew on us with strict
orders to avoid any groups of
soldiers.

Two weeks later, right after
Pol Pot was reportedly captured,
ports, plane tickets, all our
were read y to be evacuated
from windows.

On a couple of occasions
when we ventured outside our
front gate, a frighteningly close
explosion would go off, sending
sounds of machine gun fire and
distinctly heard in the center of
Phnom Penh.

On Wednesday the airport
reopened, but only one charter
airline was flying. Their ticket
office was a madhouse with
people desperate to leave the
country. Buddhist monks with
fistfuls of cash were pushing their
way to the front of the line trying
to buy tickets out of Cambodia.

Some countries had arranged
military evacuation planes to
Thailand and Malaysia, but the
U.S. government felt that it was
safe enough for everyone to find
their own way out of the country
(although they did evacuate their
own embassy employees).

I left Cambodia on a charter
flight to Bangkok on Thursday,
July 10. I said goodbye to the
Cambodian lawyers in my offi-
cine. "It is very important for
you to leave," they said. "We
know how to survive through
this, but it is much too danger-
ous for you to stay."

The farewell was very tear-
ful. One woman lived on the
road where much of the fighting
had taken place. Another
lawyer's house had been hit by a
rocket. A third lawyer's hus-
band was a high ranking official
in the government, and they were hiding other over-
thrown government officials in
their home. CPP soldiers were
now going door-to-door in
search of FUNCINPEC officials,
taking them into the streets, and
killing them.

According to an Amnesty In-
ternational report, at least 40
people were killed this way. No
one knew what would happen to
the office, to the project in which
so many people had invested so
much time, effort, and money.

There is a Cambodian saying
that goes "When the elephants
fight, only the ants get killed." I
learned a great deal this sum-
mer. I gained a deep respect for
the Cambodian people, who have
lived through so much violence
in their lives, yet continue to
push on. I saw true courage
among my colleagues and cli-
ents.

This experience served to
strengthen my desire to pursue a
career in international human
rights. What it also did was put
me face to face with a situation
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<td>Room 239; 3:00 p.m. Meese did it. Krattennaker did it. Even Lee did it... Not that this is an incentive, but they managed to find employment after they were paroled.</td>
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<td>The Environmental Law and Policy Review: Informational Meeting.</td>
<td>4:30 p.m. in Room 120. Chris Weismen, Editor, may run this meeting, but if he doesn't, odds are that he'll at least be there.</td>
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<td>Lexis for Beginners: 1Ls and all other students who have managed to</td>
<td>avoid using Lexis up until now are invited to an &quot;Introduction to Lexis.&quot; Sessions will be conducted all day in the Technology Training Center (Room G1C in the library). Please register for classes in the Computer Training notebook at the library's new Information Desk.</td>
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<td>Attention Argumentative People: The Virginia Trial Lawyer's Association will conduct a brief introductory meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 124. Even if you don't like to argue and aren't sure you want to litigate, this organization still provides excellent opportunities to network with real, live, practicing lawyers.</td>
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<td>My Best Friend's Wedding: Always the bridesmaid and never the bride? Well, you are not alone. Go see Julia Roberts make a fool of herself at her Best Friend's Wedding, through Thursday to the DOG Street Theatre 7:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Background Information on Professor Lee: The Virginia Air &amp; Space Museum hosts, &quot;The Early History and Evolution of Mars.&quot; Presented by Joel S. Levine, senior research scientist in the Atmospheric Sciences Division at NASA, this free program discusses the possibility that Mars once had abundant forms of life and explores its transformation into a lifeless planet. 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. Call 727-7000 for more information.</td>
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<td>ALSA Dinner: Six course Japanese Dinner at Hayashi, including soup, salad, choice of chicken yakitori or shumai, choice of sushi or teriyaki entree, and ice cream. While you would normally pay $25 for this feast, ALSA is offering the whole package for $10 for members and $15 for non-members. RSVP to Eunice Kim(2L) by Tuesday morning.</td>
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<td>Westlaw Job Search: So you can't take their bar review course, but you can still use them to look for a job. Training begins today in the &quot;Technology Training Center&quot; (formerly known as the radion-infested rooms in the basement). Sign up for classes in the Computer Training notebook at the new Information Desk in the Reference area of the library. Better hurry, everyone knows how precious those seats in computer training classes are.</td>
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<td>Attention 1Ls Wanting to Pass Legal Skills with a Minimum of Effort: The secret to breezeing effortlessly through the painstaking processes of law school, and particularly the Legal Skills program, lies in using the most efficient way to pull cases and secondary materials relating to your research issue from the vast resources of cyberspace. Westlaw training begins today in the Technology Training Center. Sign up in the Computer Training notebook. Bar Review: Last week we drank in a warehouse, now it's time to go inside to Pizzeria Uno's. Remember, there is no need to sober up till finals, and that's three whole months away! Running from 7-9 at the Uno's on Bypass Road, offerings at this week's brewfest include some really great deals on food and even better deals on Uno's featured beer of the week.</td>
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<td>Blackstone Lecture: Professor Dickerson delivers a lecture entitled &quot;Lifestyle Issues in Bankruptcy,&quot; at 4:00 in Room 127. Professor Dickerson, known for her exemplary handling of the excitement attendant to Civil Procedure and her tough grading, teaches almost everyone in the school before they leave, so it may be too late for any of you who don't know her to begin kissing up now.</td>
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<td>Celebrating Our Lives: No, this is not the mantra for a new LoveFest, but the Visiting artist Program at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, with artist Miriam Shapiro. Through September 18.</td>
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<td>Rockin' at the Robin: Beginning to regret registering for that Friday class? Ladies: You like to watch Meese, but how is he when you're hanging out? Bar Review this week will surely put you to the test as we venture to the ever-popular Rockin' Robin for an evening of karaoke, dancing, discount drinks, and the usual sort of rowdy sketchiness that accompanies every foray into Williamsburg's hotel district. Specials run from 7-9 p.m. 1Ls — the Robin is located in Quality Inn at the intersection of Bypass and Richmond Roads.</td>
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<td>Don't Stress About the Future: Once again the undergrads have formulated the solution to every graduate student's greatest fears — what the future holds. A palm reader will portend your future in Tidewater A (note that this is the same room where the Cult panel discussion was held, do I notice a trend?) at the University Center. All you want to know, all for $1. Amicus prediction: Someone's going to make a lot of cash from people silly enough to buy into this.</td>
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<td>Cutler Lecture: Professor David Currie, a national authority on constitutional history, will deliver the Cutler Lecture on &quot;The Constitution in Congress: 1801-1809: President Jefferson and the West.&quot; I bet this guy even can tell you what the Revolution of 1800 in the United States was all about. Big Hint: It involved Jefferson, an election, and the Alien and Sedition Acts.</td>
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<td>Bar Review: Try your hand at Trivia! Are you almost sober from last weekend? Well, it's time to go out again. Bar Review will be at JM Randall's. Great deals on food and booze! Just remember, we're all here to learn and nobody said from whom.</td>
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Please submit your entries for the *Amicus* Events Calendar to Deanna Griffith (2L), Kevin Muhlendorf (3L), or the *Amicus* hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.
Practical Experience Working For The Poor

By Danielle Roeber

After spending last summer doing primarily advocacy and research at the Women’s Advocacy Project, Inc., I decided to obtain more practical experience this summer by working for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Legal Aid Society (CALAS). While I may not have utilized my Third-Year Practice Certificate by directly representing clients, I was able to observe how a real legal services office operated.

I witnessed and participated in various administrative tasks, such as applying for grants, organizing files, and answering phones. I attended three court appearances, interviewed one client before her protective order hearing, and like any summer volunteer, I researched a lot of issues directly applicable to people with lower incomes.

As the office was very busy preparing to split into two separate offices, I found that the attorneys needed assistance with one of the larger cases CALAS has done. Two attorneys consolidated four cases in which their clients were defendants against the same plaintiff, a financing company which facilitated the defendants’ purchases of used cars.

Through this case, I drafted two memoranda of law submitted to the court, prepared a trial notebook, wrote other important court documents, and maintained the files for the case. It was a fantastic learning experience because I was involved in every stage from the Response to the Motion for Summary Judgment up to the trial itself. When the CALAS attorneys won three of four of the cases, I felt great satisfaction because I knew that my assistance helped pave the way for this victory.

But perhaps the greatest value of my summer internship was simply the exposure to the working environment. Everyone willingly answered questions about the legal field and life in the public interest sector. Law clerks were accepted into the CALAS family, and I greatly miss the fun we all had around the lunch table.

All the CALAS employees are very dedicated to their jobs, frequently staying after hours in order to get work done. As extremely capable attorneys, these people would have success in any law firm, but they are doing what they enjoy. They prefer to feel good about themselves rather than simply “get rich quick.” It was very encouraging to observe people who are very happy with their public interest careers because they know that they make a difference.

Overheard . . .

[Are you] an imbecile, an idiot, or a moron? The question is: How retarded are you?
— Professor Donaldson

You can fornicate in the Western District [of Virginia] but not in the Eastern District.
— Professor Felton

I lost my groove.
Yeah, good. Don’t think you’ll get it back from me.
— Dov Szego and Professor Smolla

The only time you can contract for sex is in marriage.
— unknown student in Family Law

Slow down, my brain doesn’t work that fast.
— Professor Smolla.

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The Amicus Curiae would like to extend our thanks to Kyle Jones (3L) and Ken Coughlan (3L) for their generous financial contributions in our time of need.

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

This week: The View from the Captain’s Chair

Nathan Green
Gurbir Grewal
Deanna Griffith
Don Martin

PLEASE DON'T FORGET...
PSF Stipend Recipient articles are due SEPTEMBER 22nd in Francine Friedman's (2L) or Rebecca Eichler's (3L) hanging files
Life Beyond the Tri-Bar Region — SBA Ventures Out

By Rachel Smith and Danielle Berry

Late August — days at the beach, humid evenings of ghostwriting, Law Camp, and, of course, the return of Bar Reviews for M-W students everywhere. O.K., may be not everywhere, but certainly in the tranquil hamlet of Williamsburg, where the promise of cheap (even free) beer warms the heart of each and every law student. Following a rousing week of Legal Skills indoctrination from the commandants of the program themselves, a throng of fresh-faced 1Ls trekked to the Green Leaf on Thursday, August 21, for their first encounters with a unique life form, the upperclassmen. Although the 2Ls remained true to their pathetic attendance record through the 2Ls remained true to their pathetic attendance record of last year and immersed themselves in the library and Legal Skills, the 3L class put forth an awesome, if not characteristically lucid showing, proving to the writing) no further details can be divulged/remembered at this time.

More encouragingly, the events of the second Bar Review, held at The Corner Pocket on August 28, remain fresh in our memories (at least that's what Rachel said while pouring certain esteemed members of the SBA Social Committee out of her car around midnight). Prompted by the promise of free pool, inexpensive libations, and, of course, chips and salsa, law students emerged in droves for a chance to partake in the revelry. Jimmy “Of course I’m Sensitive” Carter (3L) found his way back into the social life this semester to shoot a little stick, passing the time while his dearly beloved remained at the hospital following an unfortunate incident with her vehicle. Joining Mr. Carter in have red hair” Dooley (3L) squared off on one table, assisted by the recently returned Scott “That guy is a 1L” Dunn (3L). Fleeing the remains of the “House of Sloth,” Dave “At least I can still go to this bar” Christian (3L) Andy “Dallas is like Williamsburg, just bigger” Lustig (3L) Mark “Country Club” Van Deuse (3L), and Matt “I’m too nice to make fun of” Kaiser (3L) split class ranks and provided some pointers to Max “Local Yekef” Dewitt (1L) and provided some pointers to.

Lots of other people showed up, many of whom we don’t know or don’t remember, but everyone seemed to be having fun until (foreboding music) 9:00 rolled around and our lease of the tables reverted to the party of the first part. After tough negotiations involving nothing taught in the Legal Skills program, a deal was struck, publicity was arranged, contributions came in, fights ensued, people played more pool, some other stuff happened, and then people left. Unfortunately, in keeping with the tradition of Bar Review, a more precise account of the evening is not available at this time due to the fact that our ace reporter had been called away by two hours. Early reservations quickly passed, though, as people began to show up in droves and the microbrews began to flow freely. Ultimately, the turnout at the Brewery surpassed everyone’s expectations, creating the need for more food and encouragement — both of which the Brewery’s owners graciously accommodated.

The second years seemed to be on the way to combating their anti-social reputation when a large (for them) percentage of their class showed up, a trend that lost momentum when Aaron “Didn’t learn my lesson at the Date Auction” Book (2L) decided to impress the owner’s wife with his softball arm by throwing food at others believed also to be 2Ls (a fact that could not be confirmed because nobody we talked to had ever seen them before). Other notable appearances See SOCIAL on 15

TRADING CARDS: Captains of the Law School Softball Teams

Don Martin
This Yale comes to M-W from a proud college sports tradition, albeit one of getting crushed more often than not. Although his team of 1Ls put up a good fight against elimination, Don could have used more of the spark that got him removed from the Yale Bowl (on a stretcher, no less) in this year’s softball tournament. On the positive side, though, Don retained from picking a fight with those who were supposed to be on his side — progress, if not victory.

Deanna Griffith
The winner of this year’s award for trying a new sport, Deanna suffered trials by fire during her first foray into our National Pastime. True to her dedication to the Legal Skills program, Deanna named her team after a certain Senior Partner whose luck in the courtroom matched the prowess of “Bell’s Bombers” on the diamond. All rolling aside, though, Deanna — as well as her fellow water — evidently have more fun on the field than most 2Ls have all year.

Gurbir Grewal
This Hoya sought to emulate the (infamous) Allen Iverson on the softball field as, in his team’s encounter with the police, Gurbir managed to maintain a Cop Chick, presumably with the ball and not a bowling alley chair. Further demonstrating athletic ability, Gurbir transformed an inside the park homer into a double as by executing a flawless 10.0 flip over second base. Allen would have been proud, particularly by Gurbir’s decision to drown his sorrows after the games.

Nathan Green
The agitated organizer of this year’s tournament, Nate had the foresight (or perhaps a sufficient number of suspicious encounters) to invite the Police Department team to play. Nate’s plan backfired, though, when his own team helped knock the cops out of the tournament — perhaps the motivation behind Nate’s decision to go incognito for this year’s serving hours — both of which the Brewery’s owners graciously accommodated.

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Saving the Nation: Air Force One and G.I. Jane

By Chris Murphy and Kristi Garland

AIR FORCE ONE: action/adventure, Harrison Ford, Glenn Close

Kristi: I had heard pretty bad reviews of this movie prior to seeing it, but felt relatively sure that I had just stumbled across some unfairly harsh critics — I mean, after all, this is Harrison Ford we’re talking about. Even his bad movies have tended to be alright — and his great ones.

Needless to say, is Harrison Ford we’re talking about a pretty ridiculous character. The few “high noon” moments where I found myself almost on the edge of my seat were deflated by inappropriately placed “tender moments” which meant, I assume, to remind the audience that this super human, 3-heroes-in-one…区分bullet-proof and whose ability to fist-fight on the open door to the rear cargo hold without being sucked out was — well — unbelievable.

The special effects, specifically the escort aircraft, were pretty cool to watch, and the fact that the bad guys were developed beyond just being pure evil was good, but the sound bite one-liners detracted from these few quality parts.

A friend of mine said his favorite parts of the movie were when no one was talking. I agree, but unfortunately, they weren’t enough to save it.

Chris: Okay, ha ha on me, but I enjoyed it. Perhaps my enjoyment was augmented by the riotous laughter from the audience, though it wasn’t really supposed to be a comedy. Call me easily amused, but I left the theater feeling as though I had been appropriately entertained.

he did not flee into the dark night when given the chance. What made this movie truly enjoyable was the absolute defiance of every applicable law of physics: bullets seemingly bouncing off of Ford’s body, not to mention his ability to block punches from men the size of the Jolly Green Giant while hanging out of a 747 that is still flying straight despite the loss of its doors. Highlight of the movie: the President’s twelve year old daughter who can’t wait to grow up so she can join Daddy while he visits refugee camps. Best line was delivered by Glenn Close in the role of the Vice President: “Get the Attorney General over here with a copy of the Constitution!” My goal in life is to be able to say something that cool. In all seriousness, if you have some extra pocket cash, or if you just haven’t laughed in a really long time, you should consider seeing this movie. Just don’t tell anyone I told you to go.

G.I. JANE: action/adventure, Demi Moore, Anne Bancroft

Kris: I was pleasantly surprised to be pleasantly surprised by this movie. Demi Moore gave her best performance in a long time, the supporting cast didn’t fade into her shadow, and Anne Bancroft played one heck of a Senator. There were a couple of moments of “cheese” towards the end, and there was at least one plot twist that was taken care of too conveniently — but if a movie were too realistic it would be called “real life,” right? This action/adventure did just what it should have — it made me believe she really was the first Navy woman to go through SEALS training, and it made me cheer for the good guys. There were plenty of fight scenes and explosions, too, without which a true action/adventure wouldn’t be complete. Other than shifting into the final stage with too much ease — like I said, Anne Bancroft was one heck of a Senator — I thought G.I. Jane was a flick worth seeing, and I’m glad I did.

Chris: If you can get beyond the embarrassment of asking for a ticket for a movie called G.I. Jane, you have overcome the greatest hurdle. Surprise, surprise, this movie is actually good. It is definitely the first quality Demi Moore movie since Ghost, and she did an excellent job portraying the first woman to enter training for the elite Navy SEALS program. Maybe it is the boss woman inside of me begging to come out, but I had to resist the temptation to shave my head when I got home from this movie. My roommate had to remind me over and over that I just wouldn’t look as good as Demi Moore. Point taken. Now, please don’t misunderstand me; this movie is not without its faults. There is the requisite relationship.

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Coqua Felix

Too Hot For Cooking? Head for the Grill with Salsa and Fresh Fish.

By Kim Hackett

This is my very first Amicus article and my very first published food column. Fortunately, this is not my very first time cooking. When I first arrived at law school, I had to share the kitchen in the graduate complex with three other law students. They would probably dispute my use of the word “share” and instead substitute the word “monopolize.” My official taste tester was (and still is) Melvin Williams (3L). Soon I was baking for my fellow law students’ birthdays and Christian Legal Society meetings. During my second year of law school my name was unofficially changed to “Betty Crocker” by Melvin’s roommate, Bill Blaine (3L). So it was really only a matter of time that I would write for the Amicus and proclaim the gospel of homecooked meals.

For the record, there are a few ingredients the amateur gourmet will never find in this column: boxed cake mixes, frozen pie crusts, cheap American beer, processed cheese, eggplant, Ramen noodles, fat free ice cream, and ready-prepared frosting.

That being said, let’s move on to the important stuff.

It’s still hot and humid in Williamsburg (this weather report is provided for the benefit of those law students who live in the library bundled up in ski parkas and mittens), so before you turn on that stove, consider investing in some charcoal.

Fresh fish is the perfect entre for summer dinners. It’s healthy and it’s easy to prepare. A lot of people think that the only way to eat fish is to fry it and then drown it in tartar sauce, but grilled or baked fish is wonderful if accompanied by the correcting ingredients.

One of the latest trends in cooking is to serve fish with fresh salsa. For the following salsa recipes you should choose salmon or croaker for the fish. I recommend buying your fish at the Fresh Market, Carino’s Seafood, or Farm Fresh. Fish should be cooked on the grill or baked until it flakes easily with a fork.

Serve your fish and salsa with grilled yellow squash or zucchini and a fresh baked loaf of bread. Choose a crisp chardonnay or a dry riesling to serve with the meal. If you are a beer drinker, you might try a red amber.

Tangy Salsa Fresca

(submitted by Jim Scott)

2 lbs. tomatoes

1/2 lb. Tomatillos

1/2 lb. onion

1/4 cup lime juice

1 jalapeno pepper (optional)

Roughly chop the tomatillos and onion. Combine with the cilantro and lime juice in a food processor or blender. Thoroughly puree and add to a mixing bowl. Roughly chop the tomatoes, placing them in a food processor or blender. Blend to a fine dice but do not puree. Combine with the lime juice mixture.

Cover and chill for several hours. Drain, reserving the liquid as a marinade for the fish. Re-cover the salsa and chill until ready to serve.

Tropical Salsa

10 medium size tomatoes

2 large garlic cloves, minced

5 teaspoons minced onions

1 16 oz. can of pineapple chunks, drained

1 mango

2 tablespoons lemon juice

pineapple juice

1 tablespoon fresh cilantro (optional)

Slice the tomatoes in half and remove

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**Sports**

Coughlan Up Predictions

By Ken Coughlan

First of all, welcome back. Once again I will try to provide you with a distraction from case briefs and outspoken Scalia opinions by giving you a two minute update on the wide world of sports. For starters, the NFL season recently got under way with a series of blow-outs. Four games were won by more than 20 points. The season opener didn't provide any good news for the San Francisco 49ers. Not only did they lose 13-6 to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but they also lost the NFL's greatest receiver, Jerry Rice, to a knee injury for up to 6 months. In their second game, the Washington Redskins defeated the Carolina Panthers 24-10.

College football got off to a similar season. In the season's first two games, Northwestern thrashed Oklahoma 24-0 and Syracuse walloped Wisconsin 34-0. Virginia opened their season last Thursday night against Auburn. The Cavs lost the game 28-17, but you have to wonder whether they really ended up losers that night. First of all, they got exactly the kind of national exposure that George Welsh has been aiming for. The game was televised nationally on ESPN. Second, a major coup for the Hoos was announced during the first quarter. The hottest high school prospect in the country, quarterback Ronald Curry, would be attending UVA along with two of his teammates, linebacker Bobby Blizzard and tight end Danell Hall.

The Peninsula area has been getting a lot of national attention thanks to Curry, the quarterback/defensive back/punt returner for Hampton High School. Last year, Curry was the top rated rushing quarterback in the country as a junior and this year is considered to be the number one prep quarterback overall. The September 1 issue of *Sports Illustrated* featured apage long write-up on him as the Old Spice Athlete of the Month. But Curry isn't just a lone shining star. The entire Hampton team is ranked sixth in the Nation by *USA Today*. They showed just how talented they are in their opener when they beat Heritage High 48-6.

Curry had narrowed his list of college choices to North Carolina and UVA, partially because he wants to play both football and basketball (he's also considered the best point guard in the country). Last season UVA signed Antoine Womack from Gloucester High. Womack is the state of Virginia's all time leading high school rusher. With the addition of the three new Hampton players, Virginia could have one of the best teams in the country in just a few short years.

On a note other than football, the new horse racing track, Colonial Downs, opened on Labor Day. The track drew 13,466 people who bet $508,199. Another $702,206 was bet on Colonial Downs races at other sites. O.J. Peterson, the track's president, said that the crowd was bigger than he ever expected. Mark Johnston won the track's very first race riding a horse named Maegyver.

Two young phenomena have continued the dominance of their sports. Tiger Woods is currently the PGA tour money winner. The 21 year old golfer has accomplished this feat even though he has played in fewer tournaments (17) than all but two people in the top ten. Also, at the U.S. Open, 16 year old top female seed Martina Hingis has been annihilating opponents en route to the semi-finals. She has won every match in straight sets. Hingis has only lost two matches all year and has already won the Australian Open and Wimbledon titles.

The women's second seed, Monica Seles, was ousted in the quarterfinals by Irina Spiriita. Pete Sampras, the men's top seed, didn't even make it to the quarterfinals. He was beaten by fifteenth seed Petr Korda. The Open almost lost all of its highest seeds when Michael Chang, number two, found himself trailing 5-2 to Cedric Pioline in the fourth set while already down two sets to one. Remarkably, Chang won seven games in a row and 11 of the last 12 to secure the victory and advance to the quarterfinals. He has since won his following match and advanced into the semifinals. Finally, University of Virginia basketball star Courtney Alexander was convicted on August 25 of assaulting his girlfriend and was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 56 of them suspended. Jeff Jones, UVA's basketball coach, suspended Alexander indefinitely the day after the incident and Alexander announced on August 21 that he was leaving Virginia and was looking to play for another Division I school.

**M-W Sports Round-up**

3L Three-peat; C.O.P.S. Busted by Law Students

By Sung "Scop" Choi

In what seemed like an ordinary Saturday constitutional, the defending champion, Something In Grey, Please — henceforth referred to as the defendants, strode through the law school IM Softball Tournament in leisurely fashion. The initial field of nine teams included teams from all three classes, the James City County Police Department, and Phillip Morris. The teams played in six-inning games, under clear blue skies and sporadic winds. Through a double elimination format, Perros Si — the plaintiffs in our tragic tale, qualified for the championship game.

Vegas boogie, recognizing the defendants’ three-year unbeaten streak, stacked the odds heavily against the plaintiffs. After all bets were turned in, the plaintiffs responded by striking dread into their aluminum bats. To keep their half of the fourth inning up, the defendants batt led back for two more outs to prove their mettle.

In the bottom of the third, the defendants unleashed their weapons of destruction. Ken “The who?” Mahieu smacked his second homer of the night over the left field fence to bring the defendants within one. The blast was soon followed by an inside the park homerun by Nate “Archie” Green. Now, with the score even at 5 - 5, the plaintiffs were silenced.

The defendants’ half of the fourth started off innocently with a pair of back to back singles by the duo of Kerry “Clutch defense with style” Hubers and Bill “Spanky” Snidow. It was soon followed by another pair of singles by the one-two punch in the line-up. With two outs, the heart of the defendants’ batting order was up.

Two of three men who made up the heart of the order had failed to show up to Legal Skills Camp due to contract disputes. The other slugger, Joe “Daddy” Kiefer, claimed he had a son named Joe who took care of things. Regardless, they all had lackluster regular seasons. Perhaps the thought of their impending free agency, a.k.a. real jobs, gave them cause to weaken their aluminum bats. To keep their half of the fourth going, Ed “Golden Glove” Haughney responded with a double off the fence. Jim “Perfect Attendance — for my finals” McMahon ensued with a triple. Once again, people in the stands were asking, “Who’s up now?”

The defendants answered with Mathieu. The plaintiffs didn’t have anyone warming up in the pen and decided to stay with their ace, Jeffrey “Used to be on the winning team, but they dumped me” Timmers. A mistake. The unofficial MVP of the game, Mahieu stroked his third homer of the night off of the left field light post. The resonating ring made the plaintiffs wince.

Realizing that their situation was dire, the plaintiffs responded with three runs in the fifth. Unfortunately, a liner down the left field line by the first-baseman, Joel “Not as fast as I used to be” Prohosky, resulted in an inning-ending play at third as he tried to stretch his double.

Then the defendants battled back for three of their own. The highlight of that inning was certainly the inning-ending 1-5-2 double play. A liner off of the bat of Rebecca “My R.A.” Eichler deflected off of the pitcher’s glove into the hands of the shortstop, Matt “Could have been the next Ripken” Cambi, who then proceeded to double up the runner at first.

Down by seven runs, the plaintiffs had three more outs to prove their mettle. The plaintiffs’ fans, all too of them, began and ended a 2L wave. The plaintiffs See SOFTBALL on 15

Members of the tournament-winning 3L team size up the competition during a break between games.
The Green Leafe Cafe

A few years ago I came to Williamsburg and began my education at a venerable institution with a proud tradition. On the one hand, 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 whiskey and whiskey and why an eighteen-year-old beats two twelves. Just how reasonable a great cabernet can be. To be fair, all that Bibe Rodd's record for most scoreless World Series innings pitched stood until 1961, an impressive year for local baseball. That a properly poured Guinness will hold the sharrocks 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 Rolle suggested they try growing tobacco. That Mickey Gilley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Jimmy Buffett were cousins. The difference between an IBU and an IPA. That a good idea beats a good intention any day. The mystic words to the Gilley classic, "The Girls All Get Prettier at Closing Time." That the secret to a long life is knowing when it's time to go.

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Social Activities
Bring Out Old and New Faces

SOCIAL, from 12 to 2 A.M., is a bar review to be held at the Green Leafe. According to the Chicago Daily Law Review, there are numerous West Bar Review companies. Other companies have attempted to enter the bar review market and failed, including Kaplan Educational Organizations. The novelty of the Brewery Bar Review also brought out the spouses and the wives of the bar reviewers. They are cousins of the Brewer and the Brewer and the Brewer.

G.I. Jane and the Rental of the Week

MOVIE REVIEW from 13 ship with the seemingly SNAG (Sensitive New Age Guy) boyfriend who can't come to terms with having a Navy SEAL girlfriend. There are also numerous Top Gun flashbacks, strikingly similar to the all-time tear-jerker: "You can be my wingman anytime." Oh, and for you Doubting Thomases, women really do those one-armed push-ups... I do a hundred every night... a hundred and fifty if I eat a complete breakfast. Best line: "You want me to teach you the civil liberties?" I'd be glad to if you'll just trim a little fat off the Constitution.

RENTAL OF THE WEEK IS FARGO: drama, comedy, (?), Frances McDormand, William Macy. Yah, yah, there's this guy in trouble. Yah, and his wife happens to have a really rich father. Yah, yah, so the guy hires someone to kidnap his wife so he can get a big ransom out of it. End of story... Or not. Great movie... check full o' great one-liners. Also makes a great drinking movie. Drink whenever anyone says "Yah." For those with a lower tolerance, drink when Lundegard says "What the heck do you mean?"

Mixing It Up in the Kitchen with Kim

SALSA from 13

Add the pineapple chunks, reserving the liquid. Chop the mango into cubes and add it to the bowl. Strain the mixture and discard the liquid.

In another mixing bowl combine the onions, garlic, reserved pineapple juice, lemon juice and cilantro.

Let stand for 15 minutes, then combine with the tomato mixture. Cover and chill for 2 hours. Strain and discard the liquid before serving.

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