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By Danielle Berry and Sutton Snook
Nine months ago, four current third
year students vied for the title of President
of the Student Bar Association. Following
a flurry of campaign promises from all
sides and an initial round of voting in
which no candidate achieved the majority
necessitated by the SBA Constitution, the
student body elected Frank Sabia to the
office in a runoff election. As promised
following last year’s election, the Amicus
looks back over the first semester of the
Sabia administration to evaluate whether
and how the student body has benefited
from its primary representative.
Candidate Sabia based his platform
primarily on four issues: completing the
honor code unification process; improving
and expanding food service at the law
school; alleviating student parking prob-
lems; and increasing communication be-
tween the student body and the SBA Ex-
ecutive Board and SBA committees.
Following the law school’s ratifica-
tion of the Unified Honor Code, the sys-
tem seems to have been implemented
with little disruption of student life. Ac-
cording to the Flat Hat, copies of the
Honor Code were to have been posted in
each classroom—a task that has yet to
occur, primarily because of logistic prob-
lems encountered by the main campus
Honor Council in receiving the placards
that had been requested. Thus, the Uni-
fied Honor Code remains largely irrele-
vant to the daily life of law students.
Moreover, the Code itself remains
untested in the law school community
that fought unsuccessfully for a duty of
confrontation that would have been much
more stringent that the duty contained in

National Trial Team to Hold Selection Tournament

By Windley Holfer Walden
Attention All 2Ls.
Tired of tedious classes? Bored with Moot
Court? Think you might be the
next Johnnie Cochran or Marsha
Clark?
The National Trial Team of
Williams and Mary offers each of
you the chance to show off just
how good you are in the court-
room! Coming February 19,
The Trial Team will be holding its
annual selection tournament to
pick next year’s team. Should
you argue your way to the top of
your class, you could be on your
way to becoming the next great
American litigator!
Throughout the National
Trial Team tournament, partici-
pants will be competing against
other members of the 2L class
and trying a short case in front of
a mock jury. Although the Team
Board already has selected this
year’s problem, no details will be
available until the Spring Se-
mine. Sixteen second year stu-
dents will be selected to the Trial
Team Bar.
An informational meeting
will be held the week after our return
from Winter Break, with packet
distribution occurring approxi-
mately one week prior to the start
of the competition. Addition-
ally, plans are underway for
members of this year’s National
Team to present the case that will
be tried during the regional com-
petition as a demonstration so
that participants may enter the
preliminary rounds with some
background on the substantive
and procedural expectations of
the judges.
Each round of the selection
competition will be scored by
three judges, two serving in the
roles of jurors for each trial and
one acting as the presiding judge.
The judges will consist primarily
of members of this year’s Trial
Team, but some of the best
litigators in Hampton Roads will
be on hand to assist as judges.
After each round, they will give
you expert advice on how to
improve your trial technique so
that you may become the sharp-
est advocate around.
The National Trial Team pro-
vides an alternative to the Moot
Court Bar because the Trial
Team concentrates on litigation tech-
niques and strategies, whereas
appellate advocacy lies at the
heart of Moot Court competi-
tions. Neither team is mutually
exclusive, however, as members
of the Sabia Administration

The SBA Report Card: How is the SBA Doing?
By Alicia Lewis,
BLSA Vice President and
Symposium Co-Chairperson
Mark off February 6-7, 1998 in your
planners and appointment books!
The Marshall-Wythe Chapter of the
Black Law Students Association is spon-
soring the Institute of Bill of Rights
Rights Student Symposium
By Alicia Lewis,
BLSA Vice President and
Symposium Co-Chairperson
Mark off February 6-7, 1998 in your
planners and appointment books!
This year’s symposium is entitled
“Juvenile Adjudication: No Longer Child’s
Play” and will kick off BLSA’s Black
History Month celebration.
BLSA has added its own spice to
the student symposium’s regular format. This
year, the symposium will offer four
forums of discussion, the annual moot
court presentation argued by first year
law students, and a keynote address deliv-
ered by a renowned speaker. The objec-
tives of the symposium are to highlight
and increase awareness of juvenile adju-
dication issues and to facilitate an open
dialogue in order to better understand
the community’s role in addressing these
issues.
Among the issues planned for discus-
sion are juvenile as adults, juvenile
and the death penalty, and community
solutions to juvenile delinquency.
The Student Division’s symposium have
been hailed nationally since they began
seven years ago, and have focused on
critical topics of the day. Past top-
ics have included gun control, desegrega-
tion, the definition of family, religion in
the public schools, and most recently,
gays in the military.
Past speakers for the symposium have
included Congressman Barney Frank,
Reverend Pat Robertson, Nadine Strossen,
and Professor Chai Feldblum. The sym-
opsis have been very successful in drawing
hundreds of students, faculty, and
area residents, as well as regional and
national coverage.
By far, this is the most ambitious stu-
dent division symposium project in re-
cent years. The symposium committee is
also looking into making the workshop
discussions available for continuing legal
education (CLE) credit. All are encour-
gaged to attend and participate.
If you have any questions, sugges-
tions, or comments or just want to get
involved, please contact Alicia Lewis (2L),
Timika Adams (2L), Tawanda Lane (2L),
and Lavonda Graham (1L), Symposium
Co-Chairpersons, via hanging file.
From the Editor's Desk . . .

Well, the saga continues. In the last issue of the *Amicus* you will remember that I wrote of the rampant disorganization on the main campus, specifically in Telecommunications, the Registrar's Office, and the post office. "You're screwed" was their summarization of their relations with students. Over the past two weeks, I have tried to rationalize with these three offices, but have been met with yet another cliché — the left hand has no idea what the right hand has done.

Let me begin by explaining my newest adventure on main campus. Last Thursday (November 20) I attempted to make a long distance call. (For those who do not, nor have not, lived on-campus, we have long distance access codes we must use to deliver from the Gradplex to the Bursar's Office.) I was told that either way, they are not responsible for lost payments (seems fair), so I need to pay again. Expressing concern that I never had a check somewhere out in the system, I was told I could spend the $25.00 to cancel a $14.70 check, or I could call Pam in the Bursar's office. So, being naive (but quickly learning), I called. No, they had not received payment. No, they had no idea where the check was. Yes, I need to pay again. We finally reached a compromise — I would pay my November bill now, not including my October bill payment, and they would turn on my access code. Although this plan has several drawbacks, namely, if they never receive the first check, my access code will be deactivated again, I realized this was the only way I could make any calls. Should the check suddenly appear, however, my account is settled.

What I did learn, though, is that the Bursar's Office has had several problems with receiving payment via campus mail — the campus post office just doesn't like to deliver from the Gradplex to the Bursar's Office. Pam told me, in fact that they have had three complaints from students who sent their payments, but had their access code cut off, just like me. I, perhaps guilily, asked why the Bursar's Office had not asked campus mail to investigate the problem. The answer: "Well, because it is not our problem." It is up to the students to find their checks. Needless to say that a complaint from the Bursar would hold significantly more weight. If you remember, when I filed a complaint with the campus post office, I was met with "You're screwed."

I discovered several days later, however, that my check was received and cashed, before I even tried to make a long distance call. My bank honored the check on November 19th, one day before I even inquired into why my long distance access code had been deactivated. There are two possibilities: either someone(s) lied to me, or the check got lost in the system and was cashed anyway. I would like to think the latter. But what still troubles me is that one day after the check arrived at my bank, there was no record of it anywhere in my account. Not in tuition, housing, no where. The left hand had no idea what the right is doing, and it looks like it has no way of finding out. Basically, the College cashed the check, but didn't bother to credit my account.

This didn't end my foray with Telecomm, however. Thinking the matter was settled, I went home to make my long-awaited long distance telephone call. But the code was still blocked. Keep in mind that it never should have been blocked in the first place. So I called Telecomm to inform them of my situation. I was met with "I thought I already talked to you today." Apparently the woman who handles the Telecomm accounts in the Bursar's Office does not actually convey messages to Telecomm, in spite of her promise to do so. After explaining that I paid, again, I was finally told that I would again have a long distance code. Ten minutes later, after an hour and a half of work, I made my long distance call, only to find that the person I was calling was not home.

On a similarly themed note, on Tuesday I called the campus operator to see if my directory block had, in fact, been installed. Nope. I got my home phone number, my home address, and my parents' home phone number. I was also told that the Registrar would be happy to give me the name of my undergraduate institution. Having a few choice words for the Registrar, I wrote the phone number offered down and immediately dialed.

I spoke to someone who took my request form, who informed that indeed, the directory block had not been placed on my account, but that it would be done immediately. So I waited until Thursday, when I called the operator again, and again received my phone number, etc.

Naturally, I phoned the Registrar again. This time I was told that the block was on, and that no one can receive my phone number. Informed them that they were badly mistaken, I was assured that it was not possible.

Suddenly, someone in the Registrar's office realized that Telecomm handles the campus directories, and that the Registrar is not responsible for information given by Telecomm. Apparently, no one had bothered to inform Telecomm of the block, and that there is no standard procedure of doing so once a student has placed a directory block on his account. I must wonder whether the Registrar has communicated my request to the law school, which also regularly distributes student information? Just another case of left hand not communicating student information? Some day I should ask: How does the Registrar's office get their information? They are required to get phone numbers from the student, which then Relay the Bursar, who Relay Telecomm. So, if Telecomm is blocked, the Registrar is blocked. The Registrar is blocked, the Bursar is blocked. The Bursar is blocked, College is blocked.

This systematic failure of the College communication is inexcusable. As students, we should no longer accept the excuse "That is not this office's responsibility." The fact is, in the above examples, faults lies jointly and severely with both offices. As student's, we should be able to expect better than what we have gotten in the past several years. Until then, the words of the campus post office employee ring true — "You're screwed."
From the Vice-President's Desk . . .

By Quinton Roberts

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already here. Thanksgiving, as we all know, signals the beginning of the Holiday season, the beginning of the exam season, and the end of the semester. While Fall From Grace, your SBA will ensure that there are plenty of choice beverages, and excellent music (probably a band and DJ). Don't forget, you get what you pay for -- so put a little loan money aside for dresses, tuxedos, and tickets to this gala affair.

Food service, as promised, will be provided next semester. The details aren't confirmed as of yet. For those who responded to the survey, thanks for taking the time to give us your preferences. Survey results indicated that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the days most people would use the service. The price range for sandwiches was $3.00 to $5.60.

Most respondents also considered food service a high priority item. The 1L, Representatives, Liam McCann, Max Dewitt, and Mac Stuckey, have been instrumental in the SBA's efforts to bring you food service. Pull aside any SBA member if you have any questions about the food service planning.

The SBA plans to throw a Barrister's Ball equal to or better than Fall From Grace. Judging from your comments, that won't be easy. The Barrister's Ball will be held soon after we return from the Christmas Break. Danielle Berry (3L) is spearheading the effort to hold the Ball at the Williamsburg Lodge on February 21st.

The Barrister's Ball, for those of you who don't know, is Marshall-Wythe's Black Tie, formal event. It's the time for everyone to show off the class and style that one expects of future members of the Bar. While this Ball will be more upscale than Fall From Grace, your SBA will ensure that there are plenty of choice beverages, and excellent music (probably a band and DJ). Don't forget, you get what you pay for -- so put a little loan money aside for dresses, tuxedos, and tickets to this gala affair.

Attention 3Ls:

173 Days Until Graduation!!

Technology Corner

Outlines and Exams Across the Web

By Alson Rosenstengel

"A horror which will keep you awake all night!" "A real nail-biter!" "A nightmare you'll never forget!" "Pure terror!" No these aren't the critics' reviews of the latest Freddy Krueger flick to hit the theaters -- they're actual comments made by law students about the upcoming exam period. As the holidays approach, many of us are feeling rather uncertain about our exam preparation and are scouring bookshelves, filing cabinets in all corners of the building looking for that extra boost which could put us over the hump.

If you missed outline distributions or are just looking for more, more, more information on your favorite course subjects, dump the notebooks and fire up your web browser. Law students and professors around the country have put their outlines, course notes, hypotheticals, and sample exams on-line to help you prepare in your time of need. These files can be very helpful if you're looking for another way of stating something, supplementary notes, or practice writing exam answers. Keep in mind, however, that the students who wrote these study aids prepared their notes from a class taught (and graded) by a different professor, using casebooks which may differ significantly from the one you're using.

Pay attention to the date of any outline that you use. File formats will vary from outline to outline, you may have to convert your file to be able to read it after you download it. Also, remember that, while the quality of these outlines is usually pretty good, it is not guaranteed. You should, of course, use these materials to supplement your own course notes and commercial outlines.

If you're looking for outlines for 1L courses, you're in luck. They're the most abundant type of course outline that I was able to locate and they are available on most sites which have outlines. An excellent place to start for any of your courses is the Internet Legal Research Guide at http://outlines.ilrg.com, compiled by Prescott Caballero and his merry band of University of Texas Law students. ILRG features UTexas outlines for ten classes, indexed by professor, semester, and casebook. These are mostly

Trial Team Tournament

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of the Moot Court team also are encouraged to accept the challenge of refining those appellate advocacy skills as they cut their teeth before a jury. Many people are members of both teams because of the different type of courtroom experience each has to offer.

First year students play a major role in the Trial Team's selection process by serving as witnesses. The exposure to courtroom etiquette, trial strategy, and handling witnesses has proven invaluable to many a second year during those infamous Legal Skills trials. The Trial Team Board encourages first and third year students to make the most of the opportunity to participate in this year's selection tournament.

If you're ready to get out there and actually test yourself as a young litigator, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this incredible opportunity.

The tournament begins February 19 and the championship round will be held on March 3. The tournament will be fun and you will learn a lot of useful tips about trial work.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Windley Hoffer Walden (3L), Chief Counsel of the 1997-1998 Team, via hang file. We look forward to a spirited and challenging tournament!

The SBA, led by 2L Representative Ian Iverson, represents the students on both the law school's Building Committee and the campus Building Committee, which involves representatives from President Sullivan's office, other graduate schools, and the undergraduate schools. Address any questions, or comments to Ian.

Nate Green (3L) has done a great job all year setting up various law school sports tournaments. Second semester will bring a basketball tournament right after Christmas, and a racquetball tournament later in the semester.

Finally, a word of caution going into finals. No grade is worth an honor code violation. Don't let the heat of the moment cause you to do something you will regret later.

The SBA wishes everyone a happy, and safe Holiday Season!
1998 Draper’s Scholar Announced
Rebecca Eichler was named the 1998 Draper’s Scholar. She will attend the University of London, King’s College, next year to work on her LLM. Congratulations.

New Honor Council Members Announced
The SBA announced the newly appointed 1L members of the Honor Council: Craig Dixon, Chris Forstner, Tamar Goodale, Patrick O’Leary, and Sandra Smith. Congratulations.

Ernest Goodrich Professor Announced
Professor Neal Devins is now the Ernest Goodrich Professor. Professor Devins is also a Lecturer in Government and Resident Fellow in the Institute of Bill of Rights. Neal Devins graduated from Vanderbilt Law School, served as Assistant General Counsel for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and was Consultant to the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative of the American Bar Association. He has contributed several books and numerous articles exploring the structure of constitutional law in the United States.

Acting Dean Marcus stated that Devins is a valued member of the law school community and he is pleased Devins has received this honor.

Aces Awarded Inaugural Cabell Professorship
The Inaugural Cabell Professorship for the 1997-1998 academic year will be received by Professor Peter Alces. Professor Alces is a graduate of University of Illinois Law School and has served on the faculties of the University of Texas and the University of Alabama.

He is one of the nation’s leading professors in Commercial Law and Commercial Paper, a member of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association Commercial Code Task Force, and Advisor to the Restatement of the Law in Suretyship. He has written scholarly articles and treatises and casebooks for classroom instruction.

Bill Of Rights Student Division Selects Students for the Symposium Moot Court Argument
The Institute of the Bill of Rights selected its student participants in the moot court argument Saturday, November 22. The entire symposium is sponsored by the Black Law Students Association.

The following 1Ls were selected to argue: Lavonda Graham, Sandra Smith, Kindra Gromelski, and Jerry Smith. The four alternates are: Mark Braumgartner, Megan Hogan, Christian Simpson, and Jim Peck. The symposium will take place on Friday, February 6, from 7-9 p.m.

The topic of the moot court argument will focus upon issues related to juveniles, justice and the adjudication of juveniles in the court system. The moot court arguments will be judged by five panelists whose legal scholars, practitioners, and judges.

Students are encouraged to attend.

Phish-Food for Thought
William & Mary Students were surprised on Thursday, November 20th when the Green Leaf turned into the Groupie Leaf due to the presence of the popular band, Phish. The band, celebrating their manager’s birthday, made the initial mistake of ordering margaritas, but quickly got into the beer groove.

Alas, many students were annoyed to find their favorite bar suddenly mobbed by crusty hippy-types due to the presence of what appeared to be the A-V needs from their high schools, but others found true joy and transcendent happiness at having the chance to shake hands with a band that changed their lives.

The doors were closed early to any additional patrons because of the crowded conditions and the Highway Patrol was called to calm down the hordes outside.

Phish was staying at the Marriott in Williamsburg for the Friday and Saturday shows at Spaceship Hampton (rumored to be one of Jerry Garcia’s favorite venues).

The Journal of Women and the Law Publishes Record Edition
The Journal of Women and the Law published a record issue last Friday. Volume Three consists of 373 pages and includes five articles, one essay, four symposium articles, one book review, and two student notes. The cover honors Patricia Roberts Harris (1924-1985), the first African-American woman to be chosen for an ambassadorship or to hold a cabinet level position. The artwork for the cover is by our own Nadia Khan (2L).

The current issue is working on Volume Four and will publish it this Spring.

Are you feeling old? If not, consider this about the Freshman Class:
- The people who are starting college this fall across the Nation were born in 1980.
- The Iranian hostage crisis occurred before they were conceived.
- They have no memory of a time before MTV.
- "New Wave" is their parentisel musical generation.
- Cyndi Lauper, Boy Georgette, the Pretenders, the Kinks, the Sex Pistols — are all old music they have heard of, if they have heard of it at all.
- They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era.
- They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.
- If they have heard the name "Oliver North," it was probably as a losing Congressional candidate, or perhaps in some obscure survey history text's reference, such as might be made to Huey Long or Teapot Dome.
- Black Monday 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression.
- Their world has always included AIDS.
- Having not lived through the Disco Scare, they can romanticize the 1970's.
- They see "Family Ties" as something middle aged ladies watch.
- They watched "Star Wars" years ago, when they were kids — on video.
- Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums and cassette audiocassettes.
- From their earliest years, a camera was something you used once and threw away.
- As far as they know, postage stamps have always cost about 32 cents.
- The oil crisis is history, or which they probably know nothing — and why anyone wouldn't buy a suburban is beyond them.
- Most of them have probably never seen a real nun, even if they went to Catholic schools.

OVERHEARD...

"I have sex in my opening statement." — Kim Welsh (3L)

"Dizney makes adult movies, don't they?"
— Professor Schaefer

"Rod Smolla — That well known pornographer." — Professor Smolla

"I represent the average voter because I'm completely ignorant." — Danielle Roeber (3L)

"Lake Titticaca — my favorite lake." — Professor Smolla

"The problem with William and Mary students is that you’re too nice." — Professor Meese

"Yes, Mr. Robinson, you’re not nice. What do you think?" — Professor Meese
Emphasize Lawyer Role as New Attorney

Ralph Nader and Wesley J. Smith

Harvard Law graduate, Ansel Chaplin, a corporate lawyer with thirty years of practice under his belt, told us that many of his colleagues are big firm "spin control artists" who put the bet face on the "outrageous or close to outrageous behavior" of their clients. As a consequence, clients view their legal representatives not so much as professionals but "hired guns" creating a "system [that] promotes a kind of control fundamental moral dishonesty." These are not very encouraging words to read while you are a law student spending three years of your life in rigorous preparation for a license to practice law. But they are words that need to be taken to heart. The legal profession has developed into a mercantile business where the ethical obligation to "zealously represents clients" has become the be all and end all of legal representation, resulting in the surrender of professional independence, sadly commented on by Mr. Chaplin.

The general public is also aware that something has gone terribly wrong with the legal profession. The ubiquitous lawyer jokes we continually hear are merely one sign that the legal profession has slipped into disrepute among the general public. And for good cause. People sense that the legal system does not serve the common good but has come instead to be utilized by administered primarily to benefit the richest and most powerful members of society. Is it any wonder, then, that respect for the rule of law has plummeted?

There is a powerful antedote to this despair and cynicism; the revitalization of the role of "lawyers" as a check and balance to the activities in by "attorneys." Many believe that the terms "attorney" and "lawyer" are synonymous. They aren't. The word "attorney" designates the private role of legal representative vis-a-vis the client. The word "lawyer" represents a vitally different duty required of the legal professional; the public role of officer of the court" whose duties extend beyond the client to serving the justice system and the broader public interest.

The varying role of attorney and lawyer are both essential to effective and ethical legal representation. Without the attorney function, no duties of loyalty would be owed to the client, as a consequence, each legal professional would be tempted to come judge and jury of each case. But, without the lawyer function, legal representation would be devolve into anything goes, whatever it takes-to-win form of legal Darwinism, where justice would be superceded by the raw power of wealth, status, and connections, where graft and ruthlessness would essentially prevail.

In today's legal profession, the attorneys have eclipsed the lawyers, especially in the area of large firm and corporate practice where the values of the marketplace too often supercede the concept of equal justice under law. This development has created a legal system in which fundamentally makes right, where individuals seeking justice from the most powerful private and public institutions are often crushed under remitting "scorched earth" litigation tactics of attorneys who are paid hundreds of dollars an hour to obfuscate, obstruct, delay, and otherwise transform the pursuit of civil justice into a protracted, expensive, and inefficient war of attrition.

One need only look at the busines pages of newspapers and legal weeklies or read the news section of the Wall Street Journal to see that is going on. Regularly, stories appear of attorneys from the largest and most prominent law firms accused of discovery abuse, spoliation (destruction of evidence), misleading courts, and other unethical practices. Unfortunately, these reports are not the proverbial bad apples. Such forms of practice are not uncommon.

And You Thought VanGorkam's Loyalties Were Conflicted

A Colombus, Ohio court convicted Peter "Commando Pedro" Lanagan of federal assault and gun charges in September for Lanagan's participation in a 1996 shootout with police.

Lanagan previously had been convicted of two felony bank robberies and currently is awaiting trial in four other robberies. Allegedly, Lanagan leads a neo-Nazi, white supremacist gang that utilized the illegal proceeds from its lawless endeavors in order to fund other surreptitious activities that most of the population finds equally morally repugnant.

Do not despair, nascent Johnnie Cochran, Lanagan's attorneys attempted to paint a kinder, gentler portrait of their client during the September trial. The attorneys brought in two character witnesses, a man and one woman, to describe the romances each had with him. Both witnesses were pre- operation transsexuals, whom Lanagan dated while dressed exclusively as a woman.

Lanagan and his "character" witnesses avoided the negative ramifications of his conduct within the neo-Nazi community, however, by referring to themselves as Lanagan's "business partners."

Who says political correctness is dishonest?

JFK, Jr.'s Five Shots at the Bar Were Bad Enough

Garrett Maass, 34, failed the Oregon bar exam in 1994 by 1,132 points—missing questions that obviously had to have been the fault of someone other than (perish the thought) the exam taker.

Like any good law school graduate, Maass sued the Oregon State Bar in federal court last month, alleging that he would have passed the exam but for the incessant sound of a jackhammer that was used in repair work outside the test center.

Unfortunately for the causation element of his suit, Maass also sat for the bar in 1997. Although the offending jackhammer was not present during the 1997 administration, Maass nevertheless failed the exam. Perhaps it's no coincidence that the only person he will ever represent is himself.

Insurance Companies Stingy? Never...

Bob Manning, 60, continues to wage a war with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board and Utilities Mutual Insurance Company, the insurers of Manning's former employer. Manning was paralyzed on the job when he fell headfirst off of a utility pole in 1962.

Notwithstanding the fact that Manning has required 24-hour medical attention for the past 35 years, he has yet to receive the $2 million award due him from Utilities Mutual.

Rather, the insurance company has managed to tie the case up in the litigation process for 35 years by contesting whether Manning—whose wife, who is a registered nurse, can receive payment for caring for him. Utilities Mutual denies that it has any legal obligation to satisfy the award before all appeals are settled. Alternatively, they could have paid the award when it first issued and saved themselves about $4 million in interest, attorneys' fees, and the extra control they undeniably will need once word of their unprecedented generosity hits the major media.

Remember, Always Keep a Low Profile

Police officers arrested Jamaal Lou Wallace, 27, last summer at a traffic checkpoint near Knoxville, Tennessee (strategically located near Soddy Daisy, Tennessee), after they discovered 300 pounds (yes, pounds, not ounces or grams) of marijuana in the trunk of Wallace's automobile. Wallace truly has no one to blame for his arrest other than himself, however, as the police officers paid no particular attention to any of the drivers passing through the stop until Wallace behaved so peculiarly that he quickly prompted the officers to look more closely.

According to police, not only did Wallace display the "deer caught in the headlights look" (obviously indicative of Wallace's guilt rather than simply his discomfort in dealing with the police), but Wallace also had attempted to mask the pungent marijuana smell. Obviously, 300 pounds of marijuana is going to generate some sort of fragrance, but the twenty air fresheners that Wallace used tipped the scales.

The Amicus Curiae

Monday, November 24, 1997
Students Need to Balance the Roles of Attorney and Lawyer

NADER from 5 have become standard operating procedures as law firms vie to gain the favor of business interests and reap the fee largess that such activities garnish. But the sense of emptiness felt by increasing numbers of corporate attorneys hearing retirement results, we found in researching our book, No Contest, from their decades of churning out as "lawyers" to preserve and extend the legal pillars of our democracy. Instead, too many of these attorneys became lobbyists to either enrich their corporate clients through such programs as corporate welfare or to aggressively restrict the access to justice and other legal rights of aggrieved persons trying to hold their clients responsible. Both the tort "deform" legislation drives and the vast pervasiveness of one-sided "sight-on" the-dotted line contracts that dominate the marketplace all the way to compulsory arbitration clauses undermine our system of justice.

This all extracts a terrible toll; on society, against individuals caught up in an increasingly cruel and unresponsive civil justice system, and to the emotional health and well being of the attorneys themselves.

Society is injured by a lowering of the respect for the rule of law. People who feel that they do not have reasonable access to justice lose faith in the justice system. They refuse to serve on juries. They swallow injustice rather than use the legal system for its intended purpose. (There are few mental agonies more acute than believing one has been deprived of justice without an effective remedy.) In some extreme cases, they decide to take the law into their own hands and act violently or otherwise unlawfully.

The personal toll on attorneys is also excruciating. Many come to hate practicing law but cannot leave it because they are hooked by the money that is made. Imagine working for years to obtain the laudable goal of receiving a legal license only to wake up every day with your insides churning because you hate what you do for a living. Is it any wonder that attorneys have high incidence of alcoholism, drug abuse, marital discord, and other emotional problems?

The time has come to change course and revitalize the essential role of lawyering in all areas of legal representation. This can and should begin in law school where law students have an especially vital role to play. Students can reassert practices undertaken by their predecessors in the sixties and seventies who sent questionnaires to recruiting law firms about their professional practices. These questions could include issues of the nature and scope of pro bono representation.

See ETHICS on 13
The Public Service Fund: Charity Begins at Home
Help Others and Yourself: Get Involved in PSF

By Francine Friedman

Did you come to law school thinking you could change the world? Did you think that as a lawyer you could help people who are usually underrepresented? Or do you have friends who dream such high hopes?

If so, the William & Mary Public Service Fund is for you!

The Public Service Fund (PSF) exists for many reasons. The most important reason, however, is to make sure that public interest law is supported by the William & Mary community. PSF endeavors to inspire and create opportunities for William & Mary students to pursue careers in public interest law.

Last year, PSF awarded nearly $30,000 in fellowships to 27 William & Mary students who worked in unpaid summer internships with public interest law organizations.

Recent PSF recipients include students who have interned with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, the U.S. Department of Education, Central Virginia Legal Aid, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, and the Juvenile Court of DeKalb County.

Students usually apply in the Spring for summer funding. There is, however, an early application process for students who know in the Fall that they will be working in unpaid public interest jobs.

So, how does PSF fund these summer internships? PSF acts as a facilitator to the law school community in raising funds. All of the money that PSF raises comes from fellow law students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni.

Every year, PSF organizes several fund-raisers to support its summer fellowship program. Fund-raisers include the Bahamas’ Blast, Casino Night, Give-a-Day pledge drive, and Dinner Date Auction.

In addition to its annual events, PSF will be working with the Alumni Affairs office to plan a Gala Dinner to honor PSF’s 10th Anniversary and community members with a commitment to public service.

The Public Service Fund also raised money through sales at the gift shop and from a donation of a portion of the proceeds at the Coffeehouse Kiosk in the library lobby.

PSF relies on student volunteers to help raise the money to fund summer jobs. The Board of Directors organizes events, but needs volunteers’ help to pull off successful fund-raisers. There are volunteer opportunities at all of our events and throughout the year in preparation of events and at the gift shop.

Volunteers serve a great cause and have a lot of fun! In addition, students planning to apply for summer stipend funding should keep in mind that the Board takes into consideration not only the nature of the summer internship and the student’s overall commitment to public service, but also his or her commitment to PSF throughout the year.

Supporting PSF allows students interested in public interest to help the community through summer internships. PSF needs the help of the entire law school community to raise the money to support these summer jobs.

PSF relies on support from all students, including those who plan to pursue careers in public interest law and students who do not. The PSF Board is in need of volunteers throughout the year to help with the gift shop, mailings, and solicitations for events. And of course, volunteers are welcome at all events!

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Public Service Fund should contact Rebecca Eichler (3L) or Francine Friedman (2L).

A PSF Summer Mediation: A Viable Alternative to Court

By Melvin Williams

From late June through mid-August, and continuing through this academic year, I worked with the Dispute Settlement Center in Norfolk, Virginia. Over the course of my employment there, I received certified mediator training, served as a liaison for the Center to the Norfolk General District Court, Civil Division, and contacted clients regarding their mediation sessions.

Certified mediators in the Commonwealth of Virginia are required to complete a twenty-hour course on mediation skills. I completed this course, offered by the Dispute Settlement Center, late in June. The course teaches the process of mediation and helps mediators understand how people react to conflict. During my course, I was impressed by the availability of mediation to a wide range of disputes. The Dispute Settlement Center, for example, has handled disputes involving thousands of dollars as well as disputes concerning custody and visitation rights where money was not in issue. Mediation, when seriously employed by disputants, is very effective. Furthermore, the course also taught me techniques in dealing with conflict that are applicable in everyday life.

After completing the mediation course, I began working at the Center on a regular basis. During the months of July and August, I completed evaluation of disputants referred to mediation by the Norfolk General District Court, Civil Division. My responsibilities included gathering general information from the disputants, explaining the mediation process to them, and scheduling the mediation session between the parties. I continue to serve the Center in this capacity during the 1997-98 academic year.

While working with the Center, my responsibilities also included contacting clients regarding their ongoing mediations. I would contact clients to schedule and re-schedule mediation sessions, evaluate whether clients sought to continue mediation as a means of resolving their disputes, and conduct fact-finding regarding mediated agreements that may or may not have been succeeding after mediation had occurred. Direct contact with clients helped me understand the ideal of mediation in practice.

Mediation is not a perfect process. It sometimes fails, partially or completely. It does not See MEDIATION on 15
Finding a Home for Thanksgiving Dinner

By Kim Hackett

Since becoming a bona fide resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I have spent the past two Thanksgiving dinners in restaurants... in Williamsburg restaurants. Although I am very grateful for the hospitality of the Judson and Morledge families, something was definitely missing.

I yearned for the smell of Grandma’s pumpkin pie. I even missed the turkey sandwiches Mom would pack into my school lunches for the week following Thanksgiving.

I’m not going “home” to Washington State this Thanksgiving. However, I am not eating at a restaurant either. Instead, I am heading for the Shenandoah Valley with a pastry blender or with your hands until it resembles cornmeal.

Sprinkle the dough with water. Gather the dough near where the corners meet. (This allows steam to escape the pie, so the edges are crispier.)

Flour a pastry cloth and the rolling pin. Roll out the rest of the dough into a 9-inch circle. Then fold into quarters. (Unquestionably one of the more memorable classes taken by certain members of the Amicus staff, Rockin’ Ron makes himself a friend of his students through his gentle demeanor, accessibility, and (most importantly) his multiple choice exams written for the third grade level of comprehension. Amicus advice: Remember that land is a valuable resource. Also bear in mind that, since Professor Butler has abandoned us this semester, none of the 1Ls have a real properly exam to worry them.)

Divide the dough into two equal parts. Place a pastry “sock” over a rolling pin. Flour a pastry cloth and the rolling pin. Roll out the dough into a circle large enough to cover a 9-inch pie plate. (Coqua Felix recommends using a glass pie pan.) Invert the pie plate over the dough. Wrap the pastry cloth around the pan and turn the pan over. Lightly press the dough into the pan and trim excess dough from the edges.

For the filling:
5 to 6 apples, cored, peeled and cut into thin 3-inch pieces.
1/3 cup sugar
large pinch of salt
1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1 tablespoon butter, cut into pieces

Combine the sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg in a bowl. Stir in the apples. Pour the mixture into the pie crust. Dot with butter.

Roll out the rest of the dough into a 9-inch circle. Carefully fold the dough into a semi-circle. Then fold into quarters. Using a sharp knife, make a small “S” into the dough near where the corners meet. (This allows steam to escape the pie, so your pie won’t explode in the oven.) Carefully unfold over the apple filling.

Place cranberries, onion, green pepper, and apple in a food processor or blender and chop coarsely. In a large saucepan, combine cranberry mixture with sugar, vinegar, and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered for 10 minutes. Cool and refrigerate. Use chutney within two or three weeks.

Apple Pie
From Joy of Cooking, Irma S. Rombauer, Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc. ©1931

For a 9-inch double crust:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup chilled butter
1/3 shortening
5 tablespoons cold water

Sift the flour and salt into a glass bowl. Cut the butter and shortening into the flour with a pastry blender or with your hands until it resembles cornmeal. Sprinkle the dough with water. Gather the dough into a ball. Do not overwork the dough. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for two hours.

Tuck the edges of the top crust under the edges of the bottom crust. Bake pie in a preheated 450° oven for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350° and bake until done (about 35 to 50 more minutes). Uncover the foil from the pie for the last 15 minutes of baking.

Long Beach Cranberry Chutney
From Wandering and Feasting, Mary Houser Cadiiz, Washington State University Press ©1996

1 cup cranberries (partially thaw if frozen)
1 medium onion, quartered
1 medium green pepper, quartered
1 medium tart apple (Coqua Felix recommends Granny Smith,) cored, and quartered
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt

Place cranberries, onion, green pepper, and apple in a food processor or blender and chop coarsely. In a large saucepan, combine cranberry mixture with sugar, vinegar, and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered for 10 minutes. Cool and refrigerate. Use chutney within two or three weeks.

Press the foil from the pie and trim excess dough from the pan. Bake until done (about 30 to 35 minutes). Drain well and leave to dry.

While sweet potatoes are cooking, heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the sausage meat (Coqua Felix recommends buying the Fresh Market’s ground country sausage). Cook quickly, breaking up the sausage until it is golden brown. Add the onion, celery, and green pepper and cook for five minutes. Add the sage, thyme, and pepper.

Mash the sweet potatoes. Beat the egg yolks into the potatoes. Drain the oil from the sausage meat and add it to the potatoes.

Beat the egg whites in a glass bowl until stiff but not dry. Fold (Do not beat!) the mixture into the potatoes until thoroughly incorporated.

Spoon the mixture into a buttered casserole dish. Bake in a preheated 375° oven until risen and brown on the top (about 30 minutes). Serve immediately.

Looking for Last Minute Christmas Gifts?
The PSF Gift Shop will be open in the lobby during the last week of classes and stocks a wide array of W&M Law momentos. Contact Becky Copeland (2L) if you need gifts before that date.
A Hole in One at the Corner Pocket

By Kevin Muhlendorf and Andy Lustig

This week, your humble food critics sampled the fare at the Corner Pocket in the Williamsburg Crossing Shopping Center. You may ask yourselves why discriminating critics such as ourselves would risk our delicate palates on mere pool hall food. The reasons abound, but foremost among them is the fact that the Corner Pocket does not serve mere pool hall/bar fare. Others of course include the fact that it is cheap and within stumbling distance from our house — though we must warn you — that first step across Route 5 is a doozy.

Finally, though many of you may be familiar with the Corner Pocket’s wide beer selection and well stocked bar, many often overlook the kitchen, save for the occasional plate of cheese fries or chips and dip. In doing so, you are missing one of the truly surprising culinary delights in this town. Your critics dined on delightful Meatloaf Sandwiches with a tomato basil mayonnaise (about $5). They were served with waffle fries and really hit the spot.

One of our guests that night, celebrating his birthday (and thus figuring that others would pick up his tab), ordered a full entree — a scrumptious Seafood Pasta (about $11). This pasta dish was served with succulent shrimp smothered in a lemon basil sauce and accompanied by a dinner salad. A lovely 1L in our midst ordered a hot chicken and cheddar sandwich (about $5) that filled us why discriminating critics such as ourselves would risk our stomachs for mere pool hall/bar fare.

As we pondered the issue, we realized that trying to converse with your girlfriends (not ours, of course — hey, we’re funny, not stupid) can at times be a very frustrating and perplexing experience. No matter what you say or how you respond to your girlfriend, she always seems perturbed or unsatisfied with your comments.

We researched the issue and our team has come up with some interesting data. If you occasionally say yourself “perplexed by women, don’t despair, help has arrived.”

The first thing you must understand is that women never mean exactly what they say. Remember when people used to say that if you played an Ozzy Osbourne record backwards, you could hear satanic chants? Well, with women it’s really much the same principle... You see, women talk in a secret, complex code (taught to them at birth) which only other women can fully understand. To us men, their language uses every day words which we interpret to mean what Webster’s Dictionary says they mean. As we all know, this is clearly not the case.

Luckily, after years of money-guzzling lawsuits, espionage, and life threatening research (we lost several field agents, our team has managed to steal one page of the top secret, highly guarded, Woman’s Manual for Speaking in Code in Order to Confuse and Frustrate Men,” by Evelyn Vixen. West Publishing. New York City, NY. 1997.

At last, we hold a key to decipher at least some of the tricky and deceptive phrases that women use against us. The commonly used phrases you are about to read are the results of painstaking efforts by our cryptographers.

Why am I Always so Tired?

- PeopleTendToBlame AlexaandAndri tobe
- BeingTiredOnIron-Poor
- BloodLackOfVitamin
- DietingAndAduzen
- OtherMaladies
- The Population Of This Country Is 237 Million.
- 104 Million Are Retired.
- That Leaves 133 Million To Do The Work.
- There Are 85 Million Schools, Which Leaves 48 Million To Do The Work.
- Of This Number, There Are 29 Million People Employed By The Federal Government.
Honeymoon at the movies

Marky Mark Boogies Nights

By Kristi Garland

Boogie Nights: Burt Reynolds, Julianne Moore, Mark Wahlberg

It is tough to know where to start with a movie like Boogie Nights... one of those movies about which you walk out of the theater thinking “I liked it, but I’m not sure why.”

The basic plot traces the rise and fall of some interesting characters and participants in the porn industry during the 1970’s. Believe it or not, this sordid tale isn’t as sordid as it could have been. Rather, the participants involved seemed to portray their characters as a real “family,” complete with compassion and unconditional love.

In the end, you view Mark Mark, the well-endowed main character who pursues an “acting” career because it is the one thing he is good at, more as a wayward son than as a fallen star of the porn world. Although the sex, drugs, and violence are gratuitous at times, it adds to the overall effect of the audience being intrigued by the “scene,” while also feeling that it is a good thing the 70’s came to an end.

The best parts of the flick were the sets and fashion — if you are still waiting for the halter-top comeback and the white boot revival, a study break to see this movie would be time well spent. So, while the movie is disturbing in terms of the subject matter and all of its trapings (much in the spirit of Pulp Fiction), the movie is also surprisingly touching (no pun intended) and well worth the money.

Music for the Masses

I Gotta Get Me Some of That: A Tribute to the Performers and the Music of the Lilith Fair

By Ellen Kaiser and K.D. Ulrickas

Thank God this is the last article we need to write this semester. Having virtually no creative talent between the two of us (thus having chosen law as our future profession), we are ecstatic about the completion of our duties to the Amicus Curiae this semester.

As finals rapidly approach and we find ourselves yet again grossly unprepared, we seek refuge in fond summer memories, made all the more pleasant by the fact that we were not in the hell we all know as Williamsburg. One such summer memory was a week long road trip we took in August following the women of the Lilith Fair.

How can you not love lesbians?

We were fortunate to have landed tickets to the show in Washington D.C. after having entered a drawing at the Dream Dresser Boutique in Georgetown. When Madame Cheri called us to tell us that we had won two tickets to the Fair and a “surprise” assortment of lotions, gifts, and toys, we could hardly contain ourselves. When so many attractive and powerful women are working closely together for long periods of time, there can only be one result: an orgy of lesbianism.

Adorned with pink triangles and rainbow bumper stickers, we were determined to do anything possible to get backstage. The concert began with Fiona Apple, bulimia’s poster-child. Listen, if you want to roll around half-naked in your videos, a brief word of advice: gain some damn weight. Ms. Bulimia finished her set and slinked offstage. Slightly disturbed at times, it adds to the intuituous effect of the audience being intrigued by the “scene,” while also feeling that it is a good thing the 70’s came to an end.

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Next thing we know, we were headed backstage stage to hang out with the stars of the evening. The prospects for some lesbian activity were huge. All the performers were relaxing, smoking cigarettes, and drinking alcohol, having changed into more casual and loose-fitting gear. If it was going to happen for us, it was going to happen here.

Nothing was really happening, so we decided to take matters into our own hands. We tried to incite a fight between Alanis and Sarah because as everyone knows, two women, when fighting one another will inevitably start to make-out. (Incidently, we started the fight by telling Alanis that Sarah had stolen her favorite french tickler.) Unfortunately for us, cooler heads prevailed.

Our next tactic was to try to start a huge pillow fight. In hopes that a large wrestling match would lead us to the promised land. We were never able to realize our dream of after hitting Sheryl Crow and Tracy Chapman with some pillows, we were quickly thrown from the room by two leather-clad Amazons.

Although we were foiled in our attempt to engage in some lesbian activity, all was not lost. We have gotten plenty of mileage this semester from our back-stage fantasies.

It has been a pleasure writing for you this semester. Again we request your comments, suggestions, complaints, and advice to be dropped to our hanging files. Really, we mean this. We need to hone our writing abilities, and constructive criticism is the best way we know how. Besides, if our law careers fail, we have entertained the thought of writing for Rolling Stone or the Village Voice.

One other announcement. We are looking for a female intern to help us in our writing endeavors next semester. This would be a great opportunity to learn the ropes of a major literary publication.

Please drop a resume and writing sample (and flattering photograph, if you have one) to our hanging files.

Lesbians will not be discriminated against.
Dear Dr. Love,

I am worried that with finals coming up, my sex life will suffer. I want to be a serious student, but I have certain biological needs that must be fulfilled. The problem is, the chick I've been hooking up with is really stressing about her grades and is spending twelve hours a day in the library. What can I do to keep hitting it?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

If Mohammed can't go to the mountain, bring the mountain to Mohammed. The fact that your chick is spending big time in the stacks is no real impediment. You won't be the first or the last hot couple to use the typing rooms for something other than outlines. You don't think they smell that funky just because law students don't bathe much during finals, do you? Ask the girl where she usually studies, show up unexpectedly and whisper a few sweet nothings in her ear. Add your tongue to the ear candy and you got one randy gal ready to respond to the booty call in the nearest library nook. If that doesn't work, don't worry, you won't really go blind.

Dear Dr. Love,

The boys in the 2L class are homely, and not too much fun. The 3L class is really cliquish and they seem to be absent from most social events. I am a 2L and am looking for a man, but that really only leaves the 1L class, whom I just don't know very well. How do I work my way into 1L circles so that I can score a 1L cutie to be my love slave?

Desperation is the Worst Perfume

Dear Desperation,

From the looks of the "1L cuties" they are pretty young, so I recommend wearing Love's Baby Soft instead of Desperation as my fragrance of choice. Pick some likely victim and learn where he lives. Drive past his house several times every hour. Figure out his class schedule and drive past his house several times every likely victim and learn where he lives. Bone your tongue to the ear candy and you got one randy gal ready to respond to the booty call in the nearest library nook. If that doesn't work, don't worry, you won't really go blind.

Dear Dr. Love,

When I was an undergrad, I had a few "boyfriends." Well, most people call them "Johns," but that's not important. What is important is that law school is expensive and I can only produce so much plasma a week. The problem with going back to my old profession is that I have a boyfriend now and he doesn't seem to be the kind of guy who would understand that sex is just physical and I only really love him. I really want a new Prada dress or two. How can I either convince my boyfriend to let me be a "working girl" again or raise the money some other way?

Pretty Woman

Dear Pretty,

The way I see it you have two options: First, you can become a lesbian prostitute and let him watch, which would both raise the money you need and make him very happy. Second, you can get a job near one of the many military installation as a "dancer." The hours are perfect for a student, the money is great, and once again, your boyfriend can watch. Problem solved. Prada provided. Or you could just hit and not tell him about it.

Dear Dr. Love,

My girlfriend is a typical law student, very into her studies, and a huge fan of Star Trek. This is all pretty normal, except that when we have sex, she insists on role playing with a Star Trek theme. She says she just can't get excited unless she imagines that she is getting it on with one of the members of the Enterprise crew. The problem is, she likes the original Star Trek TV show and I can only get hot and bothered over The Next Generation. How can we possibly reconcile our conflicting love Joneses?

Dear Picard,

First, get a life. Then, watch Star Trek: Generations, because I know that you won't get a life. That should straighten out your problems. Oh yeah, never write to me again, you freak. And that goes double for your wack-job girlfriend. A couple of dorks like you two deserve each other. Just don't ever spawn. Your kind should be eradicated, not propagated.

Dear Dr. Love,

My boyfriend smokes a lot of weed. I actually like him when he is high and all nice and peaceful. He is also a law student, though, and I am worried about what he is going to say on his bar application. Also, he seems to be losing interest in sex, in leaving the house, and in basically anything but Ruffles and the Prevue Channel. What can I do to make him want me again?

Kind Girl

Dear Kind

About his bar application... Tell him to be completely honest and tell the bar something like, "I puff down on the kind bud on a daily basis, I have been doing so since I was fifteen years old, I will continue to do so for the rest of my life. The Virginia Bar Association is cordially invited to come over for bong hits anytime. That should do it. If you want him to regain interest in you, I suggest you cover yourself with potato chips and twinkies. That's about as close as you are going to get to a sex life, since hitting the pipe so hard tends to make Mr. Winkle a little flaccid. My final recommendation is that you loosen up and take a few bong hits for breakfast. That should take that bug out of your gut.

Dear Dr. Love,

I have a crush on a certain Contracts, Corporations and Anti-Trust Professor.

Help.

Dear Help,

Whooppee. So do half the females and one-third of the males here. The professor crush pickings are slim, so this guy bears the brunt. Maybe you should raise your hand in class and tell him. That should take care of it, one way or the other. By the way, you are truly pathetic.

Dear Dr. Love,

I have just started dating this girl, and her best friend is a guy. I have been spending a lot of time with him and we really get along. I think that he may have a crush on me and I am finding myself quite attracted to him. What can I do?

Confused and Conflicted

Dear C&C,

Three words... menage a trois. Problem solved.

Dear Dr. Love,

I really admire your advice and I think that you would be an amazing lover, very responsive to my needs and I just can not get you out of my fantasies. I am dying to meet you and must know more about you. Are you a male or female (it does not really matter, I just need to be able to fleece out your fantasies)? Would you consider going out for coffee some time?

Love Slave

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Monday, November 24
L.A. Confidential: Not the OJ verdict, but the movie starring Kevin Spacey and Guy Pearce. The evil is everywhere. At the DOG Street Theatre through November 27 at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26
THANKSGIVING BREAK!!: Pack your bags and get the hell out of dodge. Wow, five whole days to work on outlines, catch up on reading, and eat turkey. Of course, since turkey makes you tired, may be only two whole days to get work done. Wait, gotta go out for at least one evening — that leaves one whole day. Wait, gotta sleep in — that leaves half a day. Gotta eat, so that leaves five hours. No, after eating leftovers I’ll be tired, so two whole hours. No, gotta get some holiday shopping in, so I have a half-hour to get all my outlines done, read over 1000 pages, and study. Oh well, I have a whole week after I get back to school.

Women’s Basketball: vs. Winthrop College. 5:00 p.m.
Men’s Basketball: vs. Virginia Tech. 7:30 p.m. in W&M Hall.

Friday, November 28
G.I. Jane: If you are a big enough loser to stay in Williamsburg, you might as well go see Demi Moore shave her head at the DOG Street Theatre through December 8 at 9:00 p.m. through December 1.

Monday, December 1
Classes Return: Only one week left to catch up. Or, alternatively, only one week left to play.
Men’s Basketball: vs. Hampton University. 7:30 p.m. in W&M Hall. It’s the Tidewater fight of the year. Rumor has it that Jackie Stallone is the ref.

Tuesday, December 2
Flirt: No, this isn’t one of the bar review reports, it’s the movie by that name. All about young love in New York, Berlin, and Tokyo, with a heterosexual man, a bisexual man, and a woman. Gee, talk about a diverse cast. At the DOG Street Theatre through December 4.

Wednesday, December 3
Simple Men: This is not a lecture by Professor Grover. It’s a movie by that name about two brothers on the lam in Long Island. At the DOG Street Theatre through December 4. Just be thankful that it’s not a replay of the heterosexual, bisexual, multi-gender movie again.

Friday, December 5
Classes Over!!!: Yippee! Free at last. Now all I have to do is actually pass my exams. No problem, they never fail anyone.

Going Out: In and Out, a movie with Kevin Kline and Matt Dillon, is coming out at the DOG Street Theatre through December 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: Not a misprint, a movie. Winner of the Sundance Festival about disquieting disgrace and humanity through a winter Sunday of fantasy, deceit, and misunderstanding in Queens, NY. At the DOG Street Theatre through December 8 at 9:00 p.m.

Pulp Fiction: This cult classic will be at the DOG Street Theatre as the late night show.

Saturday, December 6
Men’s and Women’s Swimming: vs. Towson State University. 1:00 p.m. at the Rec Center Pool. Gee, lots of athletes in Speedos with wet bodies. Umm... bootie.

Women’s Basketball: vs. Winthrop College, again at W&M Hall. Where is Winthrop anyway?

Green and Gold Christmas: a program sponsored by the Residence Hall Association that allows underprivileged children from the area to spend a day with a student sponsor. They need donations for supplies and gifts (tax deduction!), as well as volunteers. Contact Courtney Bishop (221-4246) or Jackie Hayes (221-5813) for more information.

Sunday, December 7
Grand Illumination: Take a break from studying (or drinking heavily) to saunter down to the general CW area and watch them plug in some Christmas lights for the tourists. Maybe they’ll light a few tourists up this year and give the local population something to really celebrate. Don’t forget the fireworks (they may even be better than the fireworks in the law school after the administration realizes Regent is now the preeminent law school on the Peninsula.)

Tuesday, December 9
Alec Baldwin Sits on the Edge: The Edge will be playing at the DOG Street Theatre through December 11 at 6:45 p.m.

Join the Bandwagon: The Bandwagon, a movie about a fledgling rock group from Raleigh, NC, will be playing at the DOG Street Theatre at 9:00 p.m. through December 11.

Wednesday, December 10
Finals Begin: Let the games begin! No sleep, lots of junk food, and gallons of coffee. Few showers, everyone wears hats, and nobody ever smiles. Well, that’s not exactly true. There are an awful lot of irritating smirks on the Professors’ faces.

Friday, December 12
Washington Square: This movie, a reinvention of Henry James’ tale of betrayal, hits the DOG Street Theatre at 6:45 and 9:00 p.m. through December 23.

Saturday, December 13
Yule Log Ceremony: I don’t really want to know what this might mean, but I think it has something to do with someone’s log. Sick, sick, sick.

Monday, December 15

Saturday, December 20
Women’s Basketball: vs. College of Charleston in W&M Hall. Why is it that we keep playing games against colleges that are ranked higher than we are?

Tuesday, December 23
Rec Center Closes: For the holidays. Go home and get fat!! No guilt, cause you couldn’t work out if your wanted to.

Wednesday, December 24
HANUKKAH: Through December 31. Cool, eight days of presents. Of course, you probably won’t be finished with exams in time to enjoy it, but at least you know it’s going on.

Thursday, December 25
CHRISTMAS: Gee, I hope I’ll get all those commercial outlines and hornbooks that I asked for. And maybe if I’m lucky, I might even get my grades before graduation. Naw, what was I thinking? We’re more likely to get the text books in the library.

Friday, December 26
KWANZAA: Through December 31. The Festival of Light. It may not be an oldie, but it sounds like a goodie.

Wednesday, December 31
NEW YEARS EVE: Welcome to 1998. The good news: the classes you took in 1997 are over. The bad news: the grades are on their way. Hmm, New Year’s resolutions: I hope to attend class, do all the readings, study vociferously, read all the commercial outlines and hornbooks. Oh yeah, and buy the books. Who am I kidding, New Year’s resolutions never last long.

Friday, January 2
Women’s Basketball: vs. University of Richmond in W&M Hall. No, we won’t say it. (But we may think it.) By the way, what idiot scheduled games during holiday break? And, won’t the players still be hung over?

Saturday, January 3
Men’s Basketball: vs. VCU, 7:30 p.m. in W&M Hall. ‘Nuff said.

Tuesday, January 6
Women’s Basketball: vs. East Carolina University in W&M Hall. Is this for the See CALENDAR on 13
ETHICS from semester to semester, activities to empower systems of justice, ethical guidelines followed by the firms, etc. Such consciousness raising can have an impact — as it did back then — especially considering that the law student activists of yesteryear are now the managing partners of the recruiting firms.

At the same time, law professors and administrators can reinforce these activities by paying heightened attention to the importance of legal ethics in legal practice, pressuring firms which recruit on-campus, and seeking the assistance of experienced alumni in the transformation of legal practice away from the attorney-dominant form to one balanced and benefitted by a greater exertion by legal professionals of their role as lawyers.

If students, faculty, administration, and experienced lawyers join together in a concerted effort, balance can be restored to the practice of law.

It can become, in the galvanizing words of attorney and former diplomat Sol Linowitz, a "profession that is once again independent, willing to sacrifice money for pride, eager to reassert its role as the guarantor of rights."

Monday, January 12
Classes Begin: Welcome back to hell. Grab your books, your pen, and settle back down into lectures, the tropical library, and endless readings. On a good note, for the SLS — this is our last semester, and it doesn't really count for anything. All you have to do is pass your classes, and you can do that from Florida.

Wednesday, January 21
Men's, Women's, and Co-re Basketball: Entries open today, but end tomorrow. Go get four friends and play with the Rec Center's halls.

Saturday, January 24
Men's Basketball: vs. Centenary College. 7:30 p.m. in W&M Hall.

Sabia’s role in the processes that will result in food service remains unclear, he deserves credit for prioritizing this issue and motivating the forces that have brought his good idea to fruition. It is important to note, however, that no visible work was done on the issue until the IL Representatives, who also campaigned on the food platform, were sworn in. In fact, the law school administration had approached the Coffeehouse about expanding the coffee kiosk into full food service, but the SBA was silent.

Sabia further promised remedies to the parking situation faced by students who repeatedly receive tickets notwithstanding the fact that no parking spaces remain available during heavy class times. Sabia has taken the initiative on this issue, by alerting the administration to the gravity of the problem as well as designating Bill Blaine (IL) as a liaison between students, the administration, and Parking Services. Parking problems remain, but the situation has improved as several more spaces have been made available for students and Parking Services apparently has agreed to adopt a less aggressive ticketing policy when lots are clearly full or have been full.

Finally, Sabia promised to increase the communication and flow of information between the SBA and the student body. Sabia has actively solicited student input through the Amicus, hanging file drops, and public speeches. Unfortunately, the Amicus attempted to reach Sabia for comment on this article for several days, but Sabia did not return phone calls.

Communication problems have pervaded the SBA this semester. Although several members communicate effectively, there seems to be no one person coordinating the SBA projects. As a result, events take longer to plan, publicity is inconsistent, and students feel left out in the cold.

One unforeseen activity that has taken time away from his campaign platform has been the Dean Search Committee. Because of Dean Krattenmaker’s sudden and unexpected resignation, the committee faces finding a suitable replacement under strict time deadlines. Sabia is currently the only student on the committee and, because of this, feels a special obligation to attend all meetings. Many of these meetings run several hours.

With half the year left to fulfill his campaign promises, Sabia faces a formidable challenge. Although progress has been made, and nobody expects perfection, Sabia must work diligently next semester to meet the commitments he made to his constituents.

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A Prayer for Studying and Exams

NOW I'LL GIVE UP STUDYING

Now I lay me down to study,
I pray the load won't drive me nutty.
And if I fail to learn this junk,
I pray the Lord I will not flunk.

If I should die before I wake,
That's one less test I'll have to take.

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the enacted code. Absent empirical information regarding the practical efficacy of the code, it would be impossible to assess whether Sabia’s unification promises have been fulfilled. Although this void of information may be indicative of the minimal disruption caused by the new system, Sabia has taken few steps in pursuit of informing students of their altered responsibilities under the unified code.

Secondly, Sabia promised to take steps in order to ameliorate the food situation at the law school. Many of the candidates offered ideas relating to this topic, including Sabia’s campaign proposal to purchase a grill that would be made available for student groups to use in having lunch-oriented fund raisers. Yet, when specifically approached about purchasing a grill in anticipation of the Mataoka barbecue, Sabia balked at the idea, citing both the cost of the purchase and administrative concerns attendant with monitoring student group use of the equipment.

The prospects for food at the law school nonetheless have improved dramatically during the past few months. Owning largely to a massive effort by the IL Representatives — Marc DeWitt, Liam McCaig, and Mac Stuckey — food service will arrive at W&M next semester. Although
Coughlan Up Predictions . . .

Who's Number One in College Football?

By Kenneth Coughlan

This season has been a roller coaster in college football. Just look at how many teams have been ranked number one since the beginning of the season. In the beginning, there was Penn State. But then on October 18, they had to come back in the fourth quarter to beat lowly Minnesota by one point. Down they fell, even though they were still undefeated. A three point win over Northwestern the following week didn't help their case either.

When the Nittany Lions dropped, the Nebraska Cornhuskers moved right in. Their lead was small in the polls, but over the next two weeks the 'Huskers slaughtered their opponents, including a 69-7 win over Oklahoma. By this point Nebraska had a pretty large lead and seemed virtually unstoppable. Then came judgment day. Four undefeated teams were playing each other, all ranked in the top five. Michigan took on Penn State, and Florida State traveled to North Carolina. Number one Nebraska was in a game which most people thought would be handed to them on a silver platter, at Missouri. Well, Michigan ruined Penn State 34-8, and Florida State handled North Carolina 20-3, but neither of those was the most interesting game of the day.

The matchup which was supposed to be a complete blowout actually resulted in one of the most dramatic endings in college football history. In the winning seconds, Nebraska trailed Missouri by 7. Scott Frost dropped back, time expired, he threw the ball into the end zone and it hit the receiver right between the numbers, but he got hit and dropped the ball. That wasn't the end of it, though. As the receiver hit the ground, the ball hit his foot and got sent back up into the air. As it came down again, another Nebraska receiver got his arms underneath just before the pigskin hit the turf. Touchdown Nebraska. In overtime, Scott Frost ran twelve yards for a touchdown, and the 'Husker defense held Missouri scoreless. Nebraska stayed undefeated in dramatic fashion.

But it wasn't enough. Despite the large lead Nebraska had in the polls, they fell to number three in both. But neither one agreed on the top spot. Florida State took the honors in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, while the AP poll put Michigan on top.

It's possible that by the time you're reading this, Nebraska may have reclaimed the lead. Both Florida State and Michigan had huge challenges this weekend. Ohio State visited the Wolverines and Florida State traveled to the Swamp to take on the Gators.

Of course, if Michigan defeats Ohio State, then Nebraska is most likely squeezed out of the championship race. The Wolverines are not likely to face a worthy opponent in the Rose Bowl, so even if Nebraska runs the tables and wins the Orange Bowl, Michigan will still be ranked higher.

So who is the best team in the land? This question isn't as easy as it has been in some recent years. Two years ago when Nebraska won the title, there really wasn't much room for debate. Not only were they clearly the best team that year, but they may have been one of the best college football teams ever. Sports Illustrated, in fact, thought that they were the best anyone had ever seen.

But that certainly isn't the case this year. We have several teams that are pretty good, but they all have significant weaknesses. So who deserves to be number one?

My vote goes to Nebraska. Now hear me out before you criticize. They may be lucky, but they are still undefeated, just like Michigan and Florida State. I'm not saying that the 'Huskers are without fault. They have a huge one, their secondary. Most of their defensive backs are young and inexperienced. They're talented enough to manhandle most opponents that they face and in the future may be one of the best units in the country. But for right now a team with a good precision passing attack could exploit them.

This is exactly what was done by Central Florida and Missouri. They passed all over Nebraska. That's a problem that Tom Osborne needs to work out before he goes into the Orange Bowl where his opponent will probably be either Florida State or Tennessee.

It's possible that he could go up against Ohio State. That would be a blessing because the Buckeyes are known for a solid running game, something Nebraska has never had trouble stopping.

So why do I choose them over the Seminoles and Wolverines? Well, first of all, I'm kind of old fashioned, so I insist on giving the title to an undefeated team as long as they haven't played a schedule full of teams like Prairie View. Like it or not, see NEBRASKA on 15.
Law School Crowns Year's First IM Champs and the Semester End Tortfeasor Awards

By Mae Stuecky
Co-Rec Volleyball

While the IM football play-offs have yet to get under way (and are conveniently slated throughout finals week), the law school crowned their first IM champs of the new school year. Co-Rec volleyballers "Dig This!" spiked the Christian Student Alliance in their final match to claim the top prize.

Led by the hammer of justice, Don Martin, the Diggers have been clobbering foes all along the way. Plagued by early season disciplinary problems, the team clawed their way back to the top. Captain Kelly Collins motivated her squad, while Karin Westbrook and Mark Yoder proved to be true intimidators on the front line. Like GM in Polketon, the Diggers showed no mercy on route to the crown.

Other central players in the victory included bad boy Jud Weile, powerhouse Danny Vaughn, the calm and collected Kindra Gromelski, and South Park native Mike Wilson. Congrats to "Dig This!" Women's Soccer.

With the first intramural crown having been claimed by the Diggers, a second seems soon to follow for the mighty Tortfeasors, the 1-L all-women soccer machine. Off to a 4-0 season start, the Tortfeasors have outscored opponents 21-5 in their last three contests. Jen Magoulas and 2-L recruit Sara Hirsch have provided the firepower up-front, as the team's two leading scorers. The monster defense has been anchored by the aforementioned volleyball goddess, Karin Westbrook, who has outplayed two players and an opposing team's goals. Neminder Kindra Gromelski has proven Campos-quiet (see Bob Morris or Eddie Horrick for any and all soccer references) in front of the goal, blocking shots, while also providing some offensive spark. Key contributions have been made by Susan Isbister, Breitta Zimmer, Marybeth Lenkevich, and 2-L Dana Lofth. Men's Football.

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Good luck to all IM flag football teams throughout the playoffs. See you next semester for the latest in 5x5 hoops action, outdoor soccer, and the rest of the IM action.

**NEBRASKA from 14**

Nebraska has defeated three ranked teams this year, Kansas State, Missouri and Washington. K State is in the top 10, and Nebraska beat them by 30 points. So my options were narrowed down to three.

Then I compared those three teams and, like it or not, I think Nebraska would beat both of the others head to head. Michigan has a great defense, probably the best in the country. But no one completely stops Nebraska's option attack. They'll slow Scott Frost and his teammates down, but Griesel will still need to put up points if they're going to win. Michigan hasn't shown great offensive efficiency all year.

They looked pretty good against Penn State, but the brutal reality is that the most points they have ever scored is 38, and that was against Baylor, who is now 2-4. Michigan is averaging only 28.1 points per game, and that won't be enough. That number will drop against Nebraska's blackshirts and Scott Frost would carry the day.

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