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Dean Marcus Delivers State of the Law School Address
Students Voice Skepticism; Feel Acting-Dean Marcus Glossed Over Many Problems

By Sutton Snook

Speaking to a standing room only audience, and opening the State of the Law School address by recognizing that the school does have problems and that students have voiced them, Acting Dean Paul Marcus noted that the law school is one of the best in the United States. Throughout his speech, Marcus used statistics to bolster his thesis that the school is not in decline, but, citing a recent AALS (American Association of Law Schools) study, asked students at the end of his speech not to use quantitative factors to make a qualitative judgment of a school’s ranking and quality of education. Students reacted with skepticism after the speech, noting that although we are in a better position than ten years ago, over the last three years the school has declined.

Marcus stressed that the law school does not need improvements in its student body. The demographics of the 1L class, Marcus stated, are encouraging. They hail from over 100 colleges with a median LSAT score of 162 and 3.3 GPA. Forty-six percent of the class is women, one of the highest in the nation’s history. Marcus noted that the other top public schools are not much better. Our students rank much higher in the national average for judicial clerkships (21 percent compared to a national average of 12 percent) and that our Bar pass rate last year was 90 percent in Virginia and 100 percent in New York. The national average for job placement is 85 percent, commented Marcus, but W&M’s is just under 94 percent.

Noting that a law school’s library is its core lab, Marcus that the total library budget is up 92 percent. He did state, however, that our library is a public library as well as a student library. He did not address recent complaints about the library, in the decision not to purchase classic texts to place them on reserve unless a professor specifically requests it. He did note, however, that the materials budget, from which books are purchased, is over $900,000.

Marcus also commented on fundraising and the Annual Fund. Stating that most scholarship funding comes from private funding, Marcus asserted that private donations have increased dramatically. In the last seven years, our endowment has risen from $8 million to $21 million and that our Annual Fund is now just under $400,000. The number of large donors has increased over 60 percent.

Turning to the budget, Marcus continued to place a gloss on the school’s financing. Again using numbers from ten years ago, Marcus pointed to a $21 million and that our Annual Fund is now just under $400,000. The number of large donors has increased over 60 percent.

Law Schools Challenge U.S. News’ Rankings System

By Dana Loftis

Choosing a law school can, for some, be a very difficult decision. When faced with several options, a law student applicant can feel as if he or she is flying blind. Obviously, an applicant’s decision of where to go to law school can affect the rest of his or her life. At such a time, applicants may look to outside sources to help shift the scale in favor of the “perfect” law school. One of the most famous and influential sources for information when choosing a law school is the U.S. News & World Report ranking of ABA law schools. A study commissioned by the Association of American Law Schools, however, denounces U.S. News’ ranking system as arbitrary, easily influenced, and simply inaccurate.

The study, done by Stephen P. Klein and Laura Hamilton (Senior Research Analysts with Rand Corp.), claims that the factors used by U.S. News to evaluate law schools attempt to use quantitative factors (such as dollars spent per student) to rank qualitative issues (such as the quality of education) without taking mitigating factors under consideration. U.S. News uses twelve factors in its evaluation of law schools. The study argues that most of these factors are either irrelevant, easily manipulated, or both.

Some of the data is collected by amassing surveys of school reputation from the academic and legal communities. The AALS study claims that these surveys are corrupted by personal bias, because a school’s reputation can be deflated in order to make another’s reputation inflate, according to the personal desires of the respondent. Also, U.S. News makes no explanation of how they deal with the statistical effect of those judges, lawyers, and faculty members who do not respond at all. Further, there is no explanation of how the survey recipients in the legal community (lawyers and judges) are chosen, whether by random selection or other criteria.

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By Stephanie Zapata

On February 27-28, 1998 the moot court team will host the Twenty-Seventh Annual William B. Spong, Jr. Invitational Moot Court Tournament. Twenty-four teams from schools across the country will argue the case Thomas Smith v. City of Hodari. This year’s field includes last year’s Tournament Champion, the University of Georgia, as well as the runner-up from last year’s tournament, South Texas College of Law. Judges for the tournament include representatives from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the Supreme Court of Virginia, and the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Additionally, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association is providing twelve practitioner judges and is also a co-sponsor for the tournament.

The Spong Tournament is named for Dean William B. Spong, Jr., dean of the Law School from 1976 to 1985. Dean Spong ranked among Virginia’s most honored and capable statesmen and it was with great sadness that the community mourned his loss following his death last October. Dean Spong studied at Hampden-Sydney College before receiving his LL.B. from the University of Virginia in 1947. After being admitted to the bar in 1947, Dean Spong pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Returning to the United States, he accepted a lecture post in law at the College of William & Mary in 1948-49 before entering into private practice in Portsmouth, Virginia. In 1954, Dean Spong began a long and distinguished career in public service, first as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1954-55), then in the Virginia Senate (1956-66), and finally as a United States Senator (1966-73). In 1975, Dean Spong returned to lecture at William & Mary where he remained until 1986 when he retired as Dean of the law school.

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The SBA circulated an “SBA Newsletter” hoping to rebut accusations of their lack of leadership. In it, they accused the Amicus staff personally of ulterior motives in writing unfavorable articles about the SBA, writing unfounded articles about them with little or no research. Although I applaud the SBA for finally informing the student body of developments regarding Barrister’s Ball, food service, and the upcoming elections, we must wonder about the SBA’s motives and efficacy. The newsletter presents several issues which demand attention. Although we would normally not continue such debate, we feel it necessary to defend ourselves in light of the completely unfounded and scurrilous attacks.

First, the SBA accused the Amicus of writing about them without any sort of interview. Then they have always attempted to contact, several times, the President or Vice-President for comment, but often did not receive a return call. In fact, for the first issue this semester, we contacted the President personally twice and called three times asking for his regular submission. We were finally given a return call at 1:30 in the afternoon before we put the issue to bed and were told that he could not have anything done by the second extended deadline. He then hung up on our staff for the second issue, we personally handed the Vice-President a list of our publication dates and deadlines, but still never received a submission. The SBA is mistaken if it believes that by avoiding the press they can avoid any comment in the newspaper; the student body deserves to hear of the actions of the SBA’s leadership.

Second, the SBA accuses the Amicus of writing negative articles because of personality clashes. The Amicus, in its work, has relied solely on the actions and inaction of the SBA in its articles. We would be remiss if we did not report such things. We have also continued to offer the SBA unlimited space in which to not only reply, but to inform the student body. What a convenient attack by the SBA? And how ironic that they claim to print a “positive” article when only two lines above they attack the Amicus? They are unhappy with their coverage, so they accuse the Amicus staff of conflict. Perhaps the SBA must take note that they have used student funds to attack the Amicus when they have a free forum in these pages. How are they to justify this unnecessary expense? I will not accuse them of personality clashes, but for them to use our money for an unnecessary newsletter is questionable.

I do not mean to belittle the work of individual members of the SBA. Without their work, the SBA would accomplish very little. For example, Judy Sned (2L), in spite of her pregnancy, did not add that today it is considerably well, making sure student organizations adhere to their budgets and follow College regulations. Angel Williams (3L) has done an extensive amount of work for Barrister’s, in spite of obstacles created by other members of the SBA. The 1L Representatives have done well trying to organize food service at the law school (which, by the way, the College just voted), a promise they made during their election which they have kept. The graduation committee has done superb work, inviting student comment and working with the administration to fulfill the desires of the third year class.

But giving credit where credit is due seems to be a problem for the SBA. Although the SBA leadership had nothing to do with organizing Bar Reviews; they seem to be happy to accept credit for them. They might note that since this job was returned to them, Bar Reviews have run less than well. In fact, Bones did not even know we were having a Bar Review, having never gotten a confirmation call. (Neither, by the way, has any bar scheduled for upcoming Bar Reviews.) The SBA seems content to give credit to those they personally like, but those who have left the SBA and who did all of the work on the Bar Reviews and most of the initial work on Barrister’s Ball received none. Consequently, the leadership can sound as if they have been busy.

The Amicus also received widespread commentary for its coverage of the SBA, both positive and negative. Some students feel that we have gone too far, while others believe that student organizations should work together in order to increase the size of the student body. Others, however, have agreed with us, including members of the SBA. Many students feel the SBA leadership has let them down. I believe some of our critics are correct, and I believe something must be done to correct the situation — it is not healthy for student organizations to be quarreling when there are far more important matters to which we should turn our attention.

Before our next publication, the student body will have elected a new SBA President and Executive Board. Thus, the Amicus extends an olive branch. We will continue the tradition of dedicating unlimited space to the SBA and will continue to publicize SBA events. We hope that the new Board can rise above the actions of the current leadership and that the student organizations can work together rather than against each other.

We have confidence in all of the declared candidates that they can rise to the occasion and fulfill their duties to the student body. We encourage all students to work with them in order to keep the student body informed and educated on the events in the law school.

Marcus Gives State of the Law School Address

Marcus from 1 year ago, Marcus argued that the School’s budget had increased dramatically. Ten years ago, stated Marcus, the law school budget was $4.5 million but today it is $8.8 million, even though the size of the student body has remained relatively constant. He did not add that today it is significantly more expensive to run a law school, nor did he compare our increase to those of other Virginia law schools.

Marcus spent a significant amount of time on the faculty. Noting that he is aware of student concerns, he argued that the recent rash of resignations, including the most recent resignation of Professor Tom Krattermaker, must be placed in context. Marcus stated that in the last ten years, only six professors have left the faculty, but did not comment on the number of junior professors who have left in the last three years, including since this past academic year.

He did note that the resignations also present an opportunity to hire new professors and added that ten professors have joined in the last ten years. He did not comment on any prospective members nor on the status of the Faculty Hiring Committee. He concluded his discussion of the faculty by noting that over half of the faculty have been here over ten years, making W&M a very stable institution.

Marcus also spent a significant amount of time on the ranking, but did not mention the fact that the school has fallen in rank over the last three years. Concerning the U.S. News and World Report rankings, he stated that in a recent AALS study, 80 to 90 percent of law deans recently criticized the U.S. News framework in formulating the rankings. “I find it quite sad,” commented Marcus. He added that it is impossible to make a qualitative judgment using quantitative criteria and that in many areas the U.S. News report is subjective.

Turning to problems within the law school, Marcus sympathized with students. Commenting that the present facility is inadequate, Marcus stated that the resolution to the funding of the new wing will be “somewhat painful for all, but that it will provide 20,000 more square feet in less than two years. He did not comment on any plans for the expansion of the library.

Marcus also devoted time to an update on the Dean Search Committee. “It is vitally important to have continuity and stability in the administration,” commented Marcus. He added that over 30 law school in a search for a new dean, so the competition is intense. He also mentioned that the average tenure of a dean is three to four years and so Krattermaker’s departure, although sudden, is not out of the ordinary with other schools. He did promise, and was supported by Professor Dave Douglas, Chair of the Committee, that a short list would be ready soon to present to College Provost Gillan Cell.

Marcus also gave attention to the recent and much criticized tuition hikes. Noting that they
Honor Council Delivers Update on Fall Activities

By Craig Dixon and Joe Kieler

The Honor Council would like to take this opportunity to update the student body on the events we have planned for the fall semester. This year we will be focusing on fostering a sense of community and promoting ethical behavior among students.

We have identified areas that may require some commentary to explain things more clearly. Also, last semester we conducted training for all 1L students through the Legal Skills clinic. These sessions were well received, and if nothing else, forced us to conduct a thorough review of the entire Code. No set of rules, however, is ever entirely clear on its face. Subsequently, this semester we will continue identifying and addressing potential ambiguities. We will be paying particular attention to the hearing procedures of the new Code.

As some of you may know, our previous Code was organized around an adversarial process. The new Code, while the format of the structure is the same, our transportation this year will likely feature television and video cassette recorders to help pass the hours from Williamsburg to D.C. and back. Our current arrangement includes a brand new 46 passenger motor coach with all the amenities. The coach will leave the law school parking lot promptly at 5:15 A.M. on March 3rd. The return trip will be scheduled according to the desires of the students on the trip.

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PDP Annual Supreme Court Trip to Be on March 3rd

By Brian Robinson

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Feminist Orthodoxies and Intimate Violence: What does that mean?

By Dawn Sherman

Come find out on Monday, March 2nd at 3:30 p.m. in Room 120 when Wendy Williams, an expert in the area of sex, gender, and the law, speaks on the topic. The lecture is presented by the Women and Mary Journal of Women and the Law and the Order of the Coif.

An organization promoting excellence in legal scholarship, the Order of the Coif sponsors a national lecture series designed to give member schools further opportunity to present lectures by distinguished members of the legal profession. It is an honor to be chosen as a site for one of the lectures.

According to Dean Marcus, "Wendy Williams is a nationally prominent scholar and very well regarded in feminist jurisprudence." She is currently a law professor at the Georgetown Law Center, and served as Associate Dean there from 1989 to 1993.

Professor Williams participated in the drafting of and advocated for the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. She also has written a case book on gender and law, and has authored numerous articles on the subject. She co-authored (with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg) a chapter in a book about Justice Brennan, detailing his contributions to gender equality.

Professor Williams served as a law clerk for Justice Raymond Peters of the California Supreme Court, she was a Reginal Hebrew Smith Fellow, and she is the founder of Equal Rights Advocates, a public interest law firm in San Francisco.

Professor Williams was a member of the National Research Council Panel on Employer Policies and Working Families and a member of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee to the Yale Bush Center Project on Infant Care Leaves.

She is also a past-president of the Society of American Law Teachers and is a member of the American Law Institute. Professor Williams received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California at Berkeley.

So what does "feminist orthodoxies and intimate violence" really mean? Professor Williams will be exploring what contribution liberal feminists may make to feminist theory in the area of intimate violence. "Intimate violence" is also known as domestic violence. She believes that if domestic violence is sanctioned in any way by the state, there is a denial of equal citizenship thus unconstitutionally overbroad. Additionally the court found that the term "furthering" criminal activities. The Supreme Court of the State of Eudora overturned the judgment of the Court of Appeals and reinstated Smith's conviction. The Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari on November 1, 1997.

The tournament has been organized by Spong Justice Stephanie Zapata. Rachel Smith, Administrative Justice, was responsible for organizing hotel accommodations for teams and judges as well as planning the Awards Banquet and Judge's Dinner. invaluable assistance has been provided by Maqui Parkinson, Chief Justice and the rest of the Moot Court Board and Bar.

All rounds on Saturday from the Quarterfinals forward are open to the public. The Quarterfinal rounds begin at 1:00 p.m., the Semi-Finals will be held at 2:45 p.m. and the Finals will be at 4:30 p.m.

The Board encourages anyone interested to attend these rounds.

Spong Tournament Soon

By Ryan Barak, Chris Matteson, Craig Dixon, Patrick O'Leary, Bill Edwards, Adrienne Parker, Chris Forrsner, Bennie Rogers, Aaron Goforth, Yana Shansab, Tamar Goodale, Sandra Smith, Ann Haselbauer, and Kim Welch

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The SBA Candidates Speak

Tom Christiano
President
Although I know that you are in the middle of a busy semester, and probably the last thing on your mind is the upcoming SBA elections, I hope that by taking a few minutes to read this letter, I can convince you of how important this election is for the future of William & Mary. 

First of all, I am one of you whom I have not met. I’m Tom Christiano (2L) and I am running for SBA President. I am running for president because I believe that I have a mix of new ideas for the school and a grasp of the current problems.

It seems to me that the root of the majority of the problems at W&M is the lack of communication between the student body and the faculty and administration. It is imperative that this be changed in the future. Although the most recent SBAs have worked hard to keep their hanging files well organized, excellent, it came far too late in the year. Discontentment and apathy has grown too large for the newsletter to be effective.

As President, I believe that we should use the Amicus to disseminate SBA actions to the general student body. In every issue there should be a report of who attended the SBA meetings, what was discussed, what actions were taken, and when the next meeting occurs. In addition, I would like to see the same thing posted the morning after all SBA meetings for the student body to read.

As far as communicating with the faculty, I feel that it is the President’s responsibility to interact with the faculty, to hear their concerns, and voice the student’s concerns as well! I believe there should be more proactive representative of the student body to read.

Bayard Smith
Treasurer
Ask for your support and vote on election day. You may ask yourself why should I vote for Bayard for treasurer. I have seen how the present S.B.A. has operated and like you have been very disappointed. I know that I will do a better job for you and be a much more proactive representative of the student body than past persons. Do I have selfish motives you bet. I enjoy having a good time. I believe that the S.B.A. has a lot of potential for creating a good time for students. The courses at school and job searches give people enough things to worry about and with me as treasurer you can rest assured that I am looking out for the interests of the students. You have paid enough money to come to school here you have a right to expect something from the School and the S.B.A.

Life is too short not to have fun so please vote for Bayard Smith, Thank You.

Jeff Timmers
President
Doug Dziak
Vice President
My name is Jeff Timmers, I am a 2L, and I am running for the position of SBA President. Doug Dziak, also a 2L, is my running mate, and he is running for the position of Vice-President. Together we will provide the active and what has been a lack of leadership for W&M’s next dean, the Golden Horseshoe golf package, an exhaustive effort to surpass the quaintness of College administration to provide food services at the law school, any successful bar reviews, etc. I can by no means take sole credit for any of these accomplishments, the lawyer is the work of some dedicated SBA and the various SBA Committee leaders. Nonetheless, with some experience serving the law school community, it would be an honor and a pleasure to do so again. I plan to continue the quest for food services at the law school, to work on for conducting numerous audits, balancing multiple bank accounts, and tracking and reporting millions of dollars. On a personal note, my checkbook is never out of balance!

In addition to my technical expertise, I will bring to the SBA a positive and optimistic attitude. While there has been criticism of the SBA and its effectiveness as a representative body, no organization is perfect. At the same time, no organization is without its remedies. I am certain that with the right attitude, motivated leadership and student involvement we can keep what’s right and fix what isn’t. So, regardless of the winners in the upcoming elections, lend your support, your enthusiasm, and your organization’s efforts — that’s really where success lies.

And if you show me the money, I’ll know how to count it!

Kim Kurkjian
Treasurer
I am not about love, I am about showing you the money — Jerry McGuire

Now that I have your attention, I am Kim Kurkjian (1L) and I am running for SBA Treasurer. Why, you ask? Because I want to be involved in the student government at M-W and put my professional experience to the best use in the process.

In my former life (read pre-Law Camp ‘97), I was a bean-counting, number-crunching fool! For 10 years, I worked in the accounting profession; I am a CPA and my last full-time job was as the controller for a trade association with an annual operating budget of $13 million. Over the years, I have been responsible for some new golf packages with other local courses, explore the possibility of an SBA Night at the Races at the newly openable for all students. Finally, we will attempt to create some different social options, such as the possibility of an SBA-organized ski trip or a fall trip to Fox Field, and create opportunities to experience other social activities outside Williamsburg.

We also feel that communication between the administration and the students can be improved in a number of ways. One major point in this regard will be to try to work with the administration on improving the policies of the add/drop period. A number of students have experienced problems with the current set-up for add/drop, and we hope to alleviate these problems by working with the administration to find solutions. Other possibilities exist to increase student exposure to faculty members outside the classroom, such as the creation of brown bag lunch seminars for small groups of students and faculty members. This would give students the opportunity to explore areas of the law in which they are particularly interested, with the faculty members who can be the most assistance to them, in an informal setting. Finally, we would like to set up at least one designated social event targeting alumni involvement. We feel this would greatly benefit students by increasing alumni ties to the school, and creating an informal networking opportunity to assist students in their job search or in obtaining relevant career advice.

A number of steps were taken by the SBA board this past year which have laid the groundwork for a highly-successful future. By electing us, some continuity can be maintained within the board, ensuring a smooth transition for next year, and allowing us to focus on improving what SBA offers the law school community, rather than taking time to learn how SBA works and how it can be improved. Thank you for your concern, and hopefully, for your vote.

Colonial Downs and just plain listen and examine any other suggestions you may have. Thanks.

Monday, February 23, 1998 THE AMERICAN COBRAE
The SBA Candidates’ Forum

Liam McCann
SBA Secretary
Being one of the 1L Representatives this past year has been a great experience. Thanks to the work of the SBA this year, Fall from Grace was a success. Food service will soon be here and we are looking forward to an outstanding Barrister’s Ball. I would like to continue contributing to the law school by asking to be your SBA Secretary for the next year.

As SBA Secretary, I will work to bring the SBA and the student body closer together by improving and increasing the communications from the council. The SBA Newsletter is a great start, but other things need to be done to inform the student body about the SBA and to expand the input the SBA receives from the law school community.

We have an outstanding and close-knit student body here at the law school. I would like to continue to represent it throughout the next year and would like to make W&M an even better place to come to every day. A student government that is closely linked to the student body is the perfect conduit through which to achieve this goal.

Thank you.

Jonathan Campbell
2L Representative 229-6077
I feel the latest dissatisfaction with the Student Bar Association is not due to an incompetence of the executive board or representatives, yet to a fundamental lack of communication between the S.B.A. and the students. It is extremely important to me to rebuild trust in the S.B.A. through a solid and honest representation. I would like to strengthen the communication between the faculty and students. Current updates regarding the Dean search and new faculty search are vital to the student community. I believe more interaction between the Student Bar Association and its committees would also help alleviate problems of ineffectiveness and disenchantment.

As a representative I want to voice your opinion. This, however, is not a one-way street. The S.B.A.’s strength lies in both the positive and negative feedback of all law students. Increased surveys and open forums will help establish this vital exchange of ideas. We are studying a top-notch law school, surrounded by great classmates and an excellent faculty. Don’t you think its time we all started working together to foster the best community possible? I sure do!

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Rylander
SBA Secretary
The mood of the day, we are told, is cynicism. Declining rank, departing faculty, frustrating bureaucracy—all are serious concerns. Still, there is much that is right about this place, and daily are the reminders that William and Mary was the right choice for me. I love this place, and I am happy to be here. I trust it is so for many of you.

As a member of the Dean Search student interview committee, I’ve spent the past few weeks discussing the strengths and weaknesses of this institution. We face real challenges in years ahead in fundraising, recruitment, student debt, and facilities, but our difficulties are not in Lebanon Hall. Our scholarship, our activities, and our dedication to one another set us apart. As we struggle to improve, let us never lose sight of our success.

I believe that the SBA must play a pivotal role in setting the stage for excellence. With a new dean coming in, we have a great opportunity and a short time to recreate the SBA into an effective and visible advocate for student concerns. This is our challenge and my pledge to you: I am committed to providing visible leadership, fostering effective communication between students, faculty and the administration, and creating a more responsive community.

The SBA is your advocate. More important than organizing Barristers and Bar nights, the SBA must keep its finger on the pulse of student needs and develop the tenacity to see that those needs are met. We need a strong and vibrant SBA to move this law school forward. Our time here should be extraordinary. We should settle for nothing less.

As the saying goes, you can light a candle or curse the darkness. William and Mary is not a dying ember, but a spark ready once more to ignite. It is our task, as students and as members of the S.B.A., to continually fan the flames.

In this spirit of optimism and determination, I ask for your vote for SBA secretary, and thank you for your friendship and support.

Alicia Lewis
3L Representative 3LRepresentative
So That’s Why Family Law Is Important
In December, a Montgomery County (Maryland) judge awarded custody of a two year old boy to his biological mother, Latrena D. Pixley. 23. However mundane this may sound, it should be noted that Pixley murdered her infant daughter in 1992 because the child had been crying too much. Notwithstanding her murder conviction, Pixley received a suspended sentence from the court and found a job.

While working, Pixley occupied herself by engaging in a credit card fraud scheme, for which she subsequently pled guilty. The judge presiding over the credit card matter sentenced Pixley to prison, but later changed his mind and released her a few months later—just in time for her to take custody of little boy. Now, who honestly can argue that the justice system doesn’t work?

Does Anybody Else Notice That Smell?
As the promise of summer’s warm days and humid nights looms on the horizon, the problems of last summer’s dog poop problems continue to linger in the air. Last August, the issue reached a head and two cities earnestly debated a series of plans designed to eliminate canine waste products from municipal parks and sidewalks. The government of Christchurch, New Zealand, contemplated a series of inconspicuous “poopcams” throughout the city in order to capture on film those dog owners who fail to fulfill their pooper scooper duties. (Gee, what a job—Watching dogs squat. How might one report that?) The leadership of Tel Aviv, Israel, adopted a similar solution to their problem, announcing that several squads of undercover police officers would be patrolling the city. Those among Tel Aviv’s finest assigned to this duty would carry video cameras and night-vision cameras in order to photograph violators of the ordinance.

Both cities’ proposals would provide surveillance of the high traffic areas around the clock. Seems like these metropolises have gone to extraordinary lengths in order to initiate and prosecute a $25 fine to properly poop scoop ticket. C’mon, it’s only natural.

Say What, Paddy?
According to reports in London’s The Times, 10,000 current or former Irish soldiers have filed claims alleging that they suffered hearing loss during their tenure in the military. The sources of the claimed problems range from loud noises on the battlefield to that flamboyant bumper sticker who played a little too boisterously in the army band. Judges have been deciding the soldiers claims in their favor, awarding them an average of $3,900 per claim. Assumption of the risk clearly doesn’t carry the weight in the Isles it does over here, across the pond, in the colonies.

Additionally, a soldier recently filed the first ever claim for compensation against the Irish army itself. The plaintiff, who served on a peacekeeping mission in Lebanon after he contracted skin cancer. The graveness of his complaint lies in the Irish army’s failure to issue him sunscreen to protect that delicate, pale skin that had become acclimated to a weather pattern so damp that it causes everything to grow moss and other alluring fungi. Perhaps he failed to notice that Hazard Pay for the Irish Army end when you are stationed abroad.

Quit It Beavis, That Hurts
A federal judge presiding in West Palm Beach, Florida, recently dismissed a disability lawsuit that had been filed by police lieutenant Ed Wagner. Wagner alleged in his complaint that the police department had made him sick because of his disability because of the work assignments he received. The judge disagreed, concluding that Wagner truly had not been penalized, but instead that the department denied to place him on a special assignment he had requested. The police department removed Wagner from the SWAT team because he had a sensitive nose—a condition that came to their attention because of Wagner’s own whining and complaining about it. Others on the SWAT team complained that Wagner was no good in the neck. (Sorry, we couldn’t resist the joke.) Apparently, Wagner complained that an old neck injury had flared up after one of his colleagues trapped him in a headlock and gave him a protracted “noogie” session. Who says South Park and the recently departed Beavis and Butthead don’t accurately portray “real life?”

Looks Like Keating Got Off Pretty Easy
Mr. Cen Huang, the mayor of a See THIN JMP on 20
Law Watch, Continued

LAW WATCH from 5 village in the Guandong province of China, received a sentence in October that would make the ACLU’s skin crawl. Apparently, the good mayor sold approximately $2.1 million worth of public property, took the proceeds, and then gambled away every cent in a Macau casino. Following his “trial,” Huameng received a sentence of death for his indiscretions. Although no specific date had been set for his execution, the appeals process in China tends not to drag on as long as ours and the deed usually occurs swiftly after sentencing and is rarely, if ever, announced in the press. All of a sudden, Bill Clinton realizes that he picked the right country in which to exercise his “executive privileges.”

Drop Your Carrot Or I’m Shooting

When it appeared that Williamsburg had descended into the depths of violence, a report of items used as weapons recently appeared that should chill each of us into a deep sense of security. Among the everyday, but apparently dangerous, food items reported include: roast beef, lettuce, beef jerky, carrots, and a burrito (used by pedestrians who got angry at passing motorists in, respectively, Mattoon, Illinois and Longview, Oregon); and a carrot (drawn in reaction to a spouse’s demand for a divorce in East Hanover, New Jersey). Additionally, two teenage boys overpowered a jailer and escaped in Clinton, Tennessee (fitting name for what?) using nothing more than an Etc-A-Sketch toy. Finally, in something slightly closer to reality, a Wasilla, Alaska, woman used a cordless drill to plug her stepdaughter when victim’s dad had been barking too loudly. Not to be outdone, however, the daughter retaliated with a “fish whacker” tool. Perhaps business cards for local therapists may be in order — provided, of course, that the cards are made of napkin paper and incapable of constituting any sort of dangerous weapon.

Some like it hot!!
Some like it cold!!

Please present this ad to receive $1.00 off a sandwich of your choice!
Another View on the Law School Professors’ Resignations

Joe Barton

As a first-year law student, I was disappointed to read the editorial in the January 26, 1998 issue, which grossly exaggerated the problem of departing professors. Admittedly, the recent departures of Professors Smolla and Bhala are disappointing, but the departure of five professors (Smolla, Bhala, Gerhardt, Lebel and Dean Krattenmaker) in the last three years hardly amounts to a mass exodus, especially when one examines the reasons for the departures. Professors Gerhardt and Lebel left to accept dean positions, obviously a step up. Professor Bhala left William & Mary to join the faculty at George Washington University, which U.S. News & World Reports ranked as the tenth best international law program in the country. In international law, this too is a step up: here, we have, indeed, “fed” one of the “top ten” international law programs. Dean Krattenmaker resigned to accept a position as Special Counsel for Policy and Regulatory Affairs in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, a prestigious position—also remember that Krattenmaker was not an academic, but a practitioner; he joined William & Mary after a number of years at the Federal Trade Commission. Professor Smolla, as I understand it, left for personal reasons. And, Professor Felton has only taken a leave of absence because he was appointed Deputy Counsel to the Governor, another prestigious position. The allegation that William & Mary is unable to retain good professors is unfounded. Of the twenty-eight full-time professors (this does not include Prof. Smolla, Prof. Lebel, Prof. Bhala, or President Sullivan), twenty of them (71 percent) have been at William & Mary for 10 years or more. Of the remaining eight, four have been here five years or more. Only Professors Meese, Dickerson, Ward and Urbonya have been here less than five years. Over 85 percent of our faculty has been here 5 years or more. The attached table demonstrates this further. This breakdown seems to me to be a healthy distribution of long-standing professors as well as “new blood”. While William & Mary does not want to be in the position of having transient professors, neither do we want a situation where there is no infusion of new professors. More disturbing was your allegation that the departure of a few professors and other indications (factors in U.S. News & World Report), William & Mary ranked third, behind only Yale and UVA. For me, the true measure of a law school’s reputation is what lawyers and judges who hire its graduates think about the school. William & Mary’s remarkable 99 percent placement rate (tying it for first with UVA and Yale) is a definitive statement about its reputation.

How Can I Get My Very Own Law Firm Without Having to Actually Start My Own Law Firm?

By Kimm Walton

Dear Job Goddess,

I am currently clerking at a large personal injury firm in Washington, D.C. I want to be a trial lawyer, but if I start my career here, I will just be shuffling hundreds of worker’s comp files. I don’t really want to hang out my own shingle. Instead, I’ve been thinking that I would like to find a job with a senior lawyer who wants to slowly wind down his or her practice, and wants to handle big cases but is looking for a “mentee” to try the smaller cases. What do you think is the best way to accomplish this seemingly impossible task? I feel like I am trying to locate a needle in a haystack.

DH, Maryland

Dear DH,

Impossible? Needles? Haystacks? Why, this is exactly the kind of quandary in which the Job Goddess loves to wallow. Your goal is actually very much easier to attain than you think. DH. And on top of that, the Job Goddess applauds you for seeking a job which is likely to bring you a great deal of happiness.

There are several methods for finding the retiring lawyers you seek. There are two direct routes which are likely to bear fruit most quickly. One is to go to local bar association meetings, make a point of introducing yourself to people, and tell everyone whose ear you can bend exactly what it is that you want. Make a special effort to meet the head of the litigation section of your local bar, since it’s trial work that you want to do. Along the same lines, go to the local courthouse whenever you can, taking a morning or afternoon off work, if need be. Introduce yourself to the court clerk, bailiffs, judges, and tell them what you’re looking for. After all, they’re going to know every trial attorney, and will certainly be able to identify the ones who are golf course bound. On top of that, they’ll be a great source for weeding out the good eggs from the bad ones, since they’ve all seen local trial lawyers operate first hand!

With either of these direct methods, NR, be sure that you impress every person you meet, even though they will not be your ultimate employer. Smile. Seem enthusiastic. Stress your willingness to work hard in return for looking up knowledge from an experienced lawyer. Your first impression on the people you meet will have a dramatic effect on their willingness to help you — and what they’ll tell the senior lawyers they know!

A somewhat less direct route, but one not to be overlooked, is to go to the career services office at your law school, talk to the director, and explain your goal. Most law students do not appreciate what a gold mine of information their career services directors really are — they do so much more than organize on-campus interviews! So it may be that you need to go further than your...
Great Expectations, Replacement Killers, & The Wedding Singer

By Chris Murphy

Great Expectations

Well, it wasn't the best of times, but it wasn't the worst of times, either. I do have to admit that the two people I went to see this movie with liked it, so do with this review as you see fit. This modern adaptation of Charles Dickens’ timeless novel by the same name stars Gwyneth Paltrow as Estella and Ethan Hawke as Finn Bell. Robert DeNiro plays the convict who begs the young Finn for help, and Anne Bancroft plays Nora Dinsmore, the wealthy aristocrat who takes a chance on the boy. The story is set in New York where Estella is torn between her growing love for Finn and her high-society life with her snobbish friends. For those of you who toyed with the idea of re-reading the book before watching the movie in order to remind yourself of all of the intricate details that you have forgotten, don't bother. The movie is a serious "adaptation" of the original work, and rightfully so. What I remember taking multiple chapters to unravel in the book occurs in a matter of minutes in the movie. This movie was not bad, but not wonderful either. Rating: ©©

Replacement Killers

Have you heard of that movie, Half Baked? Well, it is a movie about nothing more than a bunch of guys who smoke pot all day long and suffer from serious cases of the munchies. I myself have not seen it, but I would bet my arm it has a more complex plot-line than Replacement Killers. First, a big sad face for the poor guy whose only job it was to name this movie. Replacement Killers? The replacement killers themselves were in the movie for about 2.2 seconds, and I don't think they ever managed to kill anything! A more appropriate name would have been, Being a Professional Killer Does Not Mean I Can Actually Hit Anything." There were more gunshots fired in this movie than I have ever seen and nobody was getting killed!! When I spend $6.50 for a blood and guts movie, I want just that — blood and guts — not just a girl in a bra running around shooting in the general direction of the bad guys. I don't care if it is Mira Sorvino. What was the deal with her being in her bra for the entire movie? Is it nothing more than a reaffirmation that she cannot act. Not even her father can get her an award for this one, except maybe the Ceramic Toilet Bowl award. In sum, this movie was worth neither my money nor my time, and I hope you will take my word for it and not subject yourself to the agony of sitting through it. Rating: ©

The Wedding Singer — starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore

There is not a whole lot to say about this movie. If you were not alive and kickin' in the 80s, you will not get it. There is no real point to this movie except to drop an 80s reference every two seconds, whether it is a song lyric or a Rubik's Cube. The story is cute, but too perfect — Adam Sandler gets dumped and decides to go for the beautiful engaged girl with whom he works. Of course, her fiancée is good-looking (according to the plot line and not my personal opinion) and rich, but hey — what really matters is personality, right? Yeah, right. The story is not why this movie was made. This movie was made so that we gen-X-ers can re-live our high school years (or grade school in my case) for a mere $6.50. Is it worth it? I think so. I myself had not heard "Do you really want to hurt me?" in a long time. Fortunately for me, they play it a good six times. Like I said, there is not a lot to say about this movie. It is funny, cute, charming, but seriously lacking in substance. Rating: ©©

The Job Goddess Discusses How To Get Your Own Firm

JOB GODDESS from 7 own law school. Or your own law firm, for that matter — if you don’t mind the people you work with knowing that you’re looking elsewhere, tell your colleagues about your goal. The benefit here is that because the lawyers at your firm are familiar with your work and know what it’s like to work with you, they’ll tend to think of people for whom you’d be a good work and personality fit.

If you insist on taking an initial step that doesn’t involve talking with people, there are a couple of fertile resources you can use. One is to let your fingers do the talking — check the yellow pages! Look up the names of sole practitioners who are litigators (the yellow pages will mention their specialties), and then look them up in Martindale-Hubbell. (You can find Mar-Hub on-line, at http://lawyers.martindale.com/marhub.) Look at their graduation dates, and when you find ones that are about thirty years ago, you’ve got a potential target audience for your letters. The Job Goddess would tell you what to say in those letters, NR, except that this simple column would become fifty pages long. Instead, she encourages you to borrow — or, dare she suggest it, buy — a copy of her runaway bestseller, Guerrilla Tactics For Getting the Legal Job Of Your Dreams, and read the chapter entitled "Correspondence — Making Your Letters Sing."

You might also consider getting online. You can go to a chat room or enroll in a list serve for your state and/or local bar association; more and more state bar associations have such facilities, and the Job Goddess knows of enterprising students who have gone to these chat rooms and list serves, waited for an opportune moment, and pitched their services to the members — with glorious results. To find out the web addresses for these resources, call the relevant bar association.

You may even want to consider doing a reverse job ad. That is, run an ad looking for a practice. What you’ll want to do is put an ad in the classifieds section of a publication that goes to your target audience, like your local or state bar journal or even a newspaper. In your ad, don’t just state what your looking for; emphasize your willingness and desire to work hard.

No matter which route you choose, NR, remember the nature of your quarry. When a sole practitioner hires someone on, the relationship resembles a marriage more than a traditional partner-associate connection. The personal relationship you develop is of paramount importance. So be sure to look for someone who is on your wavelength, and don’t be discouraged if you and any one lawyer don’t "click" — if you do as the Job Goddess advises, there will be plenty of fish in your ocean.

Eternally yours,
The Job Goddess
A Mardi Gras Review of the Favorites

By Kim Hackett

Tomorrow is Fat Tuesday, the grand finale of Mardi Gras. Historically, Fat Tuesday was celebrated by overindulging in food and spirits before the arrival of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season. Traditionally, Lent is a time of self-reflection and sacrifice.

Abstention from a particular food item is the chosen sacrifice for many people. (Coqua does not advise abstaining from caffeine or alcohol while attending law school.)

For your Fat Tuesday celebration, I have put together a selection of party dips. Serve these easily prepared sauces with crackers, vegetables or fresh fruit. Non-fat sour cream, yogurt or cream cheese may be substituted.

Also included is Grandma’s recipe for barbecue meatballs. Extra meatballs may be stored in the freezer for a month or two.

For dessert, try these fruit filled cakes. The three colors symbolize power, justice and faith.

Cucumber Dip

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ cup sour cream
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon grated onion
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Instructions for all party dips: combine all ingredients. Cover and chill.

Party Meatballs

3 lbs. ground beef
2 dozen meatballs and place

Curried Peanut Dip

1 package onion soup mix
1 cup sour cream
1 cup plain yogurt
⅓ cup creamy peanut butter
2 teaspoons curry powder

Fruit Dip

1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix together thoroughly the meatball ingredients. Shape into approximately 4 dozen meatballs and place in large glass baking pans.

Boil the ingredients for the sauce. Pour over the meatballs. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 to 60 minutes.

Mardi Gras Cakes

adapted from New Orleans Style Cook-

Cake

1 package dry active yeast
6 tablespoons lukewarm water
2 teaspoons sugar
2 cups all purpose flour
4 tablespoons sugar
pinch salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
grated rind of one lemon
2 eggs
6 tablespoons lukewarm milk
4 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces
4 oz combination of your choice of raisins, currants, dates, and candied fruit

Icing

½ cups sugar
purple, green and yellow food coloring
2 cups confectioner’s (powdered) sugar
pinch salt
2 tablespoons liquid smoke
2 cups brown sugar (do not pack)
2 cups ketchup
2 cups chopped onions
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 cups chopped green onions
4 cups chopped onions
1 teaspoon garlic salt
½ teaspoon garlic salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Set in a warm place for 15 minutes.

Sift the powdered sugar into a bowl and mix with the lemon juice. Add enough hot water to make the icing.

Spoon the icing over each cake and sprinkle the cakes with the sugar before the icing sets.

Attention 3Ls!

84 Days Until Graduation

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

This week: The Belles of the Ball
The World Tour, Part One — The Shampoo Effect

By Dana Loffis and Stephanie Zapata

As two of the preeminent socialites in the greater Williamsburg Metropolitan area, we have come to know the social mores and deep, dark secrets of a great part of both the local and the student population. Affectionately known as the “World Tour,” we have broadened our horizons even beyond this great Mecca of fun and fashion. We will attempt, in our occasional columns, to share our knowledge with the law school community in the hopes of creating a true cosmopolitan atmosphere at hemly little Marshall-Wythe.

Our first subject for address is the “Shampoo Effect.” It is a well-known but rarely-named phenomenon with which we, in our World Tour, have come to be quite familiar. As background information, for those of you who may not have hair or who are too hangover in the shower to notice what’s going on, we will explain the original Shampoo Effect. Sometimes when you shower, or when your mother hoses you down in the back yard, a big blob of shampoo doesn’t seem to go very far. You try your best to get that nice, lather effect going on, but no matter how much you rub and rub, you just don’t seem to get any suds. So you follow the directions on the back of the bottle (you know, “lather, rinse, repeat”). Who’d a thought that those directions would be helpful? Anyway, you take just a tiny blob of shampoo (because you don’t want to waste it when it’s not going to lather anyway) and you “repeat.” But viola, you get a mountain of foam, a comucopia of suds, an absolute biblical horde of lather. Why is that? We don’t know the answer to that question. We are, after all, Rushies, not chemists. This effect, however, leads to the affectionate nickname of one of our favorite lifestyle bonuses. The Shampoo Effect. All right, listen up kids, because this is important. If you don’t learn anything else in law school, learn from us. Now, we drink. We won’t lie to you about that. So this may make more sense to us than to some of you (i.e., Dennis shicanned drunk).

You wake up the next morning, you feel great, you are ready to go out and do it all again. You meet at the assigned bat-bar, at the agreed bat-time (i.e. the Greenleafe, at noon) ready to prove your mettle again. You place your order with the man behind the counter (your best friend now) for your favorite double bourbon and ginger. You sit down, start chatting with your friends, and before you know it, you are drinking drunk. And you still have to drink the rest of your first drink. You have had a total of three ounces of liquid, not all of which is bourbon. Now, you are slurring your speech, your eyes are blurry, and you can’t seem to walk a straight line. And it’s not even 12:15. What the hell happened? You too have now experienced the Shampoo Effect. The caveman heroes of the previous night are forgotten. You’re now just another drunk coed. The autographs you signed on cocktail napkins last night are now only good for soaking up the sweat from your single bourbon-ginger. The bartender former Barhaan). Some nights you drink a lot, and you get drunk. That’s the way it’s supposed to be. Other times, you are an inhuman drinking machine. You drink gallons, lakes, rivers of booze. You drink the Pat O’Brien’s special $200 hurricane by yourself and you are ready to drive the Daytona 500, stone cold sober. You cannot catch a buzz, not even a little one, no matter how much you drink. Of course, you become a hero to everyone who comes in contact with you on these evenings. You are applauded at the bar, mothers introduce their children to you. You sign autographs. But guess what? You’d still rather be drunk. Stinking, filthy, staggering, being told that you will no longer be served at that bar, and being escorted out of a bar. Having been thrown out of bars in every southeastern state and a few extras between us, we are quite familiar with all of the nuances involved. One is thrown out of a bar for being underage and very obnoxiously drunk, naked, unconscious, or brawling or you simply refuse to cooperate when you are told that you will no longer be served or you are being encouraged to allow your escort to remove you quietly from the bar.

One is told that service will no longer be provided when you are no longer coherent enough to order drinks and pay for them (or you just can’t pay for them to begin with). This happens at Paul’s when you start drinking there at 11:30 in the morning after the second final(Property) of your first semester. Then you become too drunk to walk up to the counter and order a drink. Of course, you can always move next door, to the “other” bar when you get thrown out of the first one.

One is asked to allow oneself to be escorted out of a bar if you hang out there so much that you know all of the bouncers and employees and they really don’t want to have to send you to jail. It helps if you know somebody who can pretend to be sober enough to get the same safety after you have hit your head on the round table at the Greenleafe because you have had too many “Rocky Mountain Mother-Fu**er” shots because they were free (i.e., he was buying them for you). This may have been a result of the Shampoo Effect, or you may just be an idiot. Either way, you have accomplished what few have — removal from the scene.

Of course, you could be walking home (one and one-half blocks) and get arrested for being drunk in public. Getting thrown out, escorted out, or being refused service is always preferable to going to jail. The new Peninsula Jail is a lovely facility, but your bed is a much more comfortable place to sleep it off, and besides, it is your bed. A helpful hint: the turkey dinner that they serve there sticks to the wall well enough to spell your name in turkey on the cell wall. The eggs, however, are toxic. Also, don’t call us to get you out of jail. We are too drunk to sign a check.

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TRADING CARDS: Live, From Barrister's Ball

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<td>Making quite a name for herself during her first appearance at a grand social event, Kindra seemed willing and ready to get to know as many members of the law school as possible and expose her better side to each of them. Kindra also displayed one of her great personal attributes — her sense of balance and poise — as she elegantly waltzed around the dance floor (briefly) before crashing back to reality, not to mention the floor. Wonder how much, if any, of the dance really will make it into the next social column.</td>
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<td>The lady in red tore up the dance floor as a breath of fresh air amid the sea of black velvet. Of course, that younger generation does have a sense of style somewhat different that the classical look preferred by the more mature members of the crowd. Fortunately, Wendy managed to find somebody in a back alley that would sell her up with a valid ID so that she could drink —万多や期待 from those New York people... no respect... none, I tell ya,</td>
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<td>After much discussion and indecision, a missed opportunity to purchase tickets followed by an actual purchase, an appeal of her purchase by a classmate, and a repurchase, Carla managed to make it to the Ball. Once in the front doors, Carla focused her attention on two things (other than the bar and dance floor), certain types of readjustment and assimilation in the music selection process. Something tells us that Carla might have been an asset to the SBA after all.</td>
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<td>Nominated as a trading card by her dating beau, Katie radiated across the dance floor in a shimmering blue gown — sort of like that psychodelic disco ball that chases you during a good acid trip. Katie wound down from the tension of the big Enviro, Law Symposium by making the most of the open bar, stopping only when she had finished off that last fork of 101 smugled into the dance. At the very least, Katie remained true to her Irish heritage.</td>
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Sports Illustrated


By Matt Kaizerman and Simon Ulcickas

First Song

"I'm the man in the box
Barred in my st't
Won't you come & save me, save me
Feed my eyes, can you sew them shut?
Jesus Christ, deny your maker
He who tries, will be wasted
Feed my eyes now you've sewn them shut.

I'm the dog who gets beat
Shove my nose in st't
Won't you come & save me
Feed my eyes, can you sew them shut?
Jesus Christ, deny your maker
He who tries, will be wasted
Feed my eyes now you've sewn them shut
You don't get nothin' for free

Second Song

"You don't get nothin' for free
& me were two of three
Three brothers to the end
Then one went full on His mom
Now things have changed.

But we were three
"His mom made four
(We don't come around anymore).

Because we were caught up in the TNT special on the 1998 SI Swimsuit Edition, our creative juices were put to other uses. As a result, we came up with this contest. Whoever can name both of the above songs and the bands that wrote them will win a special prize. Please place all entries in our hanging files.

Thanks. Stay tuned to the next edition as we will review the best of our previous articles or perhaps the interplay between porn and music.

Direct all complaints and/or comments to the Amicus Editorial Staff as they are working hard to bring the Law School a quality newspaper.

Editor's Note: I don't want them.

Out to Lunch

A Culinary Response to the Dean

By Kevin Muhlendorf

Having listened to Dean Marcus' speech today, it was clear that the college was in need of culinary improvements. The Dean's words resonated with the students, and it was evident that changes were needed.

On this front, the Dean's initiative was welcome. The school had a long history of culinary offerings, but there was room for improvement. The Dean recognized this and took action.

I have been a part of the culinary scene at the school for many years. In my experience, there is always room for growth and development. The Dean's initiative was a step in the right direction.

As a chef, I am always looking for ways to improve the culinary offerings at the school. I have been fortunate to work with talented chefs and a dedicated team of kitchen staff.

I look forward to seeing the results of the Dean's initiative. The culinary offerings at the school will continue to evolve, and I am excited to be a part of this process.
Monday, February 23
Intramural Soccer: Captains' Meeting, 5 p.m., UC Auditorium.

P.S. Spring Initiation: 7:30 p.m. in the McGlothlin Meot Court Room. Or is it courtroom 21? Or the Fred Lederer Pet Project?

Tuesday, February 24
Outdoor Soccer: Officials Meeting, 7 p.m., Rec Center Lounge
Start Covering Up Your Sketchy Past: And get ready for an even sketchier future. Guns, hookers, and drugs suddenly become an integral part of your life when you go to “Carrers: With the FBI,” another OCPP production at 1 p.m. in Room 120. Come see what it takes to become one of the select few who investigate the White House.

Wednesday, February 25
Informational Meeting for 1998 LSIC Children’s Carnival: 6 p.m., Room 127. If you cannot attend this or any other meeting for any other public service-type organization, contact Nathan Green (3L) at 564-9787. He’s guaranteed to be on the board.

If you can’t get paid, get ... credit: The lovely people at OCPP bring you an exciting afternoon of “Summer Work for Academic Credit,” in Room 127 at 12:45 p.m. Enjoy.

Thursday, February 26
Outdoor Soccer: Strap on those cleats, shin guards, and (if you’re feeling either intimidated or like Monica Lewinsky) kneepads, for the long-awaited season kicks off today. Whooppee!

Friday, February 27
Chop, Chop: W&M Karate Club presents a special martial arts demonstration. 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Adair Gymnasium.

Bad! Bad, bad, bad!: You guessed it, the 1973 classic from director Terrence Malick Badlands opens tonight at the DOG Street Theatre. Inspired by the Starkweather-Fugate killing spree in the 1950s (whatever that may be), this film is the prototype for all the young-couple-on-the-run movies that have surfaced in the past few years (e.g., Natural Born Killers). Starring Sheryl Spacke and Martin Sheen, the film shows tonight and tomorrow night at 11:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 1
More Badlands: Not another spine tingling day of discussion about the Native American tribes in South Dakota, but the final showing of Malick’s Badlands. Don’t miss this opportunity to see Martin Sheen in his younger years. Showing tonight at 9:15 p.m. at the DOG Street Theatre.

Monday, March 2
Order of the Coif Lecture: By Professor Wendy Williams of Georgetown University, on the fascinating topic, “Feminist Orthodoxies and Intimate Violence,” i.e., domestic violence. 4:30 p.m. at the law school. Exact location to be announced.

Tuesday, March 3
D.C. Talk: No, not the gospel, rap, grunge, hip-hop, crap “music” group. The PDP Supreme Court trip is tentatively scheduled for today. For more information, contact Brian Robinson (2L). This is your chance to hang wit’ Scalia, J. for the day. Whoohoo!


Wednesday, March 4
Law Students Really Need This: Every Wednesday, the W&M Counseling Center offers an Interpersonal Issues Support Group from 4-5:30 p.m. in Blow Hall, Room 240. Go there, listen carefully, and learn from this. You really, really need it. And if you don’t, go anyway. Get a jump on your mid-life crisis.

Thursday, March 5
Women of Color Support Group: Rather all-encompassing, for women of every hue to meet together in one little room. Blow Hall, Room 240, Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6
Williamsburg is Rockin’ This Weekend! City of Williamsburg-Jewusia Karquettball Tourney Begins. Don’t let those little, blue balls gather dust, grab them, a racket, and a friend and spend some quality time in a tiny, enclosed room. Bear in mind, however, spectators always can look in from the balconies.

Saturday, March 7
And the Party Never Stops: City of Williamsburg-Jewusia Raquetball Tourney Continues. Don’t let everyone down now. Besides, your muscles already are sore, so what will they know or care if you take them out again and subject them to more abuse. Play hard and then you have a great excuse to eat and drink like a pig for the week, .

Spring Break’s Unofficial Beginning: Ah the sun, the surf, the sand, the beer (sweet, sweet beer). And the deadly pallor of the Law Review stuff, all life sucked out of their flesh by the fluorescent bulbs, their carrels a stinking pigsty of left over Twinkie wrappers, 20-ounce Diet Coke bottles, and value-sized Advil containers. Well, at least they won’t be at the beach, bugging everyone else with their type-A bitterness at the outside world and the painful glare from the reflection of the sun off their skin. Settle down. Dennis. I’ll have fun for you.

Sunday, March 8

Monday, March 9
Now the School Says We Can Really Leave: Official Beginning of Spring Break. That’s right, if any students or professors are still here. Note that the Amicus staff will be having a meeting in New Orleans to discuss the next issue. What we won’t do for our readers.

Tuesday, March 10
Chicks Unite and Bitch: Women’s Self-Esteem Workshop, Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m., Blow Hall, Room 240.

Thursday, March 12
And Then Go Get A Big Mac: Body Image and Eating Concerns Group, Thursdays, 1:15-2:30 p.m., Blow Hall, Room 240.

Friday, March 13
An Ethical Dilemma: Is it a violation of the Medical Rules of Ethics if I go to the MPRE stone’d? The Canadian snowboarders got away with it . . . MPRE scheduled for today. Remember kids, this is your last chance before August, so don’t miss out on a fun-filled ethical adventure.

Wow: Two Friday the 13ths in two consecutive months. Do you think someone is trying to tell us something?

Saturday, March 14
Remember the Movie “Saturday the Fourteenth”? Few do, but scour the video stores for this little known gem in order to celebrate this fabulous national holiday.

Sunday, March 15
Sell Your Soul to the Devil: Today is the deadline for getting your need based financial aid applications into the feds. Get yourself buried under a crushing load of debt that will squeeze the very lifeblood out of you, forcing you to sell plasma, your sexual favors and yes, your soul, just to be able to buy the big box of Raman at Sam’s Club.

Wednesday, March 18
A Law Student’s Favorite Thing — A Captive Audience: Deadline for applications to the Vice President for Student Affairs for those interested in being the Student Commencement Speaker. Applicants must submit a personal statement describing why he or she wants to be the Speaker, a 500-word creative writing sample, a recommendation from a faculty member, and must sign up for a time to give a 2-minute presentation. For more details, contact Student Affairs at 221-1236.

Go Get Sweaty: Golf tourney, Wrestling meet, and Softball journey entry open. Remember there are t-shirts involved.

Got Something to Say? Amicus articles and submissions are due today. Join the parade of disgruntled students who just want to have a voice.

Friday, March 20
Confused? Disgruntled? Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual support group meets Fridays, 3-4 p.m., Blow Hall, Room 240.

Monday, March 23
Hold the Presses: No, actually, Don’t hold the presses. After a Spring Break hiatus, the Amicus publishes again. Take a long sigh of relief, kids, all is right in the world.

Please submit your entries for the Amicus Events Calendar to Dana Loftis (2L), or the Amicus hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.
Angel Williams and Guest take advantage of the party atmosphere

Jason Rylander and Elizabeth Evans

Karanja Rouse and Friend, Caroline Dooley and date Dave, Chandra Thompson, Rhonda Jones and Wendy Warren show some skin and some style while adding some much needed color to the evening.

Stacy Jones and Guest, with Kevin Rouse, watch the madness that surrounds them.

Lew Glenn and Krista Newkirk

John Campbell and date

**Barrister's Ball**

**EAT THIS from 11**

unless we had enough for everyone.

Finally, let's not forget an area that we all use, but often overlook as a source of free food. For your dining pleasure, we suggest the pot luck that is to be found in any of the numerous lunch bags and boxes that fill the coolers daily.

It appears to be a never ending supply, with more variety than can be found at any of the fine establishments we have reviewed across the state, even at the so-called "upper echelon" law schools. It's truly a tribute to the quality of the student body that so many bring lunches of such a high caliber to M-W. Though some of those elite schools have entering classes bigger than our entire law school, nobody can doubt the tastiness of student lunches at this top law school.

Since all those bags look just alike, we have always figured that whoever brought the one we take will just take somebody else's. Besides, shaking up the lunch cooler forces culinary integration. As Dean Marcus stated just today, we should consider ourselves lucky in this law school to have such a diverse student body. One would be cheating oneself, really, if one failed to take advantage of the vast array of culinary talents Dean Shealy has brought to us. For instance, Monday, we were fortunate enough to come across what must have been the lunches of some of the L.L.M. students. Though one can never be sure, we believe that we stumbled upon a Spanish student's paella and a Brit's kidney pie.

Few places, save an internationally known law school such as ours, offer the chance to sample food from so many countries. Ten years ago, all one might have found would be the homogeneous lunches of UVA grads. Instead, just the other day, we managed to find some lox to top our bagels (from the tables in the break room), then for lunch, had somebody's pork lo-mein, barbeque, a reuben, a brick of brie, tandoori chicken, and a roast-beef on white bread, with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise. What a difference ten years has made!
March Madness is Coming, and Nagano is Here

By Kenneth Coughlan

March Madness begins Wednesday, March 11. As a tradition across the country, I'm sure everyone here is going to make their picks as to how the 64 team field will dwindle down to one champion. So as long as you're doing it anyway, why not drop a copy in my hanging file?

We're going to have a little contest, and in my first article after the games are over I'll announce the winner. Place a copy of your picks in my hanging file (Kenneth J. Coughlan, 3L) no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 11, and I'll keep track of the pool. Hopefully we'll get a pretty big one going. Sorry, there's no grand prize other than seeing your name in print.

I've only got two bucks on the 47th game. If you're willing to pony up any dough, you also don't have to put your name in print. Marcus voiced a large concern that this tradition across the country, I'm going to make their picks as to how the 64 team field will dwindle down to one champion. So as long as you're doing it anyway, why not drop a copy in my hanging file?

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Coughlan Up Predictions...

Just write the name of the person entering on the form and if he or she is a student, then put the class as well (i.e. 1L, 2L, 3L, or LLM). I realize that the 1Lth is over Spring Break, and you might not be in town, so I'll give you an option. If you want to enter, but can't drop me a hard copy, e-mail me at kjcough@mail.wm.edu by the same deadline. Just make a list of the 32 teams you think will win the first round, the 16 teams who will win next, etc. all the way down to your champ.

In case it will affect your picks, here's how the scoring will work. You are scored based on accuracy in predicting how far each team will advance. You get 1 point for each of the 32 first round winners you guessed correctly. 2 for each of the sweet 16, 4 for the elite eight, 8 for each final four team, 16 for each team in the final, and 32 if you accurately predict the champion.

Thus there are 32 points available for each round. You don't need to correctly pick the losing opponent to get points. For example, if you think Kansas will play Delaware in the second round, and Kansas will win, you get 2 points for a Kansas second round victory even if their opponent didn't turn out to be Delaware (because Delaware lost in the first round). I'm making it sound more complicated than it really is.

The pairings will be announced on Sunday, March 8, and should be in virtually every Monday morning paper across the country. Good luck everyone.

On another note, the Nagano Olympics are here. By the time this is published, they'll be over. I'll wait until my next article before I go into too much detail, but suffice it to say that as of Thursday morning (our time) the U.S.A. had claimed 11 medals, 5 gold, 2 silver, and 4 bronze. Plus we've got two female skaters (Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski) to prime medal position after their short programs (they are 1st and 2nd respectively). Not a bad showing for the U.S. in the Winter Games.

I have to comment on one thing, however. Did you all see the story about the athlete who was stripped of his gold medal because he tested positive for marijuana? He was subsequently given it back by the I.O.C. (the medal, that is, not the marijuana). His excuse was that he had been hanging around with friends who had been smoking, but he never lit up.

Apparently he tested positive because of the second hand smoke he inhaled. I thought it was ridiculous when Clinton smoked, but didn't inhale. Here's a guy who inhaled, but didn't smoke! My question is what kind of an idiot hangs around people smoking pot, whether or not he actually lights up himself, when he knows he's going to be given a drug test soon thereafter which could cost him a medal?!!!

Duh! That's all for now. Don't forget to get your NCAA entries to me. There won't be any reminders between now and the deadline.

Marcus Delivers Speech

SPEECH FROM 2 are significant hikes and that not all of the money is returning to the law school. Marcus voiced a large concern that this trend should not continue as the students cannot continue to sustain the increases. Many members of the staff, including Liz Jackson, Faye Shealy, Laura Wellborne, Connie Gallaway, Fred Thrasher, Rob Kaplan, Della Harris, Jim Moliterno, Jayne Barnard, and the law library staff.

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Overheard...

Have we played together yet this evening? — Prof. Cambell to a student in Labor Law

Boy it's hot! Aren't you hot? — Prof. Ward while removing a her blazer, revealing a sleeveless blouse.

I am now! — Chris Morrison

So, Ms. Sparks, what do you do at Kelly Girls? — Jeff Cohen to Anne Mayer in Trial Advocacy

We fulfill all your secretarial needs. — Anne Mayer

I'll be saying: Thanks for the hole. Babe. For the next fifty years. — Jim Scott

Obviously the hangnail isn't a good thing, especially with an eighty-year-old — Aaron Goforth
**Law Schools Shoot for Basketball Glory**

By Mac Stuckey

With the NCAA tournament fast approaching, the Tribe enters the CAA tourney this season play, the Tribe enters the CAA tourney with some serious momentum. Back at Marshall-Wythe, several law school teams have their own title dreams. Three weeks into the intramural hoops season, the law school offers some real contenders.

Led by the monster play of Tate Love, Love's Followers have dominated their Co-Ree competition. With Lt. Karin Wesbrook cleaning the glass down low and "Nothing but Net" Christian Simpson gunning from the outside, this team is for real. Don Martin, the Yale Co-Ree title holder, gives his teammates added depth, as he pursues his second W&M Co-Ree title for the year. Steve Wisniewski is a constant threat to nail the jumper, while Mike Ruberti's strong-arm tactics have intimidated the opposition. Jenn Magoulis has provided additional muscle off the bench in guiding this team to victory.

In Men's action, Dave Kolman's Chowda-Heads have posted a respectable 2-1 mark in league play. While they lost their first game, they have come on strong in their next two contests. The most impressive statistic is the team's defense, which has been rarely seen before. We'll see if this year's team can repeat their success in the bus league.

The faculty resources variable of the U.S. News ranking is made up of direct expenditures (65 percent) per student, financial aid and indirect expenditures per student (20 percent), and overall resources rank. In conjunction with the other factors considered, the faculty resources variable accounts for 75 percent of the school's ranking. In this category, two law schools may come out of two law schools with an identical quality of education, but the school that spent the most money to achieve that quality will be ranked higher.

AALS claims that although a school that provides more financial aid to its students "should be commended for its generosity," this has little or nothing to do with the quality of education a law student receives. AALS also claims that the relationship between the quality of education and student resources in a law school is not necessarily representative of the overall quality of the school, particularly if many of the top schools leave the state to get jobs in a larger or more prestigious markets. This can skew the results of the statistical analysis of the passage rate, placing schools higher or lower based on an arbitrary measure.

**AALS Attacks U.S. News and World Report Rankings**

**RANKING from 1 median undergraduate GPA (40 percent) and rejection rate (10 percent).** By converting LSAT scores to a percentile scale based on the school's comparative standing against the school with the highest median LSAT score, small differences are inflated and rankings are spread out considerably. Also, the relative graduation rate is not considered (some schools graduate many more members of entering 1L classes than others).

Undergrad GPA rankings do not take into account the difference in grading standards at different colleges, nor do they take into account that undergraduate GPA is a poor reflection of success on the bar exam. The AALS report recommends that Undergrad GPA be removed entirely as a measure of relative ranking of law schools.

Rejection rate (how many students a law school turns down) is another factor taken into account by U.S. News in determining the student selectivity ranking. This is an easily measurable variable, since law schools can easily (and profitably) encourage vultures of unqualified students to apply, just for the pleasure of turning them down and the boost in rankings schools gained as a result.

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VIDEO: All courses start June 1, 1998
   Morning, 9 AM: American, Catholic, George Washington
   Univ. Of Virginia
   Evening, 6 PM: Catholic, George Washington
                  Georgetown, Silver Spring

Virginia

LIVE: May 19, 1998, 9 AM Georgetown Law Center
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   Morning, 9 AM: American, Catholic, George Mason,
                  Regent, UVA, Wash. & Lee, William & Mary
   Evening, 6 PM: American, George Mason, Georgetown,
                  NOVA

DC

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   Morning, 9 AM: Georgetown Law Center
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