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SBA spreads funding to more student groups

By DOUG MILLER
Student Bar Association President Joel J. Short (UL) and Treasurer Charles Griffith (UL) received final approval for the SBA's proposed budget this week. The $26,000 budget includes funding for more than 15 student groups, the most ever to receive SBA funding.

Among the student groups of the SBA is the Law Partners (a group for married students), a student chapter of the ACLU, the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, and the Christian Law Fellowship.

Although the SBA budget was technically allocated last spring, Short said the new funding format was achieved by re-distributing the money already approved by the Board of Student Affairs (BSA). "We got two main goals," Short said. "We wanted to make sure the money was being appropriated for its highest and best use, and make sure that it would benefit as many different students as possible."

Most of the money for funding the new groups came from student contributions. The College's budget cuts threatened; Cell developing plan for both a 10 percent cut and a 13 percent cut.

College President Timothy J. Sullivan spoke publicly against the proposed cuts. "The truth is, the Commonwealth has no higher education policy," he said in an op-ed in the Daily Press.

Cell President King said the cuts could turn out to be less than 10 percent, but he continued, "That's not a passing illusion that will then go to the student body for a second vote. Confirmation requires a two-thirds majority of a voting population of half of the student body."

"It's not a critical situation," according to Cell, the amount of money allocated to higher education, which once made up 15 percent of the total state budget, has dropped to 12 percent. "We're not being appropriated for its highest and best use," Sullivan said in a letter to the Board of Student Affairs.

Additional cuts would drop Virginia from 43rd to 53rd in the nation in spending on higher education, he said.

The decline in spending on higher education in Virginia has not occurred in other budget categories, Cell said. The decrease is due to a funding shortfall in the state budget, which has been used to fund other state agencies.

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To learn about the various programs offered at the law school in preparation for the reduction plan. She told the
Out of Our Heads

Being accused of cheating is something none of us want to go through. Suddenly, a career in law becomes very tenuous. One's fitness to practice is brought into question, even if something she didn't do or honestly didn't consider a violation of the Honor Code. Brain-stimulating and humiliating experience.

And it usually occurs during the most stressful time of all—final exams. Last year, Kevin Kroener had to take two more exams after he knew he was being charged for cheating on his Torts & Entotions exam. How anyone can be expected to do this is beyond comprehension.

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Bushrod kicks off with record numbers of competitors

By PAULA HANN AFORD

A record-breaking 119 students competed to compete in the Bushrod Tournament, scheduled to begin tomorrow. According to Tournament Justice Laurie Hartman (U. of Mass), the high turnout for this popular annual event resulted from competition sponsored tournament organizers.

One hundred thirty-three students from a class of 190 signed up to participate in the Bushrod Tournament. This largest number of participants has created logistical difficulties for the competition organizers. "We have 34 students starting on Monday, and another 34 arguing on Wednesday and Friday," said Hartman. "We have 84 students going on an in every available room in the school, including the faculty lounge."

To accommodate the volume of students, competition organizers worked to enlist the aid of additional faculty and alumni as well as former participants. There is a shortage of staff volunteers, however. Alto, g a waiting list currently exists. Hartman promised that "all full-time volunteers who are signed up will have a chance to help."

In addition to help student interest, the Bushrod Tournament features changes in both the tournament rules and the anticipated tenant of the competition. In response to several "no-shows" during last year's competition, this year's tournament rules specify that the names of representatives who register for Bushrod but fail to compete without showing good cause will be posted on the Most Court Board in the lobby. "Last year's "no-show" partners competed in a really difficult situation," explained Hartman. "The purpose of the new rule is to allow partners to know which participants have dropped out and add a degree of public humiliation to the act."

Another change in tournament rules prohibits Bushrod competitors from consulting anyone other than the "designated oral advocacy consultants" about the substance or style of their arguments. The Act requires governments to prove that presenting a particular belief is the least restrictive means to further a compelling state interest. Washington Times columnist Bruce Fein said the Act was unconstitutional, as Congress would be directly con- struing state legislation more strictly than the Constitution does, and the Act would prohibit religious practices as defined by the Bushrod Tournament.

"It's a sad situation. The most important factor in the welfare of the child," said Terry. "It's not the child's best interests. It's a sad situation. The most important factor in the welfare of the child." Terry campaign spokesman Jay Martin said that Terry supports the current system because it is "the best system for all children." Terry also supports keeping Virginia's judiciary system in place. "I don't think that the point is what percentage of the pie they are receiving. That's not the issue. It's whether we're still continuing with a lot of bureaucracy and they're still continuing with a lot of programs and policies that aren't essential, thereby minimizing the point." Terry also stressed a need for "an objective, critical analysis of whether professors can teach more, whether they're utilizing existing facilities."
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By JOHN CROUCH
U.S. Senate candidate Jim Miller, an energetic free-market, drew a crowd of 70 students at the Campus Center Sept. 8. Miller, an economic professor and former Federal Trade Commission Chairman, said the case is about the job market for engineers. Miller stressed the importance of finding a job that is not only a job but a career. Miller also spoke about the importance of being able to live on a salary, and the importance of being able to live on a salary. Miller also spoke about the importance of being able to live on a salary.

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The newly-renovated McLaughlin Moot Courtroom featuring the most advanced courtroom technology available in the world, was unveiled at a public ceremony and demonstration for students, faculty, corporate donors and media representatives Sept. 13. "Courtroom 21" was developed by the law school in conjunction with the Court Technology Laboratory of the National Center for State Courts.

The presentation began with a mini-mock trial which featured attorney Rene Bowditch's objection to the testimony of a witness via two-way television. "Your Honor, I object to this witness on the grounds that the 6th Amendment guarantees to a criminal defendant the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him."

Described as a continuing project to keep pace with technological development, Courtroom 21 showed it can improve efficiency and accuracy and can benefit judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors—including the hearing impaired, who can use its concurrent transcription system.

The facility is intended as both a national demonstration site and an actual instructional facility for students and visiting judges.

"Courtroom 21 will give the nation a single site at which we can demonstrate and experiment with some of the most productive law-related technology developments," said Jim McMillan, Director of the National Center for State Courts' Court Technology Laboratory. "What's especially important is that Courtroom 21 lets us see what happens when these technologies are used together rather than separately."

For students, the courtroom improvements represent an opportunity to learn the techniques which will be necessary for litigating in the next century, "Café" exclaimed Bryan Fratkin (2L) upon witnessing the courtroom innovations. "Technology will be integrated into both trial advocacy and legal skills trials over the next few years."

Courtroom 21 includes the following capabilities:
- remote-two way television arraignment and witness examination;
- LEXIS/NEXIS/MEDIS research terminals at bench and counsel tables;
- concurrent court reporter transcription, including the ability for each lawyer to mark an individual computerized copy for later use;
- built-in video deposition playback facilities;
- automatic, microphone controlled, backup video recording of proceedings using ceiling mounted camera and voice initiated switching;
- text, graphics, and TV capable networked jury computers.

Courtroom 21 includes technology provided by the Stenograph companies (including Stenograph, Stenograph Legal Services and Court Technology Inc.), Mead Data Central Incorporated (Lexis and Folio Corporation), Shure Microphone Company, and the Dell Computer Corporation.
Law Watch

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AA INFALLIBLE: Questioning AA doctrine, therefore, their existence by my enemies . . . because of their presence, and said Kingston, 2½ years by her enemies’ live-in lover. (Law Reporter).

FINGERPRINTS LIE: For fixing fingerprints in three murder cases, Delhi, N.Y., justice Betty Friedlander jailed state police. Since Craig Harvey for 7 to 11 years. His subordinate faked prints in dozens more cases. (New York Times).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Batterers are ordered to domestic violence victims into the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation. Only the National Legal Foundation, in a frivolous judicial conduct complaint, has opposed the trend. (Wall Street Journal).

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Meet Margaret Spencer

BY STEPHEN THOMAS KING

"My name is Margaret Spencer. This is a Civil Procedure. And anything you have heard about me and Michael Jackson is not true." Thus, Professor Margaret Spencer introduces herself to her first year students to herself and to the law. Spencer joke is: Me and Michael Jackson have never met."

The law school’s Appellate Advocacy program is going well, but they may need to correct a few things. The Booz Allen Hamilton law firm has offered a $4.75 billion to settle a class action.

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Candidates for IL Student Bar Association Representative

Ramsey Taylor

As your SBA representative I will meet the needs of the student body. My campaign as an integral part of the SBA decision making process through communication and feedback. A monthly newsletter will keep you in touch with SBA activities and you will always be advised of events. I need your support and promise to forward your calls to Paul A. Wittenberg when I'm not home.

The SBA should look into parking which seems to operate no except Parking Services. The SBA might facilitate Cable TV in the Condo Complex allowing all to keep up with KISS 920 and Scientific. I would like activities attractive to students who are married and/or have children like a spring picnic on Janssen Island. An after football tournament, a golf tournament at Kingsmill and Monday Night Football parties would help the sports scene. Finally the SBA should designate the lounge theme "wino" Elvis and any references to "od" or "fat" EIU be banned.

Diane Preston

My desire to make a difference was the motivating factor that led me to law school. I wanted to have an impact on my community. The same desire to have a positive effect prompted my decision to run for SBA representative. I have been involved in various organizations including President of Dorm Council, sorority and Mortar Board. I have worked at the Department of the Visually Handicapped to that led me to law school. I wanted to have an representative will not stand in the way of adequately representing you, the first-year class. I am always open to suggestions and will dedicate myself to furthering your goals and your needs.

Peter Schiron

SBA First Year Representatives are elected to represent, our own personal interests, but those of the student body. As a IL Rep I am confident I can fulfill this task.

The election is a chance for all first year students to choose who they feel is most qualified to represent their interests. I have run a rather light-hearted campaign because I value the ability to be genuine and to have fun, but Ieknow what you're after. I have heard students express concerns ranging from the sub-zero temperatures in the building, parking problems, a TV in the student lounge, and Jimmy Buffett performing again at William and Mary. These are all issues that I want to work on and help solve (I'll even write to Jimmy). I am a very approachable person, and as a representative would welcome anyone's questions, concerns, and problems. Please don't hesitate to ask me anything about my campaign, and remember to vote on Tuesday.

Neil Lewis

I have always watched student government from the outside. I have never been in one of the problems of changes which typical campaign bring (i.e., MORE COKE MACHINES NEXT SEMESTER? LARGER PRICES AT CAMPUS FOOD STORES?), nor have I been blind to the fact that business as usual started once again as soon as the elections were over. The elected updated their resumes, the losers kicked, and the losers that went into making election there was re-elected (hopefully). But we're not working on anything.

The issues facing Marshall-Wythe Law School community is different. However, the legacy of my personal goals as SBA representative will not stand in the way of adequately representing you, the first-year class. I am always open to suggestions and will dedicate myself to furthering your goals and your needs.

FORGIVE ME, from page 4

Committee hopes to help a print discussion-student panel to choose the students. The Committee began exploring the possibility for a program at the end of the spring semester. David Dallas (Women) met with Allama LSIS (co-Chair Will McNally (3L) and John Whitehouse (former LSIS) to draft an outline of a short-term proposal which Acting Dean Williamson could not commit to.

The Committee had originally believed that there was money available for the purpose of beginning a loan assistance program, but they learned this fall that the money was actually a discretionary fund.

Allison and McNally will attend conference in Washington D.C. of the National Association of Public Interest Lawyers to explore ways to organize and fund a loan repayment assistance program. The Committee is also consulting other law schools' programs.

LAW WATCH, from page 6

...in the clerking market, as in other fields, the number of applicants has overwhelmed the job offers. The trend in many industries . . .

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DODGE: Despite contracts calling papergirls independent businesses, Nebraskan's Workers' Comp Court ruled that for tax purposes they were employees. The court said waterwomen's contracts as an independent to a non-competition contract protecting a Virginia company selling data interchange software in only three states, it is possible to advertise in 31 states. Experts were surprised and doubtful. The defendant sought relief. (Virginia Lawyers Weekly).

PENALTY CRIMES: A Avondale, Conn., judge convicted four members of digging up 1812 War veteran Oliver Clevell, and ordered them to write essays on Clevell's life. (USA Today).

BIG LOSER: The Seventh Circuit Court Carol Lopinio's bid for a divorce of her father's $3 million estate. Her husband's spending habit had exacted his toll. (Wash. Post).

UNION THREAT: "For American workers, this is the latest in a long line of threats to workers' rights." (USA Today).
PSF helps law students who accept low-paying positions

By Megan Kelly and Paul Rooney

The Public Service Fund (PSF) was established in 1985 by Marshall-Wythe students to advance public interest law. To this end, law students have worked at summer, fall and winter programs that provide legal services to under-represented people. These programs have become major institutions at Marshall-Wythe.

Some misconceptions about how and why PSF provides these services have come to our attention and we want to clear them up. PSF is run by a student board. It is completely independent of the administration of the school. The students make the board; students select new members each year and there has been turnover every year. The board selects the president and officers. The students elect them.

The most important components of PSF are the law students and faculty who make the fund-raising events happen. Without their enthusiastic, generosity and leadership, PSF would fail. Because of the manifest benefits to the school, PSF has always enjoyed strong support from the law school community. This fact is the key to PSF’s continued success.

In addition, PSF enjoys the support of alumnae every year. Last year alumnae donations accounted for over 20 percent of all PSF funds. Since most alumni are wealthier than most of us, it is constant goal to maximize alumni support. In addition, dozens of area businesses support PSF by donating merchandise and services. While it may seem that PSF is poorly paid, and some say itournée, raising money from the students and faculty, everyone should be grateful that efforts to broaden PSF’s support base are paying dividends.

In order to get the most bang for your buck, PSF works in conjunction with Dean Robert Kaplan and the Work-Study program. In order to qualify for Work-Study funding, employers must pay at least 40 percent of the student worker’s salary and all of the employer’s FICA taxes on that salary, a total of $975. Unfortunately, many worthy employers cannot even afford that modest sum. Therefore, in the majority of cases, PSF pays the $975 that the employer would pay if they could afford it, and the Work-Study program pays the remaining $1,750. The totals are $2,500 (2050/week X 10 weeks) to the student and $225 to Uncle Sam’s Social Security Administration. Through coordination with Work-Study, PSF can help fund upwards of 25 people as opposed to ten or twelve. In cases where Work-Study money is not available, PSF pays the entire stipend.

Unfortunately, money provided by Work-Study reduces alumni’s eligibility for financial aid the following year. A student working in a Work-Study position can expect her borrowing capacity to be reduced by $1,500 or 10 percent of their $1,500 summer salary. However, it is not true that a PSF/Work-Study grantee is worse off financially than she would be without funding. Furthermore, grantees receive this information when they accept PSF and Work-Study funding. Finally, as a practical matter, according to our personal experience, the

The Good Part: Public defending an eye-opening experience

By MARK A. DONALD

In the interest of balance and fairness, I should say that my experience was not rated by the Student Affairs office in the same way as you have rated other offices. The student life experience was invaluable and unique, and I must admit that nothing in law school or law school life has quite a bit of fun too.

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Virginia custody provokes outrage on several fronts

Bottoms case violates Due Process rights; sexual orientation irrelevant

By Timothy M. Singhel

On Tuesday September 7, 1993 Judge Edmund Parsons of Henrico County, Virginia Circuit Court ruled that two-year-old Tyler Bottoms should be "in the care" of his natural mother, Sharon Bottoms, and custody should be awarded to Kay Bottoms, the child's maternal grandmother. Parsons reasoned because Sharon Bottoms' sexual conduct was "criminal and immoral" she was inherently unfit to be a mother. During the trial, Sharon admitted that she and April Wade, her lover, engaged in oral sex outside of Tyler's presence, but neither Sharon nor April has ever been charged, let alone convicted of sodomy (a class 6 felony in Virginia). The child's court-appointed legal advocate characterized Sharon Bottoms' home life as unsuitable and suggested that the child be placed with the grandmother. However, Judge Parsons ruled solely on Sharon's status as a lesbian in granting custody to Kay.

Before arguing a particular side of an argument, the scope of the dispute must be framed. I contend that this is a general due process problem. It is not, as the media would like to characterize it, a gay rights problem. If, indeed there can be any such thing as civil rights that homosexu­als enjoy as aliens, such a classification would run into significant problems when applied to the traditional Fourteenth Amendment discrete and insular minority analysis. As stated above, Sharon Bottoms was, and has never been convicted of sodomy or engaging in consensual sodomy. Her conduct is simply because of the possibility that she engages in consensual conduct. It is true that Sharon addressed the court that she did engage in consensual conduct, the court had no other proof. In effect, Sharon was deprived of the custody rights of Tyler because of her status. This court did not give the opportunity to rebut the presumption that she was an unfit mother. As a result of these two facts, I conclude that Sharon's rights were disregarded and she should not only be restored her role as mother and custodian to Tyler, but she should be able to visit the state of Virginia for violation of her Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause.

In Judge Parsons' defense, the con­duct to which Sharon Bottoms admits is felonious in the area of Virginia. Despite what I personally believe regarding the wisdom of Virginia's consensual sodomy laws, (see Justice Stewart's dissent in Griswold v. Connecticut) the democratic process has justly determined that lesbian sexual conduct is illegal (as it is in almost every other state that does not occur between heterosexuals in the mar­riageable position). If one disagrees with these laws, all is well, the proper redress is to go to the polls and change the law. All is not well that is not in the public interest. If the court is to be a neutral forum to take sexual orientation out of the equation. (Brown v. Hardwick held that consensual sodomy laws are constitutional). Therefore, if Sharon Bottoms were convicted of feloniously engaging in sodomy, that conviction would be highly relevant to a custody proceeding. Since Sharon was never charged with a crime, her admission should at best have been taken as evidence in the larger context of whether or not she was a fit mother. Sharon Bottoms was not given the opportunity to restate the presumption that she should retain custody of her son. The decision was that she was providing a harmful environment to Tyler because of her "immoral and inappropriate con­duct." Perhaps the same result could have been reached if the court-appointed guardian's assessment were taken into account and the finding that the Bottoms/ Wade household was unsuitable was not.

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But what is truly in the North is a leading candidate for a gay person is often the subject of ridicule and stereotypes. The plaintiffs in many states, particularly in the Southwest, the Virginia sodomy laws provide the backdrop for the dilemma of a child's sexuality. The Virginia sodomy law proscribed both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy (by the way, that includes oral sex between a man and a woman).

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In the past couple of weeks, courts in vastly different jurisdictions rendered judgments on the ability of a gay person to raise a child in their home. All states, the state supreme court ruled that a lesbian couple could not adopt a child, and joined a growing list of states that allow gay and lesbian couples to adopt, including California, New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, and Vermont. Virginia, on the other hand, gained national and international notoriety when a circuit court judge in Henrico County decided to expunge a lesbian mother's custody rights to her two-year-old son, because in the judge's view, she is engaged in an immoral and illicit relationship, making her unfit to be a parent. The ruling places Virginia among the most reactionary jurisdictions in the country.

As a state where Oliver North is a leading candidate for a United States Senate seat next year, who would expect anything less?

Sharon Bottoms does not fit the "traditional" mold of what a mother should be. She did not finish high school, and has held several, low-paying jobs. More importantly, according to the judge hearing her case, Sharon Bottoms is a lesbian in a committed relationship. Not satisfied with just that, the judge even went further, she was not even there. The judge refused to allow any visitation in which Sharon Bottoms was present, or in the presence of her lesbian partner. All because Sharon Bottoms is a lesbian.

The Bottoms case is particularly disturbing for two reasons. First, the rule of adjudication of M. Bottoms' "fit­ness" is that she is a lesbian and lives with her partner. According to a 1985 Virginia Supreme Court decision, in re Roe v. Roe, a gay person is per se unfit to be a parent. Even more remarkable, though, is the fact that this custody battle did not arise out of a desire to separate or re­unite the two parents of the child. Instead, the court granted custody to Tyler's grandmother, someone who has no more in the way of "legal" rights to respect to the child than any other third party.

The case demonstrates the breadth im­plications of the antidiscrimination sodomy laws that continue to litter the statute books of many states, particularly in the South. The Virginia sodomy law proscribed both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy (by the way, that includes oral sex between a man and a woman),
Ask Miss Demeanor

In the spirit of the upcoming moot court competition, here are tidbits that might be helpful in your preparation.

ANYONE SEEKING ORAL ADVOCACY ADVICE MUST CONSULT THE DESIGNATED ORAL SPECIALISTS! VOLUNTEERS FOR THE POSITION OF ORAL SPECIALIST CAN SIGN UP ON THE DOOR OF THE AMicus CURIAE.

Dear Miss Demeanor:

I had a somewhat harsh critique in my recent Legal Skills moot arguments. I am very concerned about needing the problems before moot court. Please help by giving me some pointers on how properly to engage in appellate advocacy. I want to call on the unadulterated barbarism. Walk loudly and carry a .357. You may have had a weak position, but the actual law is irrelevant. Now, for moot court, I want you to call on the unadulterated spirit of our dark ages ancestors (through whatever incantation or ritual it might take). Take unwavering and uncompromising and illogical ideals in hand, get up on your hind legs and make an argument.

Dear Gutless:

This is law school, dammit. Forget about the real world. This is law school. What brings in success and money is pure, unadulterated barbarism. Walk loudly and carry a .357. You may have had a weak position, but the actual law is irrelevant. Now, for moot court, I want you to call on the unadulterated spirit of our dark ages ancestors (through whatever incantation or ritual it might take). Take unwavering and uncompromising and illogical ideals in hand, get up on your hind legs and make an argument.

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Dear Miss Demeanor:

I need some help with this moot court thing, if you can. My motion was a disaster. I admit, I was a little intimidated by the judge. The details are unimportant. Basically, I needed everything and the argument was over in three minutes (that’s with rebuttal).

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Outer Limits

By SUZANNE FITZGERALD & DAVID PFEFFERKORN

LIVE FREE OR DIE, OR BEFRIEND ALIENS... 500 true believers in aliens, flying saucers and other unidentified flying objects gathered at a conference in Portland, Maine, to discuss the Third Annual New Hampshire Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network Conference. The enthusiastic believers embrace the theory that mankind has blundered badly in caring for the earth and that aliens are coming to take charge. Presentations included a slide show about a "Bar" on Mars that may have been carved by ancient astronauts from Earth or their Martian ancestors. (Readers Library Report)

TOURIST EXODUS FROM FLORIDA BOOSTS CALLS ON BUCKEYE LINE... The Ohio Development Department says it has received its one-millionth call to 1-800-BUCKEYE this year, surpassing the previous record of 977,721 calls received last year. The one-millionth caller was identified as Donna Homan of Germantown. She called Wednesday from a roadside rest area as a result of seeing the 1-800-BUCKEYE road sign. She received a free weekend for two people at any Ohio state park, including break­fast and lunch, and four 1-800-BUCKEYE baseball caps, t-shirts and sweatshirts. She was a first-time caller. (UPI)

JAPANESE WOMEN REFUSE CARBO-LIADING... Byko Akamatsu, Japan's new education minister, wants sumo wrestlers from Japan to refuse carbo-loading. Instead, he wants sumo wrestlers to open up to women. Not as athletes, she says women should serve on the panel that chooses sumo wrestlers, and be allowed to enter the wrestling ring. In 1990, Akamatsu's predecessor, also a woman, tried to prevent a trophy in the ring and was stopped by some officials, who insist the ring is a male sanctuary. (Newsworld)

VICTORIA'S SECRET STOCK DECLINES... In Nevada, the state Senate has approved a measure that would bar barbers and beauticians from wearing filmy lingerie. "Can you even imagine someone dressed like that washing your hair? It's just one of the most repulsive things I can even imagine," said Sen. Anna O'Connell. The bill will prevent the A Little Off The Top barber shop from opening. But never fear, the women who were planning to work there might be able to find employment at the G-String Car Wash, which is located just across the street from the barber shop. (Reason)

COTTONPICKING... Chris­topher Cotten was grabbed by police and women spotted him and thought... See WAY OUT, page 13

Simplex Dictum

by Jeff Regner

Your Honor, the defendant intends to prove that...

NOT ONLY SHOULD PLAINTIFF BE DROWNED BUT THAT THIS LAW IT IS A HOAX

PLAINTIFF IS NOTHING MORE THAN A LAW STUDENT DISGUSED AS A CLIENT AND FOR THAT MATTER YOU'RE NOT EVEN A REAL JUDGE!!

ME: THIS IS JUST A B antivirus!
Turner time warp dismays M-W grad; snags legal jobs

BY DAVID ZIEMER
Midwestern Correspondent

A revelation has recently come to me, and I consider it my duty to impart that revelation to you. Yes, sir, I suffer from being chronically late. Prior to commencement of my law practice, I never thought it mattered. As a student, I could easily dismiss the manifestations of the disorder with the flippant remark, "It's not a problem, man; it's a way of life." And if the two were mutually exclusive in law school, though, nobody cared. A few professors may object, but certainly not enough to induce a reasonably well-balanced person to rehabilitate himself. Upon graduation, however, the situation changes radically. Neither judges nor clients are particularly tolerant of tardiness. But Turner Time. As a result, we are quite unwittingly. It was very seductive at first. We could watch our favorite show, and still catch the moral and theme the show in its entirety.

The effects of Turner Time are particularly evident at the firm's taking in. That would pay the salaries of several hungry lawyers. Now you know where all the jobs went. Ted Turner took them away. And the problem is not limited to the legal profession. Our nation's entire economic decline can be traced to Ted Turner. Who would buy an American car if a Japanese model will get you from Point A to B five minutes earlier? The military has been adversely affected as well. Mark my word, the next Pentagon Papers will be leaked will prove that the reason we never caught Saddam Hussein is that he was watching CNN. He had a five minute head start on us. Not to mention the fact that all our missiles were aimed 30 degrees right of their targets.

The cause of the problem is Ted Turner. In an effort to stop the show. In an effort to stop the show, I once watched a show with near-end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing the rear of the car to hop up on the bed of truck. I had been driving for forty years before I hit him. I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law's face, and headed over the embankment.

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he looked like a man they had seen on the TV show America's Most Wanted. He should: Cotton was the actor who played a suspected arsonist in a reenactment. A coach, Charles Pankhurst, a rough-and-tumble stagecoach driver, was known for his tobacco chewing, whiskey drinking and cursing, until his death in 1879 when the undertaker discovered Charles was a woman. (U.P.L.)

**BONUS SECTION:** To all Professor Harty's first-year torts students: if these fact patterns appear in a multiple choice question on the exam, select the answer listed below. And if that choice does not appear, choose "the best answer" (read Hint in Context).

**ANSWER: RES IPSA LOQUITUR...** Robert Alfano bit into his Burger King Whopper in Flushing, N.Y., and he says, unflatteringly, he had already swallowed a piece of the meat. The drug minoxidil does double duty. It is legally neglected and abandoned by the FDA, but something happens when he puts on that robe. His muscles bulge out of his shirt. My wife, when she saw him, said: "If only they didn't have to eat."

**ANSWER: AVOIDANCE OF THE RISK:** ... On a recent sold-out tour of Europe, sidekick J. Ross, basketball star and former star of a television show, is now at his Amish hometown after eating too many light bulbs. He was rushed to the hospital and treated for severe stomach cramps and bleeding bowels. Rose was cautioned to his own natural wound completely clean before eating any more light bulbs, swallowing wounds or ingesting roundblades. (Daily Press)

**ANSWER: DEFENSE OF NECESSITY:** A federal grand jury in Middleton, Tex., indicted a Hobbs, N.M., man on charges ofrophying three Texas boots in a ten-day period. Prosecutors said Clark told them he thought they would have money to pay his attorney. (U.P.L.)

**ANSWER: B P X L...** The Newport News Planning Commission formally voted down a request to ease zoning laws to allow Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs in residential areas, citing contradictory information about health risks posed by the miniature breed. Some literature indicated that the pigs could spread diseases like swine flu. City officials have declared the pigs a form of livestock, which is not allowed in residential areas. Donna Calloway, a Derhing housewife who brought one of the pigs for her children without knowing they were unlawful in Newport News, plans to plead not guilty. "I bought her at the pet store and I consider her a pet and not livestock." (Daily Press)

**ANSWER: FORESEEABLE MISHAPS...** The drug minoxidil does double duty. It lowers blood pressure and—as a bonus, it grows hair on bald patches. Now it may also help men and women who have more fun in bed. This still study will see if it can produce erections in impotent men, and Boston University undergraduate Dr. Irwin Goldstein hopes to test on two women who can't reach orgasm.

**ANSWER: ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK...** Applied locally, minoxidil may improve blood flow to the basis and clitoris. "Researchers want against experimenting with Rogaine—the formulation of the new drug will be different. (Source:xxx)

**ANSWER: DIVORCE...** "I have lived with my wife for three years and I can't stand it any more."

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**Additional Criteria.** Select three responses only.

- **Enjoy a beer now and then**
- **Threw 'em back all day and all night**
- **Last name is Sullivan**
- **Year of bar admission**
- **Dances like most professors**
- **Diploma wall**
- **Sings & Alcog**
- **Vegetarian**
- **Enjoys utfest**
- **Married**
- **Single**
- **Free Parking Advocate**
- **Deadbeats**
- **Prior convictions**
- **Has facial hair (man)**
- **Has facial hair (woman)**

**Out of a list of four.** Such is not the situation here, and one needs to re-emphasize that the ultimate issue is Tyler's welfare. In the end, the real tragedy is that Parsons listed in his resume of attorneys where Tyler might be going on his own home. (Daily Press)
Environmental policy explored

The process of environmental policy making and implementation will be the focus of a panel discussion by national experts on environmental policy, Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., in the Dodge Room of Phi Delta Kappa Memorial Hall. Professor Lynda Butler will moderate the discussion entitled "Environmental Policy: How is it formed? What are the costs? Who pays?"

The expected participants include Amy Newman, Chairman of the Policy and Energy Response Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Pamela Paggert, Director of the Air Division, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Richard Peruna, partner with the law firm of Van Noss, Feldman & Curtis (Washington, DC); and Ted Minor, Counsel, Union Camp, speaking on behalf of the Virginia Manufacturers Association. Members of the audience will have the opportunity to meet the participants at a reception following the discussion.

The event, sponsored by the College’s Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, is open to all W&M students and faculty. For more information, call 221-2370.

Fall From Grace set

The SBA's annual fall formal, Fall from Grace, has been scheduled for the evening of Oct. 16 in the Campus Center Ballroom, according to SBA Secretary Erin Brewster. Additional details, including the identity of the head and ticket prices, will be announced later.

Administrative Law Review announces staff selection

The following second-year students have been chosen for the staff of the Administrative Law Review: Iva Alleng, Julia Patterson, Dennis Fraden, Bill Schulte, Leanne Cudvin, Shimon Tabochian, Megan Kelly, Jennifer Truitt, Kevin Minor, and Christopher C. White.

International symposium

Oscar Arias Sanchez, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, will be the keynote speaker for a two-day symposium entitled "Beyond the Nation-State: Transforming Visions of Human Society." The symposium will run all day Friday and most of Saturday in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. The keynote address will be Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in William and Mary Hall.

Among the world-renowned policy makers and scholars expected to participate in the symposium are International Court of Justice Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, United Nations Undersecretary General James Jonah, National Islamic Front leader Hassan Tantawi, and Foreign Minister of Nicaragua Miguel d'Escoto.

The symposium is sponsored by the Emory and Wendy Reves Center for International Studies and is open to the public free of charge. For additional information, call 221-5517.

Bill of Rights Student Symposium: Gay Rights

Gay rights will be the focus of the annual symposium of the Student Division of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law to take place this spring. Students expecting to see chairs thrown at the meeting to decide the topic of the Student Symposium ultimately would be disappointed. Tensions ran high, however, as students debated the possible focus of the spring symposium.

Although the main topic under consideration was unanimously acknowledged as timely and likely to generate considerable public interest, children’s rights proponents expressed concern that a gay rights symposium would not provide a sufficient variety of speakers. Conversely, supporters of the gay rights topic claimed that children’s rights was not directly applicable in a traditional Bill of Rights context. Gay rights proponents ultimately prevailed, although the exact scope of the topic remains to be determined.

ABA Litigation Section to meet in DC

Mid-Atlantic region law students will have the opportunity to meet with more than 800 litigators from all regions of the country when the American Bar Association Litigation Section holds its 18th Annual Fall Meeting in Washington, DC, Oct. 20-21.

Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court William H. Rehnquist and Great Britain’s Master of the Rolls for Thomas Bingham will be the keynote speakers.

Among the activities planned for the meeting are a "town-hall meeting" moderated by Harvard Law School professor Arthur Miller, a retrospective on 25 years of civil rights litigation including reminiscences by noteworthy participants such as Attorney General Janet Reno and Senator Ted Kennedy, and a reenactment of famous cross-examinations.

The student rate for the three-day meeting is $300. For more information to register, call Beverly Henderson at (312) 988-5994.

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McCoy sentenced to death; Undercover Blues acquitted

By STEVEN YOUNGKIN

Last week, I was given a piece of advice by the sports guru (and former B- movie critic and Roger Corman disciple) Alan Duckworth. He commented that when the government calls them into years. After release, she attempts to example, the robbers decide to throw off their vacation in New Orleans is cut short off a job and thus sent to prison for six allegedly impenetrable bank. For system that better retains the tone of the explosives.

McCoy Cinema Cynicism

advice by the sports guru (and former B- order to raise a family. Unfortunately, their vacation in New Orleans is cut short when the government calls them into action one last time in order to stop a batch of highly powerful plastic explosives.

Their mission is much more complex and it takes them the rest of the movie to explain it. The plot, however, is nothing more than an excuse to give the stars a chance to make a lot of jokes and get into a number of fight scenes.

The movie would be a complete waste if it was not for the presence of Quaid. Although he never even attempts to give a performance, he manages to deliver all of the punch lines with such glee that it’s breaking into the bank (the movie never moment), are silently screaming at the screen. Of at least I was.

I would even forgive a boring caper if the star was half interesting—in Undercover Blues. But Basinger doesn’t have a scrap of talent and has even less personality. Her idea of method acting is to put a handkerchief around her hair to stop a reunite with her 9-year-old son and go the cops by deliberately setting off the alarm system is broken.

The verdict: Bare majority in favor brain off before entering the theater. Verdict: Unanimously against.

By LULU MILLION


Similarly at home in the classical and jazz worlds, the performance offered a refreshing variety of music from Bach to Bebop.

Grammy-award winner Richard Stoltzman is hailed for his incredible technique and flawless execution and has been recognized as one of the most exceptional reedmen of our time. Lively and ebullient composer, keyboardist and arranger Bill Douglas coordination the music department at the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado. Douglas has composed several works including “Celebration E” and five solo recordings, “JewelLake,” “Cantilena” and “Kaledoscope.”

Originally from Puerto Rico, bass player Eddie Gomez was named Puerto Rico’s “Jazz Musician of the Year” for 1999. Gomez has toured with jazz greats such as Miles Davis and Chick Corea, and his latest album, “Next Future,” was recently released on the Stretch Records label. Gary Burton taught himself to play the vibraphone. In three decades, his music career has ranged from teaching improvisation and performance classes at the Berklee College of Music in Boston (the world’s premier jazz training-ground) to being a bandleader, not to mention his own performances that have landed him top spots on Billboard magazine’s jazz chart.

Several of the selections were accompanied by stunning slide presentations by photographer John Pearson, who has been performing “visual concerts” with Stoltzman for 20 years. Pearson uses a “dissector,” which allows one image to fade as another slowly emerges. The slides featured scenes from a Brazilian street festival, the painted faces of clowns and minstrels, and landscape scenes.

Concert Series opens with “refreshing” jazz & light show

Right to Left: Richard Stoltzman and Bill Douglas delighted classical and jazz lovers alike at the Williams & Mary Concert Series opener in PBK Hall.

The concert begins with a
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THE ARGUS CLASSIFIED

It's Only Rock & Roll

Sports theme works for Black Train Jack; Voivod matures

By BILL MADIGAN

This time around I have for you two lesser-known bands, despite being lumped together in the "metal" category, have distinct styles and influences that make them distant cousins in the family of hard rock. Although I didn’t make a conscious effort to find two relatively obscure bands to talk about, that seems to have been the case. But I didn’t think of it as expanding your musical landscape. Even though you’ll probably not hear any of these albums on the radio or on MTV, you’re all worth checking out.

Artist: Black Train Jack
Title: No Reward
Producer: Black Train Jack & Anthony Cannell
Label: Roadrunner
Best Cut: "Today"

You two lesser-known bands that pull off the Bob Marley song, "One Love," pretty darn well.

Unfortunately, although this is an great album, the fact that it is only a relatively small record label means that few people will have heard about it. But I guess that’s what I’m here for: to bring you out of the myopia of the mainstream music.

Artistic: Voivod
Title: The Outer Limits
Producer: Mark 6. Berry
Label: MCA
Best Cut: "Jack Luminous"

The Good: Intricate, and ethereal progressive metal.

The Bad: There’s only 2 songs on the promotional album I got.

The Ugly: Green vinyl record with a 3-D label.

One of the benefits of working at the radio station is the opportunity to hear new stuff before the rest of the world. I recently commended a promotional record for the new Voivod album, the Outer Limits. Though it unfortunately only had two songs on it, I couldn’t refuse a green vinyl record.

Voivod has been around since the early ’80s, but they remain relatively obscure and unknown. This has been partly to the fact that they have been on smaller independent labels and that the style of their music hasn’t been exactly something you can dance to.

But this has changed to a certain extent. Their new album, The Outer Limits, is on MCA, making this their major label debut, and their style has drifted away from a plodding, grunge style toward a more progressive style.

The two songs on the promo are Jack Luminous, a 17-minute epic, and The Lost Machine, a more manageable 5 1/2-minute cut. These songs reflect Voivod’s musicians Papasov’s progressive and cleaner sounding rock style. This is something to pit due to the fact that they are new being prominently on a major label, which tends to have a moderating influence on a band’s style.

Jack Luminous is a great sample of the different styles and structures that Voivod wavers into the song. Despite being 17 minutes, it doesn’t get boring because of the multiple time changes and mood shifts. Through some of the shifts are abrupt, they enhance, rather than detract from the song. The music and the effects, both guitar and sound effects, shroud it into a darker, moister atmosphere.

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Pros & Kahns of dining Mongolian: go straight for the grill

By JEFFREY RENGER

When was the last time you saw Mongolian? My lovely dining companion joined me at the Mongolian BBQ last week after my client B lunch meeting. The restaurant, a creative but touristy combination of oriental styling and ’70s supper club, is arranged with bar as one end and a Mongolian grill at the other.

Our waitress sorted us between the two, underneath a mural of the ancient Mongol Hordes hungrily rushing in the direction of the grill. More signs identified both bar and grill.

Wanting no space describing the food, the two-page menu consisted of Polynesian dishes. Fine for some, but we came to eat. The waitress was very helpful in guiding us through the dining experience. In fact, the service was excellent.

The meal was served with a choice of rice or chicken or beef. My companion and I sampled both, respectively. Both were disappointing.

From here on we had to get up from the table to get our food. The next course, noodles, was ordinary. The house dressing, peanut butter, was disgusting. The salad bar also offered sweet and sour coleslaw described as authentic Mongolian.

The main courses offered some variety. The blend of flavors and the always fascinating experience of watching someone cook with sticks, made the visit worth the effort. The grill is circular and about four feet across. The chief air from the food using two long wooden sticks about four feet across. He circled the grill, pushing the food along as he goes. After twice around, he pushes it off into a bowl and hands it to you.

Six-try ingredients are presented as a buffet. The numerous choices include meat, noodles, vegetables, and a sampling of beef. He sure not to mix the chunks of pineapple. The chief does your choices with an eclectic assortment of five different sauces. I recommended diving up on the sauce. The result is a variety of dishes guaranteed to fill you up.

After dinner, we surveyed the desert bar and found it lacking. The only choices were pudding, jello or mixed fruit. We were already full at that point so we decided to pass.

Overall, the salad, soup, and desert were wimpy, but the main course picked up the slack. The price was $20 for two plus tip. Lunch is reasonable at only $4.95 a plate. For a few dollars more you can get the meal into a darker, moister atmosphere.

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The World Almanac® Crossword

ACROSS
1. The number of points scored by the visiting team in basketball. (5)
2. A musical instrument that produces sound by friction. (5)
3. A large, edible sea animal. (5)
4. A type of cheese. (5)
5. A form of exercise that involves stretching and strengthening. (5)
6. A unit of measurement for volume. (5)
7. A type of game played with a board and pieces. (5)
8. A symbol used to indicate direction. (5)
9. A type of board game. (5)
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A Duck Out of Water

Football honors go to rookies in the Pros & FSU in the ACC

By ALAN DUCKWORTH

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football season, and the NCAA basketball tournament and the NBA playoffs.

I would include the NFL, but no one cares about hockey. So let's see what is happening in the wide, wild, wacky world of pro sports.

BASEBALL, ... Every team which is going to have a 20-game winner, take a step forward. Not so fast, San Francisco. What has happened to the SF Giants?

Bonds is still doing well, but he is no longer carrying the team. The problem really is their pitching. I have predicted all year that Bill Swift would break down, but I had no idea that it would be so fast and total. The best starting pitcher on the staff now started the season at AA Sacramento and has looked good since his call-up, raising hopes for the Giants in the brace-less West next year.

As for this year, it will take a miracle for the Giants to recover from their tail-spin. I kept waiting for the team to recover and play like they did before August. This has turned into an exciting pennant season. The AL East still has a tight race. Unlike a couple of weeks ago, there are no teams in the mix and they are all playing well. The Chicago White Sox have allowed the Texas Rangers to close and turned the West into a race. In the senior circuit, the Phillies have choked away a big lead to let the Expo get close. And in the NL West, the Atlanta Braves have overtaken the Giants. Four pennant races involving nine teams. I can't remember the last time the end of a baseball season has been this exciting across the board.

For the first of my post-season awards, the General Manager of the Year is John Scherholtz of the Atlanta Braves. He made the move of the year by getting Pat Mcgriff. Better yet, he did not panic when the Braves were way behind the Giants and give away too much to even see a faint amount. He held on, knowing that the Padres had held McGriff. Then he basically took him. Runner-up in Sandy Alderson for getting a top starting pitching prospect in a trade for Ricky "I talk, therefore I am" Henderson. Next issue, the worst free agent pickups.

PRO FOOTBALL, ... What is wrong with the Dallas Cowboys? I know the standard answer: Emmitt Smith. He was a big reason for the Cowboys' success last year, but his absence is not enough to explain this collapse. Emmitt doesn't play on the defense, which could not stop the Redskins in the second half or on the special teams which look remarkably ordinary this year. This looks like the standard post-Superbowl hangover.

The real problem is too many book deals, photo shoots, and infiel'd games and not enough work and role players. And for the biggest inflated ego of them all, see Jerry Jones, who has forgotten that the players and the coach win games, not the owner. Jerry Jones finally fined up. For the record-offering Emmitt Smith the same type of money which Thurman Thomas is paid. Unfortunately, that offer was not to Emmitt. Knowing how badly the Cowboys need him, Emmitt was able to hold out for a contract making him the highest paid non-quarterback in the NFL. We are talking about roughly $1 million a year more than Thomas makes. Immitt's extension is in the face of what looked increasingly like a cockpit for a long holdout, is good news for Cowboy fans and bad news for the rest of the league.

Welcome back, Doomer, it is been awhile. So, all the Redskins fans who beat Mark Rypien, do you feel more confident with Cary Conklin at QB? This injury should do more to promote Mark Rypien's popularity with Redskins fans than the second victory ever Dallas would. Fans will be counting the days until his returns.

By the way, is Monday Night Football becoming the place where good runners go to die, or at least lose? Week 1: Dallas to Washington. As usual, this was only a minor upset, but the way that Washington ran handcuffed the "Boy's" to a surprise victory the move of the NFL. Week 2: San Francisco to Cleveland. Maybe the melody which has infected the football Giants is contagious and the "Oh man's" caught it. Or perhaps now that Steve Young feels secure with no Joe and Steve Bosco injured, he has gotten complacent. Whatever the problem is, the Niners need a wake-up call, almost as bad as the Cowboys.

Although it is still early, this rookie class looks to be the best in many years. With many rookies starting and playing well, including two quarterbacks named Rypien and Mitr, this year's rookies of the year race should be exciting.

But quickly, I'm look at the rookie who is playing the best, but has no chance of getting any recognition. Willie Roaf is an offensive lineman for the Saints. He is the player the Saints got in the Pro Bowl draft and, he is doing his best to make them look good.

For the last few years, a number of top offensive linemen have been coming from the dirtmouth Tom Mandrich, who was taken ahead of Barry Sanders, to Henry Thomas, who was traded by the Bears and cut by the Falcons. Finally, an offensive lineman is putting out early. He is already starting for the Saints and is playing at a level which could earn him a Pro Bowl trip in his first season. Maybe the Lions didn't rob the Saints of Pat Swilling.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL, ... Do we actually need to play the rest of the ACC schedule or should the rest of the schools just concede victory to Florida State? After last weekend's 57-0 domination of Clemson, it is apparent that the ACC is FSU and eight dwarves. So why not save everyone time and money and give FSU the title? Just a suggestion in this age of one-conference college athletics.

I must admit that I was ready to write off the defending champions, Alabama. With the loss of their impact players from defense, Eric Curry, John Stockdale, and George Towsley, and their best offensive player, who was taken ahead of Barry Sanders, to Henry Thomas, who was taken ahead of Barry Sanders. After last weekend's 57-0 domination of Clemson, it is apparent that the ACC is FSU and eight dwarves. So why not save everyone time and money and give FSU the title? Just a suggestion in this age of one-conference college athletics. For the last few years, a number of top offensive linemen have been coming from the dirtmouth Tom Mandrich, who was taken ahead of Barry Sanders, to Henry Thomas, who was traded by the Bears and cut by the Falcons. Finally, an offensive lineman is putting out early. He is already starting for the Saints and is playing at a level which could earn him a Pro Bowl trip in his first season. Maybe the Lions didn't rob the Saints of Pat Swilling.

PRO BASKETBALL, ... OK! So I know this is in one of the two months that the NBA basketball season is not in season, but something has happened that I must comment on. The Sacramento kings have signed their number one draft choice, Bobby Hurley. How will Hurley's upbringing affect an undeniably team lacking in character, defense, and chemistry? "This is the first time that I actually getting excited about the Kings playing season."

Well, I have nothing else to add. Any disagreements with anything I said in this column and work and take up with my oldie, Leeanne Morris. And bring a baseball bat.
Monday, September 20, 1993 THE ARGUS CHRONICLE

Amicus computer-like rankings

M-W dominates softball polls; Volleyball, mini-golf heat up

By BILL MARSH

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT... The smell of pine tar and the roar of the crowd filled the ballyhoo halls of M-W in anticipation of the inaugural SBA Intramural Softball Tournament. This anticipation gave way to victory and bloodshed, as 110 people on nine teams battled for the crown in the early hours of Sept. 3. Towehawks went the1 corded spells, the new dignified, not relit; "Law School Champions" t-shirts. Towel users trip to the emergency room.

When the dust settled and the bat was lowered, Crimes Against Nature emerged victorious. The team was led by spiritual leader and information director, Jeffrey "Kiko" 'Electrical' Short (who was on the verge of the ultimate disgrace, being stripped of his intramural nickname, for not providing me with information on the tournament). Key contributions also came from "Deen" Matt Vroom, Scott Greco "Roman", and Susan "Bob" Siegel.

MORE SOFTBALL... Picking up where they left off from the SBA tournament, M-W's softball teams are dominating intramural competition. To date, the six M-W teams are 8-1 against their undergrad opponents and have outscored them 123-37.

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process must now be approved by the dean of the law school and finally the president of the school.

At its first meeting the Subcommittee agreed to follow first-year on the Council. The Council would pick four members of the first-year class, with an ultimate goal of reducing the unrepresented group of students from seven to six members each from the second- and third-year classes. The 4-6 membership scheme would allow for trials to still be held for incidents which may occur early in the school year before first-year students can be chosen.

At its second meeting the Council discussed making the Council as elected body rather than having members appointed by the SBA President. Brennan attended the meeting to lobby the Subcommittee for his group’s proposal to have all members of the Council elected.

“This is the consensus of trying to take the Honor System and inject it back onto the student body,” Brennan told the Subcommittee.

But some members of the Subcommittee were concerned about an election turning into a popularity contest. Hopkins said that in appointing members, he and SBA President Kyle Short were able to screen applicants for experience and commitment to the Honor System. They also were able to ensure diversity.

Brennan then proposed having the Chief Justice elected by students and other members of the Council appointed.

Brennan said that the commitment and quality of appointed officials are always uncertain since with so many members, President is not able to spend a lot of time with them.

“Do we want to make the Chief Justice a political position? To a certain extent, elections tend to denigrate the position,” Brennan said.

But Jacob cautioned the Subcommittee that making the Chief Justice an elected position is “a risk, but I think it’s an acceptable risk.”

The Subcommittee narrowly approved (4-3) a recommendation that the office of the Chief Justice be a position elected by the entire student body. With this decision, though, the Subcommittee then discussed whether the Chief Justice, the SBA President, or some combination of the two should have the authority to choose Council members.

Jacob said he felt suspicious of “an organization where the leader picks all of its members” and felt that such a system would lead to “citizens” and possible appearance of impropriety. He said the current appointment system works fine. Hopkins argued that a primary function of the elected Chief Justice’s campaign would be to appoint the full Council members. He also cautioned that the SBA President “has a lot on his plate” and may not have enough time to give the Council appointments the best attention.

McGrady suggested a compromise solution in which a committee of three, the Chief Justice, the SBA President, and an SBA Board representative would select the Council members. In this way, McGrady explained, all three branches of the student government could become involved in the process for an ideal system of checks and balances.

After much debate, the Subcommittee voted 4-3 that the appointment power should remain under the authority of the SBA President.

The Subcommittee also discussed removing the confirmation requirement from the Code. The final vote on this decision, however, was tabled in order to keep the existing Honor Code confirmation requirement.

The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be Tuesday, and place to be announced. The announcement will include the proper definition of “inviolability” in the jurisdictional hearing stage and modifications in the appointment process, such as requiring applicant interviews and posting of their names.

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move more than half of the 10 SBA allocations to cover the costs of representing M-N in national and regional competitions.

Last year the SBA came under fire from members of the SBA for spending too much money on “competitive activities.” Short acknowledged the criticism that the SBA President’s position was “one factor” in the revised budget planning.

“This is the committee of the people, you know, and [the SBA President] has to look for a lot of money,” Jacob said. “It was a recommendation that the office of the SBA President be the appointment of the Honor Council members.”

The SBA President, Matt Holloran (R), defended his organization’s share of the funding: “Where people don’t understand is that if M-Court weren’t getting this money it would be going somewhere else in the College,” he said.

“Here we had our last budget last spring before the BSA, while the last Court portion of the budget, instead of $26,000 the SBA would be getting about $10,000. My only gripe is that many of these organizations who are receiving funding now were around last spring and didn’t bother submitting a budget request.”

Holloran added that the reduction could send the wrong message to those concerned about the level of funding for competitive teams. “The message we want the SBA to send is that M-Court has the support of the student body. By cutting our budget, they’re saying ‘You’re right, we can get along with less.’”

Changes in Bylaws

In addition to the budget revisions, the SBA board met in a special session Sept. 1 to approve changes to the SBA Bylaws. The changes were necessary for consistency with Judicial Council policy before the new election of 12 representatives.

“With all these changes we’re trying to be consistent with the rules.”

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amount of money spent on grants, Medicaid and schools (K-12) has increased. According to Cell, this is due in large part to the federal policy of passing increased responsibility, and consequently expenses, to the states.

Jones said that “if all areas of state government would make their own reductions, the education reduction would be less than 4 percent.”

The December 1996 budget, which affected all Virginia state-supported institutions of higher learning, differ significantly from the upcoming budget cuts. Three years ago, both state and federal funds were reduced.

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Variations of the new revenue increases can result in a report to the Judicial Council of a possible Honor Code change.

Harriman told a more professional, less hurried,刷新 experience for this year’s participants. “This year’s