Felton Makes List of Nominees for Virginia Supreme Court

By Danielle Berry

Last Tuesday, April 8, Governor George Allen released the names of 31 candidates vying for a vacancy on the Virginia Supreme Court — a list which includes M-W professor Walter S. Felton, Jr. Felton, who teaches Trial Advocacy and Criminal Procedure at the law school, is the administrator of the Commonwealth Attorneys Services Council, a state agency that helps train local prosecutors. Until last year, Felton served as senior counsel to Republican Attorney General James G. Gilmore III (the presumptive Republican candidate in Virginia’s 1997 gubernatorial race).

Although it may be several weeks before Allen names his selection, Felton considers it “flattering to be included... flattering that there are others who feel I am worthy to be considered by the Governor.” Felton and the other nominees came to Allen’s attention after local bar associations and civic groups urged the candidates to submit their names and go forward with the process.

Reflecting on the nomination, Felton commented that he had reached “a point in life and faced with challenges and opportunities you never expect to get.” Although he described his selection as “humbling” because the Attorney General picked him out from a field of applicants, the Governor’s decision to consider him for the Supreme Court was a great honor. More humbling are Felton’s accomplishments in his own life, as he reflects on his father who attained only a second grade education, yet raised a son who now potentially sits on the verge of a seat on Virginia’s highest court.

Once he had been approached about offering himself up for consideration for the court, Felton spent a great deal of time deliberating about the ramifications of the position and whether he had enough... See FELTON on 9

M-W Opens New Summer Program in Malaysia

By Sutton Snook

Last Friday, M-W signed an agreement with the School of Law at the University of Malaya in Malaysia to conduct a summer program in Malaysia. The agreement, signed by the Presidents of both colleges and the Deans of both law schools, forges a lasting relationship between the two schools. The program will commence in 1998. The opening of the program will prove timely as Malaysia hosts the Commonwealth Games in 1998.

The agreement proposes a five week program to be conducted during June and July in which law students will be housed preferably in campus housing and classes will be taught in the new law school building. The University of Malaya’s law school rests on 600 acres in Kuala Lampur. Both Dean Krattenmaker and Dean Sochi Rachagan, of the University of Malaya Law School, heralded the agreement as opening each law school to new legal systems. “The program provides an opportunity for our students to interact with U.S. students,” said Rachagan.

Rachagan and Krattenmaker plan to have Malaysian students attend the W&M lectures conducted in Malaysia. “This is an opportunity to reach out to foreign institutions,” stated Rachagan. Rachagan noted that their law school does have programs with other Commonwealth nations, such as Australia and Canada, but this is the first program with a radically different legal system.

“I am very excited about the new program, especially because it will cause substantial interaction with a very strong... See LSIC on 10
From the Editor's Desk

On Saturday, as I was talking to the admitted students, I remembered the enthusiasm of each 1L class as they walk through the doors for the first time. So a thought struck me—what happened? Is the massive amount of work laid upon our shoulders such that we have no choice but to do everything at the last minute? Was it the eternal job search and the constant barrage of rejection letters, epitomized by the Platinum Plunger Awards? Or is it just us?

Many of the admitted students found the sense of community most attractive about the school. The Dean sat with them and ate lunch, chatting as he was walking in line for his sandwich just like the students. The Dean of Admissions stood at the door and greeted them as they arrived. The Registrar stood in the lobby and casually answered any questions, introducing them to law students who could give them another perspective. These are all things we take advantage of now, but to an admitted student, these make the difference. We are here, we have the latest Supreme Court decision, we take the State Bar exam, but to a student, they need someone just like themselves.

Professor Levy had a good point when he pondered whether law school is the reason lawyers tend to leave their work until the 11th hour. Is it possible that lawyers, having learned in law school to work efficiently and quickly under extreme time constraints, tend naturally to procrastinate? The question begs the answer. Law school forces students to complete large amounts of work in a short period of time. If the student is successful, i.e., gets away with it, then he or she has learned that it is not necessary to budget time throughout a month when it can be done in a weekend. These time constraints are compounded by the stress of a job search. Although OCPP’s work is admirable, law school still places enormous pressure on students to find a high paying job in a large firm. The higher a student is ranked, the higher the expectation. Those with jobs flush them and those without become embittered. It can’t be helped when a student sends 100 applications and receives 95 rejections, two interviews, and three notes saying only that the firm will take their application into consideration. We are fortunate to be at a school where 99 percent find jobs within nine months, but this is little comfort when a student looks in the mailbox to find 50 thin envelopes. It is no wonder that when a student finally does find a job and is finished with the application process that he or she holds a less stellar opinion of the job hunt.

Finally, I must ask whether we, the students, are a cause of our malaise. There is only so much the administration can do to make law school at least minimally enjoyable. What does it say when a rumor flies through the building in less than an hour? Someone once said, correctly, that our school has a grapevine of which even Ernest and Julio Gallo would be jealous. Far too many people are more concerned with the latest word than their own happiness. More importantly, too many people are too quick to blame their own unhappiness on others, rather than ask themselves what they have done to not make themselves happy. If every student took responsibility for himself or herself, then the school would be a better place. Instead, we have become obsessed with making ourselves feel better relative to others.

Law school is hard enough.

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"The dog's name is 'Charly.'  Not 'Charlie.'"

Best Regards,

Susan Grover

Editor's Note: This letter refers to a bequest made to her in the Will, printed in the Ambulance Chaser

From The President's Desk

By Frank Sabia

As another school year winds down, I would like to inform you of what the SBA is working on currently, and some of the plans we have for the Fall. First, graduation is tomorrow and that means the annual BBQ and social event for the graduating 3L's and their families. The SBA will welcome help from anyone who would like to sell tickets and/or work these events. The BBQ will be on Saturday, May 10th from 12-4 p.m. on the law school lawn and there will be a cocktail party that night from 8:30- midnight in Trinkle Hall. Tickets will be available in the lobby this week, April 1st-18th from 10-2.

We also need volunteers to help out at the law school commencement ceremony on Sunday, April 11th. See Frank Sabia, Shaun Rose, or Krista Weber for more information.

The SBA is also coordinating the annual Lake Matoaka BBQ held at the end of Law Camp (Saturday, August 23rd). Hopefully we will have nice weather in August for this event. Since the magical riff-playing fingers of Tom Church (3L) will be graduating, we are looking for someone who can step up and take the reigns to maybe provide some live entertainment for this event. Anyone interested can drop a note in the SBA hanging files. We also welcome any suggestions you would like to make. There will be a huge effort over the summer to clean up the student lounge. The administration is having the old, dirty, ugly, ripped gold and orange chairs in the lounge re-upholstered. The lockers will be cleaned out over the summer, so be sure to remove your belongings and take your locks off, otherwise you will lose whatever you have in there. Also, be sure to remove any foodstuffs and containers you have in the fridge before leaving for the summer. The bulletin board above the hanging files will be cleaned off and there will be new rules for posting on it in the Fall so that it doesn’t look like the pig sty it is now. Dean Galloway was nice enough to get us smokers some more ash trays for the patio and, as a result, you are never more than five feet from one when you are out there smoking, so those of you who keep throwing your cigarette butts on the ground, stop it now!

We are still working with Marriott to bring food service to our lounge for the upcoming school year. There are many alternative plans if this should fail, and I will not back down from my promise of making this happen.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

The dog’s name is “Charly.” Not “Charlie.”

Best Regards,

Susan Grover
A Word From Outgoing President Shaun Rose

By Shaun Rose

As my third and final year of law school is coming to an end, I have found myself often reflecting upon my time here at William and Mary. Most of my thoughts center on the last year or so when I served as SBA President. I don’t think I ever realized this before, but serving the school in that capacity was truly the greatest honor I have ever had. Yes, it was a lot of work, and yes, those of you close to me probably heard me complain about it — a lot.

For a year, the job almost totally consumed me. However, as I look back now, it is not with thoughts of regret, but with thoughts of happiness. For a year, I was able to dedicate myself to this school and my fellow classmates. It was a very satisfying experience.

However, I also look back with feelings of anxiety and worry. I don’t know how many realize it, but our school’s infrastructure has undergone a significant amount of change over the last couple of years. It started before my class arrived when the school unified the student government. It continued my first year with the SBA President Julie Patterson establishing the organization as a presence in the law school community.

It continued my second year with one of the most active SBA Board of Directors the law school has ever had. And it ended this year with the SBA Board continuing to expand its involvement in the community and becoming much more diverse, both in composition and in the types of issues with which we attempted to deal.

We also had to deal with several important events such as the rewriting of the SBA Constitution, the threat from the undergrad student government to take away the SBA’s powers of allocating student fee money to law school groups, and, most importantly the unification of the Honor Codes. The SBA had to deal with all of these issues and had a substantial effect on their outcomes. I wonder what the ultimate result will be and how good of a job we really did. Did we save the law school honor system, or did we ruin it and just won’t realize it for a few years?

I also worry because the SBA has been growing faster than the community’s interest in it. A few years ago, the SBA was run by one or two of the popular figures in the school and all it did was one or two social events.

Now, it has become a much more complex and outspoken organization. Fortunately, more and more people have been treating board positions as important duties to be undertaken, rather than just something to be put on a resume.

The law school has been coming to the realization that the law school community is an im-

Car Fire

By Danielle Berry

On Sunday, April 6, at approximately 2:30 p.m., an announcement rang through the law library requesting that the owner of a 1985 Cutlass Supreme station wagon return to that vehicle. This first announcement was quickly followed by a word of advice for the white Volkswagen parked next to the Cutlass, specifically, “You may want to move the vehicle as the car next to yours is on fire.”

Curious students tore themselves away from their studies to see the vehicle with smoke and flames rising from beneath the hood. Due to an electrical problem, the guardrails and began the initial efforts to alerting the authorities, grabbed fire extinguishers and began the initial efforts to squash the blaze.

Although the Cutlass was totaled, the efforts of all who participated saved the Volkswagen from suffering any damage. From the incident — a fact due in large part by the rapid response of both students who happened to see smoke rising out of the car and the Williamsburg Fire Department who responded to the call because the James City Fire Department was dispatched on another call. Melvin Williams, who volunteers for the Williamsburg Fire Department, arrived on the scene almost immediately as, even though he was not on duty, he happened to be working in the law library.

Several students noticed the fire and immediately alerting the authorities, grabbed fire extinguishers and began the initial efforts to squelch the blaze.

Although the Cutlass was totaled, the efforts of all who participated saved the Volkswagen from suffering any damage.

Lawyer

Melvin Williams, a volunteer firefighter since 1995, responded to the fire after hearing police sirens and seeing smoke in the law school parking lot.

Law School Parking Lot

Williamsburg and James City County Fire Department members investigate the car which exploded in front of the law school on Sunday.

Visits

M-W Visits

Regarding aspect of public interest work was the intellectual challenges. “You get juiced over your cases. You have a direct and personal impact on your clients,” stated Vladeck. He also cited the necessity of working closely with other lawyers and that there is more lawyering than moving large sums of money from one coffers to another, commonplace in corporate practice, according to Vladeck.

When asked what the least attractive aspect of public interest work, Vladeck commented that “most people would expect me to say the financial sacrifice, but I don’t feel I have made a sacrifice.” Vladeck added that he doesn’t really see a downside.

Lawyer

Custos on several main areas: separation of powers, regulation of professions such as the legal community and health and safety regulations, and government accountability. Notable cases that Vladeck or his organization have argued before the Supreme Court and/or worked on include the Nixon tapes case, INS v. Chadha, and most recently, a case that explored whether privately hired prison guards are afforded the same sovereign immunity as publicly hired prison guards under §1983 suits.

Vladeck personally has argued three cases before the Supreme Court and his office has argued 40 cases. “Arguing before the Court is like running a marathon; there is a lot of preparation time, reading everything in the field, moot arguments, etc.” stated Vladeck. He commented that the process was mentally draining. He added that the Court is concerned with the law, not just the case before it, and the case almost becomes something like the legislative process. While Vladeck stands up to the podium with an outline, he stated that 28 minutes of the 30 allotted minutes is consumed with questioning from the Justices. Vladeck’s most insightful advice of the Court came from his son, who said that there is no sense of the Justices working together — there is no logical progression and the questioning is out of sequence.

Vladeck said the most re-
A new ethnic court in Chechnya, southern Russia, recently encountered the problem of damages payable to tort victims. In one of the court’s first decisions, a man convicted of killing another man in an automobile accident was ordered to pay $3,200 to the victim’s relatives. The source of this unusual remedy can be traced to instructions on Islamic law given to the new Muslim judges by a Jordanian-born Chechen who had spent eight years living in Afghanistan. A problem of payment arises, though, in light of the fact that there are no cansels in Chechnya. As a means of resolution, the judges performed several animal husbandry calculations in order to convert the canel award to its equivalent in bulls (which are available in Chechnya) and then to translate the bovine award into its cash equivalent. Once all the numbers flew, the judges determined that the tortfeasor should pay his victim’s family $630,000. When the defendant protested that it would be impossible for him to acquire that much money in the war-battered former Soviet republic, the court adjusted the award. Bottom line: Defendant owes plaintiff $360. Who really needs something superfluous like the legislation to handle this reform stuff?

Saddam Hussein Loses War, Then Battle
Saddam Hussein, the infamous leader of Iraq who didn’t exactly fare well in the Persian Gulf War, found his success in a French court equal to that in warfare. In February, Hussein filed a libel suit in Paris against Le Nouvel Observateur, a weekly French magazine, for a story which was described by other Arab leaders as stupid and incompetent and referred to as, among other things, an “executioner,” a “monster,” a “muderer,” a “perfect cretin,” and a “noodle.” The French court dismissed Hussein’s complaint, ruling that he should have sued under laws protecting chiefs of state from insult, rather than under libel laws. Just a suggestion, but, wouldn’t truth be an absolute defense?

Torts Reformski

A California Court of Appeals recently upheld the 1995 ruling of a Marin County judge admitting to probate the will of Sam Zakessian which left $2 million to his girlfriend and dog boot to his relatives. The will approved by the lower class consisted of scumbag on a four-and- four-inch piece of paper which contained the decedent’s instructions notwithstanding that his directives were difficult to read as well. The legibility of the “will” was further hampered by the fact that it was scribbled over by what appeared to be obliterations, but the court interpreted to be Zakessian’s initials written 21 times (from angles such as rotated, sideways, and upside-down), three different dates (including one written sideways over three lines of text), and two signatures which had been written diagonally on the document. The appellate court aptly concluded that Zakessian’s will “is not easily described.” Perhaps Professor Donaldson should sit the court down for a brief lesson on such minor issues as revocation, attestation, and common sense in interpretation.

Death Penalty Appeal Goes to the Dogs
Chris Eck, an attorney in Bend, Oregon, included all the traditional issues found in a death penalty appeal, from violation of due process to ineffective assistance of counsel. The clients on whose behalf the appeal was filed, however, make the case worth reporting as Eck represents a seven-year-old golden retriever named Jessie and a nine-month-old beagle named Chase. This case began when another animal (either a stray dog or a coyote) ventured into owner Lynn Stone’s yard and attacked Chase. When Jessie attempted to rescue Chase, Stone opened the gate and allowed all three animals to roam into a neighbor’s yard. By January, both dogs had been tried, convicted, and sentenced to death in a hearing before a dog control board in Deschute County, Oregon, on a charge that they had chased the neighbor’s sheep. Pursuant to Oregon law, a dog receives only a slap on the wrist for injuring a human, but when sheep or other livestock are injured or chased, watch out, for execution looms for the offender.

Eck, who has never handled a canine capital case previously, won a last-minute stay of execution from the county’s circuit court after which he filed a petition for a writ of review. The primary argument advanced on behalf of the dogs lies in a due process claim stemming from the fact that Stone did not receive notice of her right to have an attorney present at the initial hearing and sentencing. Should the petitioner’s request be granted, the dogs will likely have another day before the dog control board. The Oregon legislature also plans to enter the fray as by-state Senator Neil Bryant currently is drafting a bill which would make the death sentence optional instead of mandatory for first-offense chasing.

Of course you need brains to be in the Mob...

Sammy “The Bull” Gravano, a former hitman for the Gotti crime-family, has decided to make himself a walking target for those nice men who run the New York City Mafia. First, Gravano cooperated with author Peter Maas’ on his own biography, entitled Underboss, which will be released in April. Then Gravano, whose testimony helped send John “Teflon Don” Gotti to prison for life without parole as well as putting 36 other玛西施 to the slammer and who admits to making 19 hits for the Gotti family, quit the Witness Protection Program. Gravano has stated that he “wants to take his chances on the street.” Dumb mistake number one.

Of course, Gravano had plastic surgery after he went underground with the program, so one would think he might be relatively safe. Think again as, in an astonishing display of omnipotence, Gravano agreed to have his picture included in Maas’ biography of him. According to Maas, the recently divorced Gravano may have allowed his photographs to be used in order to attract the attention of interested ladies. Dollars to doughnuts, he hears from some other individuals with a different “interest” first.
Warren Delivers Wythe Lecture on tax reform

By Paul Walker

For the second time in as many weeks, a Harvard Law professor escaped the frozen tundra of Boston to lecture in the friendly confines of the William and Mary School of Law. This time it was Professor Alvin C. Warren, Jr., who delivered the Wythe Lecture on Thursday, April 10. In his lecture, “Three Models of Tax Reform,” Professor Warren reviewed three current models of tax reform and an estimation of how well the various approaches are understood by both policy makers and the public.

The first model Warren discussed was improving the existing tax system by eliminating distinctions in the application of taxes and broadening the tax base. The prime example of such plans is designed to shift the United States from a system based on personal income tax to one oriented toward consumption taxes. Essentially, as illustrated by Warren, the Forbes flat tax proposal is essentially a tax on retail consumption. The USA Tax differs from the flat tax because it is a consumption-type tax with deductions for savings. The USA Tax uses graduated rates to achieve higher revenues because the deduction for savings in effect serves to reduce the effective tax base. Warren's third model was the vaguest and least easily understood.

the wrongs of the country thing,” a much better one than the “it seemed like a good idea at the time” which many of us tried on our parents.

While doing an LLM at Yale, Mary took an interest in medical science and the law which produced a job at the Public Health Service. This lasted only ten months and then she went on to the United Nations on April 3 to deliver a lecture on the challenges of a career in the public interest.

The first thing that one notices is that Mary Pendergast is not the face of an all consuming need to take over your life; rather she’s a fairly jolly type with a definite twinkle in the eye. This image was confirmed when I asked what drew her to law school in the first place, the reply was that “60s right

Pendergast delivers lecture to students.

Leading Criminologist Charles Ogletree Visits M-W

By Paul Walker

A day after The New York Times Magazine published an in-depth profile of Nelson Mandela, I found myself in the Bill of Rights Institute office having a very detailed conversation with Harvard criminal law professor Charles Ogletree. It was not the conversation I had pictured having with Professor Ogletree given what I previously knew of his background: seven years as a public defender in Washington, D.C., Director of Harvard’s Criminal Justice Institute, and the author of Beyond the Rodney King Story.

It turns out, however, that Ogletree earned a Masters in International Relations at Stanford before entering Harvard Law School, where he took quite a few international law interests. Professor Ogletree continues to have a heavy interest in international affairs, even though he eventually ended up in criminal law. He traveled to South Africa during apartheid to represent ANC members charged with crimes by the South African government.

After apartheid’s elimination, Ogletree conducted a series of lectures on the U.S. Constitution in South Africa as part of the drafting process for the new South African Constitution. When asked about the best and worst aspects of the time Constitution, Professor Ogletree indicated that the best and worst were the same thing. The new constitution creates lots of rights and protections, according to Ogletree, but the problem is that there are so many that they conflict without a way of balancing the rights, as the U.S. Constitution attempts to do.

When the subject of the South African Truth Commission (the body headed by Bishop Tutu which is giving amnesty to those who committed atrocities during apartheid so long as they fully confess their crimes), Professor Ogletree — who throughout our conversation and in his talk the next day came across as an exceedingly deliberate speaker — became quite impassioned.

Ogletree views the Truth Commission as the proper method for societal reconciliation in South Africa, eschewing the drawn out trials and controversies which occur, for example, in the united Germany. Ogletree proudly pointed out that the Truth Commission had been approved by the newly elected legislature following the first truly open elections in South African history, showing the level of support for such an approach throughout the country, and especially in the black community. Ogletree stated that “The cost of freedom is very high and the cost of equality is exceedingly high,” but that the price was a “necessary and painful [one] to pay for liberty and democracy.”

When asked about working as a public defender, and doing public interest work in general, Professor Ogletree offered two pieces of advice. First, he indicated that someone interested in such work must have the motivation needed to sustain them in their practice. The proper motivation helps avoid burnout, malaise, and alienation. Ogletree also indicated that it helps to be able to see the world from the client’s perspective to be able to persuade the client that you are truly committed to helping them. The second thing that is important, according to Ogletree is to recognize that our system is better than most, but not perfect.

While visiting M-W, Professor Ogletree participated in various classes and met with numerous groups of students during all his meals (thanks to Dean Barnard). Professor Ogletree also delivered a lecture on “The Benefits and Burdens of Race in America.”
Public Interest Lawyer Speaks on Challenges of Public Service Practice

VLAD ECK from 3 but then added that working on the office budget is the only downside of being director of the Public Citizen Litigation Group. He stated that he must remain worried from where the next dollar will come for the Group, but added that this is not unique to public interest work; all lawyers must worry about the source of funding.

Vlad Eck teaches as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School, but when asked to compare the two institutions, he noted that at Georgetown, the professors "place barbed wire in front of their doors" to avoid students, and that one-third of Georgetown's faculty are adjunct, meaning that many professors seldom are available to students.

Vlad Eck came to M-W as part of the inaugural Public Interest Lecture. He received an L.L.M. from Georgetown in 1977, a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1976, and a B.A. from Washington Square College. New York University in 1972. Vlad Eck is married to Mary Pendergast.

Assistant Director of FDA Visits M-W

PENDERGAST from 5 you're at work unless you're being torn in all directions. You had no bad comments for Congress (although I pushed for one!) and said that the biggest problem a government lawyer faces is that one politician will berate you for not doing something while the other will berate you for doing the exact same thing. They both believe in their point, and may or may not be fully informed, but simply come from different directions. The only solution to this problem is simply to stick to the book and try to explain. The "touchstones" of the FDA for drugs are: 1) Is it safe? and 2) Is it effective? A classic example of this problem is abortion and the pills/diapers associated with it. It's about as hot a political potato as one could look for and the FDA is right in the middle. Their position is currently that it's legal and the products are considered safe and effective so they have to be approved; an idea which some politicians don't like. The extra element is that the agency's hands are often tied, almost anything they do must be approved by the Office of Management and Budget, a section of the White House made up of MBAs and economists.

The big lessons that Mary has to give are that if you're looking for a rewarding career where you can go home and say that you personally made, or did your best to make, a positive difference in peoples' lives then public interest work is for you. If you're looking for a Porsche, a bespoke tailored suit, and not too much of a challenge, then maybe not. A lawyer at the FDA or anywhere similar isn't going to earn what a partner at Big, Bigger & Lots of Cash does, but what you lose in green stuff you'll gain in experience. It sounds like you won't have time to go shopping anyway.
The Rankings Game: Ideas to Beat the Odds

Ray Raya

After our recent drop in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, I wanted to make a couple of new recommendations, call for action on some of my old suggestions, and generally remind everyone that the rankings are important but they are not a measure of an institution. Instead, they help with things like jobs, clerkships, and raising money, but the quality of our education still remains the same. Why go for a higher rank, then? Well, we have great faculty, administration, and an unbelievable student body, but the whole country should know about it, not just us. Like I always tell Ken Greenspan, "A politician should always do the right thing, but there is also nothing wrong with having a press secretary tell everyone that you are doing the right thing." So here is the latest installment.

1. Attitude: We must have the "can do" attitude and not try to explain away our drops as fluctuations.

The World has dropped four places in three years. We must now make a concerted effort to turn it around.

2. Money: I know that Dean Krattmaker is working diligently and effectively on this issue, so there is very little we as students can do. We should, however, try to be as generous as possible when we become alumni. I think that the administration should toss around the idea of a $500 or $1000 charge for all incoming students the way that UVa. Law does to raise more revenue. I cannot really say that it's the best plan, but a discussion of it would be important. But let us not overstate the importance of money, as it only accounts for 15 percent of the ranking equation.

3. Reputation: We should offer two or three independent study positions to students who have public relations expertise and get them to conduct an exhaustive project of PR to the academic, judicial/legal communities. If you have this experience, ask Dean Krattmaker or Dean Barnard if they will allow you to do it.

4. Reputation by Academics and Lawyers: U.S. News made clear that by far academics return their evaluation forms at a significantly higher percentage than do lawyers/judges. Therefore, the ideas below are targeted at the faculty and administration of the other ABA law schools as they are specifically asked what they think of every school... including W&M.

A. Announcement Letters: Each of our journals should send announcement letters to every ABA school heralding the new articles in our law journals. Send one to each dean and also the professors who specialize in that area.

B. Most Court and Trial Teams: Each time a team visits a school for a tournament, the team should make an effort to meet with the student officers of that school and rave about W&M and also about the school at which they are (they will love the flattery). Sending thank you notes to the dean and/or faculty advisors will also trigger good impressions as the dean fills out his/her U.S. News ranking survey.

C. Visits from Judges/Dignitaries: Dean Barnard and John Barnard if they get a special note here for providing great receptions after special presentations. Judge Abner Mikva told me personally, as he nosed on some grapes, that we run a top notch place here. In addition, we should assign students to chaperone and help judges/dignitaries when they visit the school (the BBA, Dean's Associates, or other student groups would be great for this). It makes a great impression. We can also coordinate with the Center for State Courts, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (Has Maggie had a tour?), and the College to bring every dignitary any of these groups have visiting over to Professor Lederer's virtual reality courtroom. (Mark Warner got a tour, and Fred really dazzled him.) Let's dazzle everyone.

D. Faculty Public Relations: Let's start promoting our professors as news sources for all publications and also news shows like "Burden of Proof" (I think Professor Butler could give Greta a run for her money). In that vein, every reporter who comes down for the Supreme Court Preview should use our professors as sources. I think Dean Krattmaker could have them eating out of his hand on that one.

5. Alumni Ambassador Program: This is a hit by far, my favorite program, but to get it going Dean Shealy and Dean Overy need to agree that it would be a good idea and if so, push it forward. It would work like this, First, Dean Shealy would find out when Rutgers College (or any undergraduate college or university) invites representatives from all the law schools to come to the school for a "Law Day," when they hand out applications and brochures. Then Dean Overy would call me up (or another New Jersey alum) and ask if I would volunteer a couple of hours to talk up W&M to the Rutgers undergrads. This program would get us a diverse student body, more national exposure, and send the number of applications we receive through the roof. This is also exactly where our rankings would go because: a. U.S. News puts "number of applications received" into their ranking equation (the more we get the better we do); b. we can require higher LSAT scores and GPA from the people we admit (now we are at 163 LSAT, but we could go to 165 or 164) and we would then be virtually assured of a Top 25 ranking.

6. Bar Pass Rates: U.S. News now uses bar pass rates in their equations. So everyone should study hard... you too Almeida... and we'll pick that one up as well.

If you have any questions or just want to rap, call me at (908) 536-6302 or email me at rayara@pegasus.rutgers.edu.

A Brief History of Time—or The Last Three Years At Least

By Chris Ambrosio

Is anybody still with me? Whew, I know the title might scare off a few people, but no, this is not related to Stephen Hawking's great work on the origins and composition of the universe which, well, makes you look smart when it's sitting on your bookcase. Rather, this is a tale that chronicles the last three years of life at the William & Mary School of Law.

As this will be the last issue of the AMicus for the year and, thus, this author's last column, some sort of historical chronology seems appropriate to bring closure to the whole experience. The "law student" mentioned below is designed to represent a cross-section of the current graduating class, and this tale will be told from his perspective. Of course, when I say "cross-section of the graduating class," I mean me.

August 15, 1994. Law student arrives at a place called "The Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary." Feels like a huge dork because he is dressed in a suit and carrying a canvas bookbag/satchel thing. Feels especially uncomfortable when student ID photography says, in front of a group of people, "nineteen ninety-nine, huh? You're the oldest one yet." Law student is relieved when he discovers that registration is being conducted roughly in alphabetical order.

Law student is fired up when a person named Thomas Krattenmann engangesen, who is apparently the new professor of Proof...I think himself: "Hmmm, must be a problem with the thermostat. They should have that fixed pretty quickly, and the temperature should equalize before too long. After they get it fixed, I bet this won't happen again."

December 7, 1994. In a fitting tribute to Pearl Harbor Day, law student takes Professor Hardy's Tort exam. Law student is a little perplexed by the multiple choice section, in which he encounters questions such as "The sky is: (a) blue, (b) really blue, (c) above the ground, or (d) sometimes filled with clouds."

December 10, 1994, 9:00 a.m. Law student starts to take Professor Butler's Property exam.

December 10, 1994, 9:30 a.m. Law student is dropping out of law school and pursuing alternate career choices, such as circus clown or MTV vee-jay.

February, 1995. Law student attends New Jersey Bar Association. Law student has a good laugh when he hears George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words" comedy bit and 2 Live Crew's "We Want Some Pussy" in constitutional law class. Law student changes opinion back about Professor Devins.

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Felton Makes Allen's list for Virginia Supreme Court

Felton from 1 confidence in himself and his abilities to continue in a process which may result in his assumption of a position with potentially serious ramifications for the future of the state. After taking a long, quiet ride, however, Felton determined that he was "comfortable enough with myself that I can [serve on the court] and that's not an easy thing to decide."

Felton's decision was made all the more difficult by the fact that he would have to leave Marshall-Wythe in order to accept the position. Describing the law school environment as "a very special community that one does not find a lot in life," Felton now has a great deal of enthusiasm about his job and the people with whom he works. As he considered the commitment he may be making for the rest of his life, Felton considered whether the benefit enjoyment of his life will be more or less pleasurable should he receive an appointment to the court.

Pointing to last year's 4-3 decisions to deny an openly lesbian mother custody of her son and to allow workers to sue if they are fired for having a baby, court observers believe that Allen's selection of a justice could tilt the high court's ideological balance on a variety of social and economic issues. Felton affirmed the importance of the nomination to the landscape of the court, noting that the court votes 4-3 on a lot of cases and that major issues involving the state's health care delivery, telecommunications, and education lie on the horizon for the coming terms. Felton sees the court involved in "serious struggles [on cutting edge, volatile issues] with an attempt to find a leveling influence."

The vacancy on the high court arises as a result of the resignation of Justice Roscoe B. Stephenson, Jr. Although the power to appoint justices to the supreme court normally lies in the General Assembly, state legislators lost the chance to fill the vacancy because of an unprecedented partisan showdown in February. This has made the increasing clout of Republican legislators whose power in the state Senate nearly equals that of the Democratic members who have dominated the body for nearly a century. By default, Governor Allen now may exercise the authority to appoint someone to a statewide judgeship for the first time since the Republicans garnered increased power in the state government last year.

Local prognosticators believe that Felton's connections to the Republican party, coupled with his popularity among members of the General Assembly and sitting justices on the Virginia Supreme Court, make it likely that the nomination will be greater than the "long shot" others have suggested. Felton suggested that geographical diversity will play a large role in the governor's selection as Justice Stephenson hails from Southwest Virginia.

Justice Stephenson resigns on July 1 and the newly appointed member of the court will assume the position at that time. A nominee likely will be announced in May.

Thank You Marshall-Wythe Class of 1997

By Laura Wellborn

With over $14,700 pledged to date, the Class of 1997 has begun to rally around the 3L Class Pledge Drive. The form of the class gift is a three-year pledge to the Fund for Excellence which Dean Krattenmaker uses to support the most pressing needs of the Law School. Private contributions to the fund represent a vital part of the annual budget for the law school. Such donations are particularly important to most student programs including scholarships, moot court, national trial team, all academic journals, and the Public Service Fund. Contributions to the class gift can be designated to any of these areas or left unrestricted leaving the Dean with the greatest flexibility in meeting daily needs of the law school.

"We are eager to surpass last year's class which raised almost $20,000 with 61 percent participation," said Cristin Zeissler, Public Service Fund Drive Chair. Pledges made to the Public Service Fund by the class of 1997 also count toward the class gift total. As of Friday afternoon, 32 percent of the class had responded with a commitment.

If a fellow classmate hasn't already spoken with you regarding the class gift, you can stop by Judy Caldwell's office in Room 114 and pick up a pledge form. The first pledge payment is not due until June 30, 1998. A celebration and announcement of the final pledge total will be held at the Chili Cook-off party on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. on the patio.

Special thanks is extended to the entire 3L Class for your generous contribution of time and financial resources to the Class Pledge Drive. Your commitment ensures that future students have the same, or even greater, positive experience that you did. Best of luck to each of you in your ensuing legal careers and congratulations.

Attention 3L's 27 days until graduation!

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May 6, 1995, and final exam for the semester, just point to the library and say "there are the materials for your write-on competition," and then distribute a memo listing the four items that were not included.

May 9, 1995. After a couple days of "reading" the packet, law student attempts to begin writing his paper for the Law Review write-on competition. The only phrase he can come up with, however, is "Hey, Law Review — write on this!!"

August, 1995. Law student attends his first criminal law class with Professor Felton. Law student loves the professor's accent, particularly when he says "arehah" when he means "area." Later on, law student will enjoy Professor Felton's good natured ribbing of Kenny Greenspan and Tim Morrison when Kenny and Tim bring an "excuse note" (which gets them out of being called on) down to the podium every single class period.

Sometime during 1995 or 1996. Law student goes to bed after attending classes at a college called "The Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary." Wakes up the next morning and attends classes at a place called "The William and Mary School of Law," which is curiously located in the same building.

February, 1996. Law student attends Barrister's Ball with his girlfriend (who is now his fiancee) because his girlfriend has a scheduling conflict. Law student ends up passing out on a friend's couch at five o'clock in the morning, fully dressed in his tuxedo and still wearing his glasses and shoes.

Sometime in the Fall, 1996. Law student finally gets around to reading Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, 115 S. Ct. 2097 (1995), a Supreme Court decision that caused a big ruckus on the issue of affirmative action. At the top of the opinion, law student encounters this: "O'CONNOR, J.," announced the judgment of the Court and delivered an opinion with respect to Parts I, II, III-A, III-B, III-D, and IV, which was for the Court except insofar as it might be inconsistent with the views expressed in the concurrence of SCALIA, J., and an opinion with respect to Part III-C. Parts I, II, III-A, III-B, III-D, and IV of that opinion were joined by REHNQUIST, C.J., and Kennedy and Thomas, JJ., and by SCALIA, J., to the extent hereinafore indicated; and Part III-C was joined by KENNEDY, J. SCALIA, J., and THOMAS, J., filed opinions concurring in part and concurring in the judgment. STEVENS, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which GINSBURG, J., joined; SOUTER, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which GINSBURG and BREYER, J., joined; GINSBURG, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which BREYER, J., joined." Law student decides not to read further.

Law student realizes that the sole purpose for the Supreme Court is to keep constitutional law professors employed and to perpetuate William and Mary's Supreme Court Preview series. Law student also realizes that the Supreme Court is utterly, completely, one hundred percent useless as far as the average attorney-fee-paying American is concerned.

February, 1997. Law student attends Barrister's Ball with fiancee. Law student has a nice time.

March, 1997. Law student continues to plod through the Virginia Bar application process, listing names and addresses of all the people he went to Kindergarten with and their blood types and next of kin. Law student double checks to make sure that he didn't accidentally pick up the application for the position entitled "Director of the Central Intelligence Agency."

April 9, 1997. Law student writes his last article for the Amicus. Starts getting misty-eyed while reflecting on his law school experience. Gets chocked up when thinking about all the memories, all the joy, all the pain that was law school...hey, is that Rachel and Phoebe from Friends hosting an awards show on VH-1? Why are they half-naked?...Oh, man, you've got to be kidding — Field of Dreams on the USA Network? This rocks!

Special note to my fans: If either of you are interested, there is a good chance that I will be writing for an on-line magazine called "Giddypup" after I graduate from law school. I say "magazine," but that is perhaps overstating it. My friend in Northern Virginia is putting together a Web site that will hopefully look like an on-line magazine. The address will be "http://www.erols.com/bhammond/giddypup," and you can look for it this summer.

In addition, I would like to thank the Amicus and its wonderful editorial staff for giving me this space every couple of weeks. It has truly been a pleasure, especially since I haven't been featured in an Ambulance Chaser story.

Finally, I would like to thank my fans, for without your support and encouragement, and in speaking to both of you from the heart, I would be just another law school dork with too much time on his hands. Thanks again, and best of luck in the future.

School Rank Rises to Number 3 in National Jurist

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Many dean's feel that the rankings place too much emphasis on the reputation of a school, and too little on the actual quality of the school. Indeed, Dean Thomas Krattenmaker has commented that the U.S. News rankings is heavily biased toward private expensive schools. He noted that the easiest way for M-W to increase ranking among expensive schools. He noted that the easiest way for M-W to increase

Other deans have mirrored Krattenmaker's sentiments and have added that many factors that students find important in choosing a school, such as assistance offered by the placement office, location, and number of classes offered. Others have noted that such categories as number of volumes in the library is becoming increasingly unimportant with the advent of technology based research. Consequently, while Harvard may maintain a 1.549 million volume library, and M-W has only 350,000, we are in fact very competitive because of our excellent computer resources. Petra Kiemlick, Director of

Circulation in the library, also noted that M-W's library is constantly updating and replacing outdated books, while Harvard merely adds more.

A growing number of schools have boycotted the U.S. News rankings by refusing to provide the data necessary to tabulate the ranks. The move was begun by Alma College, a small liberal arts school in Michigan. Nineteen additional schools have followed in the boycott, and many others have expressed their support.

While the new ranking may not prove much, it does prove that M-W is a much better school that the U.S.News gives it credit for, and that the rankings game is not as valuable a tool as many believe.

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

This week: Platinum Plunger

And the Winner Is...
A Lettinton Chronicle

By Robert Lettinton

I was quite happily daydreaming in Room 119 the other day, wondering whether the heat might dehydrate me before 3:00 p.m. or not, when the professor noted that she had a promise that the air-conditioning would be repaired that day. Within minutes two fellows arrived and shoved a screwdriver in some box (you can tell I am technically minded) and hey presto — air-conditioning! Why is this significant? Because it has been broken for months and two fellows with high school educations can fix what 600 graduate students can’t. Why did it take so long for the two fellows to show up? We assume because somebody with a college education is in charge of them. I’m not sure if there is a moral to this one, but if there is, it might suggest that we have wasted a lot of money.

After the great repair event, my neighbor—outed that quite a lot around the law school might get fixed this way. Some of the SBA’s ideas and a couple of the people who give out parking tickets come to mind. Although having said that, I must agree with the Dean that the ranking system would probably do with more of this sort of fixing than the school could. (There is my attempt to get my butt back in next fall when my GPA gets discovered — I’ve told you before that principles aren’t something with which I am cursed.)

But what will the admitted students make of our little world, and I say our little world because, thank goodness, we don’t have to share it with the ravening hordes of the main campus. On that note, an idea comes to mind — if the President of the College is as pro-law school as the undergrads claim, why doesn’t he switch the buildings around? We’ll have the main campus and grounds and they can all move over here. We’ll have lots of space and civilized surroundings and the Dean will get his wish that the law school will have so many resources that we’ll top Yale. Admittedly, the undergrads might be a little cramped so maybe we could agree to share our plot with the other graduate schools (and maybe — personal bias — some of the selectalk?) but they are not the future guardians of the Nation’s liberty are they? They just don’t need all that space. And being that we are the future guardians of the Nation’s liberty, maybe Colonial Williamsburg ought to rent us some of their rather pleasant little houses so that we could live in nice surroundings and concentrate on our studies so that we can be better guardians. It makes sense since their big plug is that they are the originators of all this liberty that we are meant to guard — we’d be the 17th meets the 21st century thing, hey that means that we actually are Clinton’s bridge; I’ve finally figured out what he’s talking about — me!

I have a strange feeling that none of this is likely to come to pass (but it would be nice) and it’s probably a good idea since I came up with the plan and plans that I come up with either tend to fall apart or not be quite the good ideas I thought they were. It also sort of illustrates the point that guarding the guardians of liberty can get a little out of hand if you let it. Thus somebody ought to give me lots of cash now so that I can spend my days idling on a veranda with a nice cool drink somewhere instead of doing exams, becoming a guardian and creating all the havoc I’m likely to. I’m sure two guys with a screwdriver could fix it for me — if they wanted to.

Admitted Students’ Weekend draws record number to the law school.
What to Do on a Ranieri Day...

Gross Pointe Blank Hits the Mark: Go See It!

By Lee Ranieri

Grosse Pointe Blank

Despite the cheesy sitcom-esque title, Grosse Pointe Blank is a fairly entertaining and witty movie. What’s most impressive about it, though, is that somehow the film follows a straightforward Holly­wood formula, but still feels creative and original. While it’s not likely to go down in the annals of film history, or even win any Oscars, Grosse Pointe Blank is good escapist entertainment for finals season.

Not surprisingly, Grosse Pointe Blank is about Martin Blank from Grosse Pointe, a wealthy suburb of Detroit. Martin, played by John Cusack, is an assassin who is somehow tracked down by his old high school and invited to his tenth anniversary reunion. At first, Martin has no interest in going. Not only does he have work to keep him busy, but he hasn’t been back to Michigan since he left town on prom night, stranding his date no less.

Fate and Hollywood scripts being what they are, however, Martin is practically forced back home. After he botches an assassination for a major client, the client insists that Martin make up for it with another job in — what are the odds — Detroit. Egged on by his overzealous secretary (Joan Cusack), Martin takes the job and agrees to go to the reunion.

After returning home, the story isn’t just the fish-out-of-water of an assassin at a plain vanilla reunion; a few wrinkles are thrown in. First, there’s Debi (Minnie Driver), the old prom date that Martin stood up. Not only does Martin obsess about her, but, conveniently enough, she is single and still living in Grosse Pointe as a disc jockey for a local radio station. So instead of an action-comedy, we have a romantic-action-comedy. Something for everyone. If I were more cynical, I’d think the screenwriters had deliberately set out to write a “date movie” that stereotypical men could enjoy also.

In addition to Debi, Martin has to worry about Mr. Grocer (Dan Aykroyd), a fellow assassin who’s trying to put together a union of sorts. Martin wants no part of it, and this rubs Mr. Grocer the wrong way. To make things worse, Mr. Grocer thinks he was entitled to the Detroit job, and that Martin submarined him. Being assassins and all, you can guess how this dramatic tension is resolved.

Because the story that drives Grosse Pointe Blank is only marginally clever, what makes it fun to watch are the details. The dialogue is usually witty and original, and most of the minor characters have memorable performances. Joan Cusack (John’s real-life sister) does a good job as Martin’s assistant, as does Alan Arkin, who plays a psychiatrist unhappy with treating a professional killer.

Overall, Grosse Pointe Blank is a good movie, but not a great movie. The script is funny enough, but has trouble tying together the loose ends, and occasionally gets sentimental to the point of corny. The directing by George Armitage is competent but unremarkable. On the other hand, how easy could it be to pass off Dan Aykroyd and John Cusack, Mr. Baby Face himself, as ruthless assassins? If you’re one of those folks who takes the rest of the day off after a final exam, you could do worse with your time than see Grosse Pointe Blank.

Rating: ⭐⭐ 1/2 (out of four)
Are Law Students Involved In The Community?

By David Young

Law Students Involved in the Community (LSIC), the umbrella organization for public service groups at the law school, will undergo a major reorganization and change in focus over the next year as a result of a recent town meeting held for the law school community to discuss ways William and Mary law students can become more involved in the community. Faculty members, student leaders, and interested students attended the hour-long discussion. The town meeting centered around public service and pro bono activities and the obstacles to pursuing these activities.

Joni McCray (LL), former president of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), spoke briefly about the need for volunteers in BLSA service projects. The Street Law Program, which was once a popular, effective program at Matthew Whaley Elementary School, has come under hard times this year due to lack of support. Elise Milstein (LL), current law school liaison with the Avalon Center for Women and Children, gave similar remarks. The shelter program and the court accompaniment program both have interested students, but the number of students who volunteer has dwindled over the past year. The frustrations of these two student leaders are shared by many student groups at the law school.

One way to increase the commitment of law students in public service programs at the law school is to provide an incentive to law students who participate. Law Students Involved in the Community has presented a proposal to the faculty and administration to start a public service designation on law school transcripts for law students who meet specific requirements. During the presentation meeting, Dean Krattenmaker stated his commitment to providing recognition for students doing public service by the end of next year. The William and Mary Law School Alumni Association is also interested in organizing a public service award for law students.

A growing number of schools across the nation are implementing programs to increase participation and are lending institutional support to programs that have previously been supported exclusively by students. For example, the University of Richmond has a similar recognition program on law student transcripts. Other law schools require public service as a requisite for graduation. Currently, the only pro bono/public service policy provided by William and Mary is the pro bono policy set out by each Legal Skills firm.

Another major question presented to the forum was whether LSIC should focus on legal-type activities or continue to offer various types of non-legal public service opportunities. Michael Drewry (LL) mentioned his interest in keeping public service a part of his life as a civic duty. To him and many others in the discussion, public service should be a part of life in the same way that commitments to family and career are part of life. The Work-A-Day project in January was mentioned several times as a successful program that encouraged students participate in public service even if they did not have the time to commit to an organization for a long period. Other students, including David Bruns (LL), commented that "while students should be doing community service, the fact that we are law students means that we should promote the use of the specialities we have learned to assist the community in legal work."

The main challenge in focusing on legal programs for law students is the concern of attorney supervision. Professor John Levy commented in detail on the care law students need to take in working with community organizations. State law strictly prohibits law students from providing any kind of legal advice. Furthermore, in Virginia, the definition of "legal advice" is construed broadly. One participant suggested a request for the law school to perhaps hire a few local attorneys as adjunct professors who might supervise student work. Another suggestion was the possibility of utilizing the current research librarians as supervising attorneys for student legal programs.

As for the non-legal activities currently organized at the law school (including Housing Partnerships, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Special Olympics to name a few), it was recently discovered that for several years LSIC has been offering the same services that are offered on the undergraduate campus through the Office of Volunteer Services (OVS). Today, the OVS serves as an important informational and support contact for LSIC. The Office also provides important support in the law school's large community service events such as the National Work-A-Day and the Children's Carnival. In addition, LSIC contributes to the undergraduate community service program by holding a permanent seat on the College Service Board which is administered by the OVS.

The LSIC Board has decided that relations between LSIC and OVS will grow closer in the coming year. In the future, students who are interested in Housing Partnerships or Big Brothers/Big Sisters might seek assistance from LSIC which will then direct the students to OVS. Law Students Involved in the Community will maintain a liaison position with OVS to keep the law school community informed of large events, volunteer drives, and other information. For the most part, however, the liaison position would not hold the degree of responsibility that the current group leaders hold at LSIC. This closer relationship between OVS and LSIC will hopefully result in higher participation in more organized programs with less drain.
Calendar of Events

Monday, April 14
Women's Tennis: vs. Harvard, 1:30 p.m. Harvard may beat us in the rankings game, but they'll get their asses kicked on the court!

Tuesday, April 15
Tax Day: Didn't get your taxes in yet? Well, you have till midnight tonight. Don't forget that Earned Income Tax Credit. See, Income Tax with Mr. Donaldson pays off.

Professors Coven and Lee plan to hold office hours from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Coincidentally, today is Earth Day, so why not just recycle those returns now?

Earth Day: Go hunt a tree, kiss a squirrel, pee in a lake. Time to celebrate the Earth.

Ewell Concert Series: Aurelia Saxophone Quartet, a Netherlands based group considered to be one of the leading quartets in the world, performs at 8:00 p.m. in the Ewell Recital hall. Call 221-1085.

Tribe Baseball: vs. VMI 3:00 p.m. Does this co-ed ruling mean that VMI will soon have women's teams? I bet the Supreme Court never thought about that one, did they?

Men's Tennis: vs. East Carolina, 3:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse: vs. Richmond, 4:00 p.m.

Nelson Speaks on a "Sustainable Society": Nelson Gaylord, former U.S. Senator and founder of Earth Day, will speak at 7:00 p.m. in Trinkle Hall on "Sustainable Development on the Domestic Policy Agenda." Sounds like a real show stopper.

Mark Warner Returns: Mark Warner, former candidate for the U.S. Senate, will speak on "Today's Challenges in Preparing for Tomorrow's World: Technology and Public Policy" in Andrews Hall at 7:00 p.m. Not like he has anything else to do now.

Thursday, April 17
PSF Annual Chili Cookoff: Bring your Pepto and come sample fellow students' chili recipes. Judging from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. by law school faculty and staff of Best Chili, Hottest Chili, and Best Name. Sampling from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food and Beverages, ok, beer, provided. Brought to the law school free from PSF, just to say thanks.

William & Mary Theatre: Final production of the season is "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard. Winner of New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best New Play in 1995. 8:00 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Tickets are $6 and may be reserved by calling the box office at 221-2674.

William & Mary Early Music Ensemble: Concert of 17th century music for voices and period instruments in Bruton Parish Church at 8:00 p.m. Call 221-1953 for more information. See, you thought the T&E reading would put you to sleep. Or, perhaps because of, his mysterious absence from the building lately. At Frisco's, a restaurant and bar with karaoke. In honor of Jeff, martini specials - Is this where you'll try to come sample fellow students' chili recipes. "Run! Run!" The second batter hits a double and, feeling proud that he has learned the lingo, the Scot yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" The third batter hits the same, and again, the Scot, feeling even more American, yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" So the fourth batter guys up to the plate and the pitcher walks him. So the Scot yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" The American standing next to the Scot turns and says, "He doesn't have to run, he got four balls." So the Scot yells, "Walk proud, man, walk proud!"

Friday, May 2
Law Review Write-on Competition: Yes, the moment that all 1Ls have been waiting for. You do have an entire half-hour to relax. Prediction of the topic: The constitutionality of the new unified Honor Code. But what do we know, we spend most of our time actually publishing something.

Saturday, May 3
Beach Week!!!: Go to Nags head, get drunk, sleep, sit on a beach. Sounds like law school with sand. Tonight is Port O' Call, a two-floor bar with a reggae band.

Weeping RadiI: The fun just doesn't stop! An authentic German-style beer-house with an outdoor beer garden. Just remember, eat, drink, and be merry, cause tomorrow you may wake up in someone else's bed. On second thought, keep drinking, you graduate this weekend and it's not like you have to see these people again.

Kelly's Bar: Recover from the Olympics at Kelly's, with a live band, dancing, and drink specials.

Monday, May 5
Almeida Night: Yes, Jeff Almeida now has a night named after him, despite, or perhaps because of, his mysterious absence from the building lately. At Frisco's, a restaurant and bar with karaoke. In honor of Jeff, martini specials — Is this where you have been Jeff?

Tuesday, May 6
Weeping Radish: The fun just doesn't stop! An authentic German-style beer-house with an outdoor beer garden. Just remember, eat, drink, and be merry, cause tomorrow you may wake up in someone else's bed. On second thought, keep drinking, you graduate this weekend and it's not like you have to see these people again.

Thursday, May 8
Tribe Baseball: vs. VCU 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 9
Tribe Baseball: vs. Norfolk State 1:00 p.m. So this Scottish guy goes to a baseball game, eager to fit in with American culture. The first batter hits a single, and the crowd yells "Run! Run!" The second batter hits a double and, feeling proud that he has learned the lingo, the Scot yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" The third batter hits the same, and again, the Scot, feeling even more American, yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" So the fourth batter guys up to the plate and the pitcher walks him. So the Scot yells, "Run, you bastard, run!" The American standing next to the Scot turns and says, "He doesn't have to run, he got four balls." So the Scot yells, "Walk proud, man, walk proud!"
Sports

W&M Closes Academic Year with Wins

By Kristan Burch

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team has won four of its last five tennis matches. As of April 10, the squad's record stood at 16-7 for the season and 4-1 in the Colonial Athletic Association. This record earned W&M a No. 67 ranking in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings. This was the first time ever that the Tribe has placed in these rankings.

On April 5, the Tribe split its matches with North Carolina-Wilmington and Old Dominion. W&M defeated the Seahawks, 6-1, and this was the sixth straight win that the Tribe has captured against UNC-W. Junior Lee Harang won his No. 1 singles match against Bill Anderson, and freshman Trevor Spracklin beat Tim Britton in the No. 2 singles match. After this match, Spracklin extended his record for the season to 30-12. Harang and Spracklin also won their doubles match, securing their 29th win as a doubles team this season.

On that same afternoon, the Tribe fell to Old Dominion, 6-1. The only match which W&M was able to win against the Monarchs was the No. 5 singles match-up. Freshman Anshuman Vohra defeated Patrick Boza in straight sets with scores of 7-6 and 6-1. After this loss, W&M had just three matches left in its regular season play.

Women's Tennis

The No. 7 Tribe has won six of its nine tennis matches in the first six matches of March until April 11. On March 29, W&M played an out-of-conference match when it faced No. 9 Wake Forest. The match was a close one in which the Tribe ended up falling to the Deacons, 5-4. W&M won three of its singles matches, capturing victories at the No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5 spots. These wins came from captain Johanna Sones, freshman Carolijn van Rossum, and sophomore Tari Ann Toro.

The other Tribe win came at the No. 1 doubles spot at which Sones and junior Lauren Nikolaus defeated their Deacon competitors. On April 5, the team defeated No. 17 Notre Dame on the road. The Irishmen only won one of their matches against the Tribe. Sones won her singles and doubles matches. On April 6, the Tribe lost to Michigan while playing at Notre Dame, 5-4. Nikolaus lost her match to senior Sarah Cygcmiak on Sunday. Sones won her singles and doubles matches against Michigan. With her and her partner Nikolaus' win at doubles, Sones sported an impressive 105-35 record in her doubles matches.

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Gymnastics

Sophomore Becky Johnson was the only Tribe competitor from the women's team to advance to the NCAA Southeast Regional in Lexington, Ky. She set a school record for her all-around performance when she scored 38.50. She placed ninth in the individual all-around performance when she scored 48.50 at the North Carolina State Bubble Invitational. Her season high score on the uneven bars also came in this meet, when she registered 9.725. Her highest season score on the vault was 9.550 and 9.700 on the beam.

Coughlan Up Predictions...

My Perfect Picks and Pigskin Report

By Ken Coughlan

I'm proud to report that the Final Four panned out exactly as I said it would (hopefully at this point nobody is pulling out the last issue of the Amicus). All right, so I picked North Carolina to win it all. But if you'd care to look back at last year's article you'll note that I said, "when [North Carolina is] on their game, none of the other Final Four teams can beat them."

When UNC played Arizona they were definitely not on their game. They shot a season low 31 percent from the field and their leading scorer, Shammond Williams, was held to 1 for 13 shooting for a total of 3 points. Much of this was due to Arizona's superb defense. As a matter of fact, the Wildcats deserve a lot of credit for their tournament performance. En route to their first national championship, Arizona beat three No. 1 seeds (which coincidentally were also the three wingingest college basketball programs in history), and they were the first No. 4 seed ever to win it all. For anyone who's curious, I did win my tournament pool, so I can't be all that bad at forecasting.

Arizona was only one of several basketball tournament champions in March. To a lot of people's surprise, and to ODU's dismay, Tennessee repeated as the women's basketball champion this year by beating the Lady Monarchs 68-59. They were the first repeat champions in 13 years. In the battle of "what could have been," Michigan beat Florida State 82-73 for the title. In football news, I previously reported that Nebraska would be playing in the Pigskin Classic this fall, but that they were having some trouble finding an opponent. Well, this has escalated now to the point where the Huskers will no longer be in the game because no one could be found for them to play. Iowa, USC, California, Arizona State, Maryland, Georgia Tech, Miami (Fla.), and Michigan State turned the game down. ABC spoke with officials at Nebraska about possibly playing Clemson, but the Athletic Director and coaches said they didn't want to play the Tigers.

Why Nebraska wouldn't be willing to play Miami (Fla.) but not Clemson is beyond me. It turned out to be a moot point because Clemson's Athletic Director said they wouldn't have accepted the game even if it was offered to them. The new rumor is that the Pigskin will match up Oklahoma and Northwestern at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Also in college football, the Bowl Alliance sat down for talks with the WAC and Conference USA about possibly including their champions in the Alliance Bowls if they end up in the regular season ranked in the top 8. Last season, BYU, a team from the WAC, finished 13-1 and ranked No. 5 in the country, but didn't receive an at-large bid to an Alliance game. The talks didn't go exactly the way the two conferences would have liked. Alliance officials said that if the conference champion was ranked
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LSIC from 12 on the law school resources. Some groups still sponsored by the law school may also draw participation from undergraduate students.

Even if LSIC begins to rely more on the OVS for organizing non-legal public service activities, the law school umbrella group will still hold the responsibility of promoting public service at the law school. Meeting participants noted that law students often are unaware of the opportunities for volunteer work available to them. The National Work-A-Day Project held in January was mentioned as providing an organized structure that allowed law students easy access to volunteer opportunities. Sybil Smith (1L) suggested a regularly printed newsletter that could include volunteer opportunities for each month.

One problem with the public relations plan, as noted by Nathan Green (2L), Co-Chair of LSIC, was the lack of organization of many of the current LSIC groups. Some of the volunteer groups simply do not have the membership to hold events. Green stressed the fact that students who want the student groups to do activities need to come forward with their ideas and energy to start up projects and events.

In the coming year, Ellen Bower (1L), Michael Drewry (1L), Sybil Smith (1L), and Jeff Timmers (1L) will join Green on the LSIC Board. Students who have comments or ideas about the new focus of LSIC are encouraged to contact any of the new board members.

World of Sports

Coughlan from 14 in the top six nationally, they could receive a bid, but there were no guarantees. So basically, nothing has changed.

Antoine Womack, the state of Virginia’s all-time leading rusher in high school football, signed a grant-in-aid from the University of Virginia. He had previously told Penn State that he would play for the Nittany Lions and had a signing ceremony scheduled at Pheobus High School, but he called it all off in order to be a Cavalier.

For those of you who didn’t hear, Jim Kelly retired as the starting quarterback for the Buffalo Bills this past January. He couldn’t stay away from the game, though. Last week he signed a contract with NBC sports to be a football analyst along with ex-Saints coach Jim Mora and James Lofton, the former receiver from the Bills, Raiders, and Packers.

The 1997 baseball season recently got underway. This season has been dedicated to Jackie Robinson, who permanently changed professional baseball by breaking the race barrier 50 years ago. It was fitting that the Montreal Expos won the first game of the season, 2-1, over the St. Louis Cardinals. Robinson briefly played in Montreal before joining the Brooklyn Dodgers.

As a final note, Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Washington Redskins, had spent the last several years working out the location for a new stadium for his team. He finally decided on Landover, Maryland, and the ‘Skins should be playing at the new site this fall. Sadly, Cooke was never able to see the new building completed. He suffered a heart attack on Sunday, March 6, and passed away. He was 84.

Men’s and Women’s Crews Excel

By Charles Ehrlich

The William and Mary Rowing Club traveled to northern Virginia on April 6 to compete at the Occoquan Sprint Regatta. Hosted by George Mason University, this regatta included 18 strong collegiate programs from the mid-Atlantic region. Williams and Mary came away with its most successful performance in the club’s history, capturing three gold medals and placing high in several other events.

The Women’s Varsity Four won its event in spectacular style to remain undefeated for the season. They blew away their nearest competitors, the University of Maryland, by three boat-lengths. The Men’s Varsity Four also won its event by several lengths over the second-place University of North Carolina to get its season back on track and become the first Tribe men’s crew ever to win this prestigious event. The Tribe’s Women’s Novice Four placed first and second in their category.

Other successful crews included the Men’s Freshman Heavyweight and Lightweight Eights. The heavyweights finished a strong fourth behind only Marietta, Drexel, and Villanova and far ahead of such traditional powers as George Mason and Delaware. The Tribe was gain steadily on the leaders in the first stroke of the race, but ran out of time before the finish.

For lack of a lightweight event, the men’s Freshman Lightweight Eight had to compete against heavyweight crews, and finished a strong third in the second heavyweight event, behind only Drexel and Villanova. The Women’s Novice Heavyweight Eight finished sixth in the first women’s heavyweight event, and the Women’s Novice Lightweight Eight fifth in the second. The Women’s Varsity Lightweight Four placed sixth in the same heavyweight event won by the Varsity heavyweights.

The majority of the programs represented on Sunday were established long before William and Mary had crew, and some have achieved varsity-status within their college athletic departments. The Tribe’s performance marks its arrival on the serious rowing scene despite the College’s refusal to fund the program. This weekend, William and Mary will travel to D.C. to face several more fully-funded, varsity-status programs with decades (and, in some cases, over a century) of tradition, in what

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