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By David Young

The Law Students Involved in the Community and the communities of Williamsburg, James City County, Newport News, and Markham, Virginia sincerely think the law students who participated in the American Bar Association National Work-A-Day on January 25. Over eighty law students from William and Mary volunteered their time at ten different community organizations.

The law school also reigned victorious over Regent Law School in the challenge issued by SBA President Shaun Rose to see which school would get the most student volunteers. A special trophy will commemorate the event and hopefully start a tradition of friendly competition between the schools.

The most important achievement for the event was the positive experiences many law students gained from their work on Saturday. Some of their stories are printed below.

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National Work- A- Day A Success; M- W Wins Trophy

Mark Epley (1L) was team leader for the group that worked with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). The four students in the group paired up with four mentally retarded adults during an arts and crafts session at the James City County Recreation Center. Altogether, the students, ARC staff members Geri Elder and Evelyn Smith and other community volunteers worked with 15 mentally retarded adults to stencil tote bags and make other crafts. Mark observed that the ARC staff are very talented and work very effectively with the participants, a number of whom are living and working independently in the community. Mark added that he and the other students “just had a great time — these folks were a lot of fun to be around.”

Anyone interested in volunteering with the ARC may contact Evelyn Smith at 229-3535.

Brian Wheeler (2L) was team leader for the group that worked with the Heritage Humane Society. For the first part of the session, HHS staff Lynn Christiansen and Sam Wolff conducted an orientation and growing rift between the “townies” and the student body.

Another shopper witnessed the incident and came to the student’s aid, but the attacker was already over and the assailant had already fled in a red car. Unfortunately, the student suffered bruising and a bloody lip. “My lip is still pretty sore, but at least I ruined his weekend,” noted the student.

“I didn’t call the police because I struck him first,” said the student. “But I wish I had now. At the time, I just wanted to leave.” The student feared that she would be arrested as she struck him first. However, many students were quick to remind her that the man did in fact assault her and that her actions were self-defense.

The attack occurred at 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Williamsburg Crossing Shopping Center. “That’s the last time I go to that Food Lion,” said the student.

Path Light Update: College Weighing Proposals

By Sutton Snook

Last week’s editorial again questioned the status of the lights on the path in back of the law school. Currently, there is no lighting at all along the path and it becomes swathed in darkness after the sun goes down. Students use the path as a short-cut between the law school and the Graduate Complex. The law school administration has requested from the College for four lights along the path, with an emergency call box placed in the middle of the path. 1L SBA Representative Ellen McBarnette first raised the issue in a letter to the editor last fall.

Although the parking lot is well lit and the Graduate Complex has a call box at the end of the path, many students feel unsafe while on the path at night. The only light currently on the path falls from the windows of the library, and many feel this is insufficient and dangerous to students on the path. “I can’t even see my hand in front of my face,” said one student.

“...that the path have a blue emergency phone. Galloway noted that the system needs to be on a separate circuit because the current circuit is too unreliable. The lighting system would also light the walkway to the Cottage, allowing the school to use it after dark. The proposal has been submitted to the Vice-President of the College, who has referred it back to his staff in order to find the necessary funds. “The cost of the proposal is $6,000,” said Galloway. "The law school will contribute to the cost, but the College will need to pay for the rest.”

In the meantime, Galloway asked that students be careful if they wish to use the path at night. “People need to exercise some judgment when they use the path,” warned Galloway.

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From the Editor’s Desk . . .

In two weeks, the SBA and Judicial Council will be holding a referendum of vital importance to the law school community. We finally get to vote on the unified honor code proposal. First it must be noted, as Shaun Rose has done, that this is not a vote on whether to have a unified code — we will whether we like it or not. This is a vote on the specific proposal now before us. After months of long and hard work, the Unified Honor Code Committee has reported back with a code that is strikingly similar to our current code, but it also has some important distinctions.

The most important distinction is that the duty to report, while remaining a duty, is no longer a violation nor sanctionable. This is certainly a compromise from the earlier position of the undergraduates, but this is not a vote on whether to have a code that is strikingly similar to our current code, but it also has some important distinctions.

Second, the unified code removes any specific statute of limitations for reporting an honor code offense. This effectively means that if I witness an honor code offense today, I am still under “a duty to report” that violation at the end of next year; and if a student commits an honor code violation tomorrow, then he or she may still be tried up to his or her graduation ceremony. This is patently unacceptable. In order for a system of honor to work, it must contain a reasonable statute of limitations, much like the provision in the current honor code at the law school.

Section 3.14 (cr) of the unified code provides that the accused has the “right to request and secure the attendance of witnesses.” However, Section 6.6 of the unified code provides in relevant part that “the Chief Justice shall make reasonable efforts to secure the attendance of material witnesses for and against the accused.” This apparent contradiction will provide effective grounds for appeal and will greatly complicate trial. If the accused has the right to confront all witnesses, but the court is not required to compel their attendance, a trial may result in an empty prosecution.

Section Four of the Code lists the various possible sanctions. While the lightest sanction listed in the current law school code is that of a public or private reprimand (Section 5.08), the lightest sanction in the unified code is a written or oral warning.

The difference between these two arguably may be semantic, but more likely, a reprimand encompasses more than simply an admonition not to repeat the violation. If the honor code purports to be based “on the premise that a person’s honor is his or her most cherished attribute,” then how can the first listed sanction provide such a lenient and grade-school sanction. “Don’t do it again, Billy,” is not enough when a violation against the honor of the school and the student body has been reported.

Finally, while the unified code maintains the trial standard as “beyond a reasonable doubt,” the standard of review of the verdict, as well as those responsible for the review are drastically different. The current honor code allows the Dean of the law school to reverse a finding of guilt only if he finds that the verdict is against the great weight of the evidence. The new code allows the Dean of the law school to reverse the finding of guilt only if it is based on discrimination or, perhaps, procedural error, although the code is extremely vague on this point. The Dean may reduce or modify the sanction if it is based on discrimination or, perhaps, procedural error, although the code is extremely vague on this point. The Dean may reduce or modify the sanction if it is based on discrimination or, perhaps, procedural error.

I do not intend to argue that we as law students should reject this code, but I do hope that each student make a close examination of its provisions.

From The Administration . . .

A Few Words of Encouragement from OCPP

By Deans Kaplan and Thrasher

It’s February, and despite plenty of time and energy and effort, you haven’t landed a job. Has the parade passed you by? Not by a long shot!

If you’re a third-year student, consider the following nationwide data from the National Association for Law Placement’s Employment Report and Salary Survey:

- More than 37 percent of all post-graduates jobs are obtained after January 1 of third year.
- Midsize and large urban law firms—those highly visible, grade-sensitive employers who usually complete their hiring during fall semester—account for only 20 percent of entry-level positions.
- When those midsize and large firms are factored out, the percentage of entry-level positions filled after January 1 is even higher.
- Firms of 20-10 lawyers (55 percent) and 1-25 attorneys (40 percent), government agencies (47 percent), entities in business and industry (45 percent), and public interest organizations (51 percent) hire significant percentages of entry-level attorneys later in the cycle.

The news is comparable for first- and second-year students seeking summer employment. Although there is no nationwide compilation:

Approximately 50 percent of William and Mary second-year students report finding their jobs after January 1.

Over 90 percent of our first-year students land summer slots after February 1.

What the statistics don’t tell is the story behind how students get their jobs after the first of the year. They don’t tell the story of the recent graduate who volunteered for a prosecutor’s political campaign and was hired as an assistant prosecutor after the election. They don’t tell the story of the person who contacted dozens of William and Mary alumni at federal government agencies to talk about career opportunities and was called by one of them two months after to notify her about an opening at the agency. (She was hired.)

They don’t tell the story of the student who was standing in line at the grocery store and struck up a conversation with the person in line behind her who referred her to an attorney who ultimately hired her. They don’t tell the story of the student who clerked during the academic year and summers at a Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office and was hired by a different Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office—based largely on recommendations from the first office.

They don’t tell the story of the person who worked part-time for a law firm for two years of See JOB HUNT on 10
From the SBA President...

Honor Code Update: Student Referendum to be Held

Last Friday, the SBA Board and Judicial Council held an SBA General Membership Meeting to discuss the upcoming referenda on the Unified Honor Code and the SBA Constitutional Amendments. I would like to take this opportunity to summarize this meeting for those of you who were not able to attend.

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Regarding the referendum concerning the Unified Honor Code, it is important that you understand exactly what the issues are. We are not voting on whether we think the Unified Honor Code is a good idea. President Sullivan has made it clear that our opinion on that issue is of little consequence. He has decided that the honor system at William and Mary will be unified.

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I have placed copies of the latest draft of the Proposed Unified Code on reserve in the library. Understand that the latest version is not the final version as we are currently awaiting comments from the Attorney General’s office. We also are in negotiation with President Sullivan concerning the review and amendment process. Once we have reached a final agreement with the President, I will replace the copies on reserve and put copies in the student lounge and at the naugahyde tables in the lobby. Please make sure you look through the code before the referendum once it is finalized.

Again, I urge you to look through the new code, but I will briefly highlight the important points. Generally, the code is very similar to our present code. However, there are several important differences. First, although there is still a duty to report, it is no longer a violation of the honor code. Second, expulsion is no longer a presumed sanction, but rather the starting point in considering sanctions. Finally, we have to make some of the language rather vague where it dealt with areas where procedurally, the schools wanted to do things differently.

For example, there is nothing written about the School Advocates in the code. However, one of the good things about the code is that we allow each school to add its own commentary explaining how the code will be applied in each school as well as allowing each school to adopt procedural rules as long as they don’t conflict with the code. This will allow us to retain our adversarial process and keep our school advocates while the undergraduates will be able to retain their relaxed procedures. This will also allow us to retain some individuality and have an honor code that is reflective of our unique situation as law students.

It is important that you realize that in Sullivan’s proposed code, stealing was not included, we had no power to add our own commentary, and the hearing panels were totally unified — meaning that a combined panel of grad students and undergrads heard all cases. This was unacceptable to all of the schools, hence our efforts to design our own proposed Unified Code.

In closing, I just want you to understand that an extraordinary amount of work has gone into this project. I, along with members of the SBA and Judicial Council, have committed ourselves to doing what we believed was best for the law school. I want you to know that I would never ask you to support anything this important unless I believed with all of my heart that it was the best thing for the law school under the circumstances. I implore you to think about what I have written and to do what you truly believe is best. Most of all, please vote in the referendum so that whatever the school decides, we get a quorum and the school doesn’t lose out due to apathy. Please feel free to call me or stop me anytime at school and ask questions. You should also feel free to talk to you class reps, SBA officers or any Judicial Council members. We are committed to doing everything we possibly can to help the law school understand the issues so as to make the best decision possible.

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PSJ's Tenth Annual Dinner Date Auction

Friday, February 7, 1997
7:30 p.m. - Midnight
University Center Chesapeake Room

Tickets: $10 in advance, $12 at the door. On sale in the lobby Feb. 3-7.

The law school’s craziest event of the spring semester!

Good & Drink! A real live auction! Fabulous Items and people up for bid! Bar Bq and Westbar Courses and Course Discounts! A Beach-Week Condo for 6!

All Proceeds benefit the Public Service Fund
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Technology Corner: Love Bytes...

By Alison Rosenstengel

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and whether you already have a beloved or you buy one at the PSF Dinner Date Auction, you'd better be prepared to treat him or her right when the big day comes. While it's likely that the aforementioned beloved person would commit a serious tort against you if you chose to spend Valentine's Day online, there are many things that the WWW has to offer you in preparation for Heart Day.

Tip #1: Of Course, Send Flowers. You needn't spend a bundle of money to show that you care! Virtual Flowers (http://www.virtualflowers.com) lets you send a beautiful bouquet via the World Wide Web to anyone with an email address and WWW access. Virtual Flowers is a product of Jenny's Floral Studio of Sarnia, Ontario, which also runs a full-service gift shipping service through the same web site. So, if you're feeling a little more grounded in reality, point and click your way to http://www.virtualflowers.com/carus.htm to point-click-and-purchase a wide variety of FTD flower arrangements, balloons, and fruit and cheese baskets.

Valentine's Day is the big holiday for flowers and two other online flower outlets have jumped into the game: PCFlowers (http://www.pcfowers.com) and the infamous 1-800-Flowers (http://www.1800flowers.com, go figure...). Special valentine arrangements and other holiday deals and gifts are available through both sites.

Tip #2: Don't Underestimate the Power of a Card. Create your own Cyber Card at http://www.marlo.com/g2-rose.htm and send it to your Cyber Sweetheart (or print it out). Like Virtual Flowers, this token of affection requires a valid email address for the recipient and that he or she have graphical web access. This site allows you to choose from pre-made cards and greetings or allows you to create your own masterpiece to get the message just right.

Check out up-and-coming Greet Street (http://www.greetsit.com) for a vast selection of cards for the holiday to Gay & Lesbian to New Home as well as the staple Birthday, Christmas, and Sympathy selection.

Tip #3: Still Looking? WWW.VALENTINE.COM, "The Love at First Site." A greeting card store, a relationship therapist, a gourmet chocolate outlet, and more, are all wrapped up into an elaborate site celebrating the most romantic of days. Valentine.com also offers a wide variety of gift certificates (plus a $2 service charge) to pass along to the people you care about: Nordstrom, Tower Records, ToysRUs, Baskin Robbins, McDonald's, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, and Victoria's Secret are all available. The Valentine.com gurus also have those special things which make sending your card special — free of charge, they will add "Love Coupons," condoms, or lip-stick Kiss envelope closures to your greeting card purchase. Use discreetly.

Disclaimer: Many of these sites are commercial ventures I don't imply any sponsorship of them or warranty on their services. You can find other similar services using your favorite WWW search engine. If you do order online, you will likely have to use a major credit card. Always be cautious about giving out credit card numbers online and check for secured sites. If you are uncomfortable disclosing your credit information online, see if the company has a toll-free number so that you may browse online and order via telephone.
All Beauty, No Brains

Three more reasons why common sense can keep you from being in the wrong place at the wrong time . . . Phoenix cosmetic surgeon, Steven Locniker, whose successfully had evaded paying child support charges, was arrested in September after he called attention to himself as a "Bachelor of the Month." Thomas George, on the lam for impersonating a police officer, was arrested in Bay Shore, New York, after a detective heard him call in to a radio station and make his request and dedication under his own name. Finally, Tom Tipton, 63, who was wanted on two warrants in Minneapolis, was arrested in November when a sheriff's officer recognized his name as the man singing the national anthem before the Vikings-Broncos football game.

Blame Everything on Those Spikes

A Wisconsin appeals court recently upheld a $41,000 trial court award to golfer Dale Larson against the Indianhead golf course in Wausau, Wisconsin. The lower court jury found the golf course 51% responsible for Larson's needing nine root canals and 23 dental crowns after he tripped on his golf spikes and fell hard on his face on a brick path outside the clubhouse. Larson argued that he would not have fallen if the walkway had been made of smooth concrete rather than brick. In its infinite wisdom, the trial court also found that only 49% of the accident was due to Larson's having consumed 13 drinks the evening of the accident, leaving him with a blood alcohol content of 0.28 over one hour after his fall.

Hasn't Anyone Seen the Gravy Train Commercials?

In July, Alex Alzaldua filed a $25,000 lawsuit against Dennis Hickey in Raymondville, Texas. The Plaintiff alleged injuries cause by his "suddenly, without warning" having tripped over Hickey's dog in the kitchen of Hickey's home. According to the lawsuit, Hickey should have warned Alzaldua that he was walking around the kitchen at his own risk. The pleadings further claim that the Defendant failed to warn Alzaldua of the dog's propensity of lying in certain areas. One can only wonder who might be handling the dog's claim for assault and battery. Hey, anything is possible.

You Thought the Movies Were Bad

Trucker Franciszek Zygdalo earned himself a one way ticket to a mental institution in Rochester, N.Y., last November as a result of a 280 mile, high-speed chase in September. Zygdalo led police through three states in his trailerless cab, finally driving the truck into Irondequoit Bay. After emerging from the water, Zygdalo ran toward the officers and proclaimed himself a hero for defusing a bomb on the truck that he said would have exploded if he had ever slowed to less than 40 m.p.h.

At the other end of the loony spectrum, Joon Han, 22, of Irvine, California, was charged in November with conspiracy to commit murder against her twin sister, Sunny. According to a police lieutenant, the "evil twin" was angry that the "good twin" had snatched her regarding stolen credit cards. The "evil twin" apparently wanted to kill the "good twin" and assume her identity. Sounds like a good Melrose Place plot.

The Excuse That Won't Work in Tax Class, But the IRS Will Buy

In August, the Internal Revenue Service granted the Carlson family of Sandown, N.H., an extension of time to file their quarterly federal tax returns. The Carons needed such an extension after discovering that their home had been ransacked by the family's pet pugmy goats while the family vacationed. Among the items the goats had eaten were toilet bowl cleaner, a lampshade, a telephone directory, and all of the family's income tax paperwork — how fortuitous!

Who Says Democracy's Dead?

Because of an obscure state constitutional amendment which few voters and politicians noticed, the terms of office of the four incumbents on the Loretto, Kentucky, City Council automatically expired in November. Because the officials did not know of their terms' imminent expiration, they did not have an opportunity to campaign for reelection. Never to fear, however, an astute citizen (who obviously had nothing better to do) read the voting literature and discovered that the terms were available. The only citizen in the 800 person town to vote, Travis Greenwell, 23, wrote in the names of his mother, his uncle, a friend, and a local character who runs the hardware store. All City Council members-elect declined to serve, except the hardware store guy.

No Worries About Getting Work . . .

Three recently filed lawsuits suggest that attorneys should have little cause for alarm when, and if, proposed Tort reform legislation is enacted. Chris Morris filed suit in November against the State of Michigan. Morris seeks $1 million in damages after he allegedly caught a cold in the rotunda of the state Capitol while viewing an art exhibit displayed there earlier in the year.

Andrew Daniels filed a $500,000 lawsuit against M&M Mars Co. and a Cleveland retailer when he received a peanut M&M with no peanut. Daniels alleges that he bit down on the candy, expecting a peanut, but when there was none, he bit through his lip. Daniels' injury required hospitalization and various surgery bills. The crux of the claim lies on the legal theory of "failure to inspect" the candy.

In August, Julie Leach filed a lawsuit in Macomb County, Michigan, seeking at least $10,000 from the owners of a beagle named Patch, which Leach claimed was constantly enticing Leach's German shepherd, Holly, to chase him. In 1995, during one of Patch's escapades, the pursuing Holly was run over by a car and killed. Leach claims that Patch's owners should pay the price for permitting their dog to harass Holly.

(Compiled from Chuck Shepherd, "News of the Weird," reprinted in the Daily Press.)
Court Appointed Special Advocate Training to Begin
Colonial CASA is recruiting volunteers for their Spring training program. The
sessions will run from March 18 through April 5 and will involve approximately
three hours of training. CASA seeks volunteers for children who have been victimized by child
abuse, neglect, or abandonment. They are appointed by the court to provide a carefully
researched background of the child and to assure that the child’s best interests are
represented at every stage of the case. For more information, contact Sarah Serra at 229-
3306. Application deadline is February 14, 1997.

William Barr to Speak at M-W
William Barr, Attorney General for the Bush administration and currently Senior
Vice-President and General Counsel for GTE Corporation, will address students along
with Mark Walker, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel for COMP-USA, Richard
Emmett, Vice-President and Senior Counsel for Pats Johns, and Heidy Wolf, Executive
Vice-President-Finance for Norfolk Southern Corporation, on Corporate Counsels'
challenges in today’s business and legal environment. The panel discussion will occur on
Tuesday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 119.

Congratulations Professor Butler
By Sarah Karlsson
On Friday, January 17, Professor Lynda Butler was recognized by her peers in the
Virginia Bar Association for her work as Editor of The Fee Simple. The Fee Simple is the
biannual newsletter publication of the Virginia State Bar Real Property Section. The
recognition allowed the members of the real property section of the bar to express their
appreciation for the substantial task undertaken by Butler.

Though called a newsletter, the most recent publication is nearly 200 pages long with
over 20 articles and forms upon which practitioners in the area can rely. The Virginia Bar
Association also expressed its gratitude to the law school for its support of Professor Butler
as Editor of The Fee Simple. In addition to serving as Editor, Butler is on the Board of
Governors for the Real Property Section of the Virginia State Bar.

Meridian Coffee House Robbed
A stereo, five CDs, and $60 in cash were missing from the student-run Meridian Coffee
House on December 7 after the house was burglarized. In addition, the cash register was
broken, with an estimated replacement cost of $100, as well as the back door. The police
have no leads in the burglary. Meridian staff members have instituted new security
measures, such as not leaving money in the building overnight and leaving the only keys
with Campus Police, rather than allowing each staff member to receive one.

Anti-Semitic Literature Distributed on Campus
A number of College professors received an anti-Semitic treatise in the mail last week.
The work, entitled “Anti-Semitism — Found”, was sent anonymously from Illinois, with
no return address, to “a random selection” of people across the country. The Anti-
Defamation League is investigating, but has no leads yet. According to History Professor
Cindy Hahamovitch, the treatise blamed Jews for several global problems, including job shortages, telecommunica-
tions monopolies, and for Communism.

The treatise charges Jews with “the infiltration and domination of the mind-controlling,
character-shaping media of mass communication and domination of the major
universities that the Jews levy their attacks on the oblivious Gentile and his civilization.”
The letter also claims that the Holocaust did not occur and is a lie generated by Jews.
College President Timothy Sullivan, in a memo to staff, wrote that “[this letter] clearly is
the work of ignorance, bigotry, and cowardice; the writers do not have sufficient
convictions to sign their names.”

Professors Meese, Dickerson, Lee and Schaefner Under Review
This semester. Assistant-Professors Methen Dickerson and Alan Meese are being
evaluated under the law school’s retention review process required of untenured faculty
members in the second semester of their second year teaching at M-W. Professors John
Lee and Elmer Schaefner are being evaluated under the law school’s post-tenure review
process periodically applied to all faculty members. Comments will be accepted by the
Committee before March 21, 1997. Address all written comments to the Committee
Chair, Professor John Donaldson. Submissions may be anonymous.

Kara Tan Bhati Speaks on the Future of Hong Kong
Kara Tan Bhati, Vice-President and Senior Portfolio Manager for the Merrill Lynch
Dragon Fun and the Merrill Lynch Emerging Tigers Fund, which invests over $2.5 billion
in Pacific Rim stock markets, spoke to students and faculty last Thursday, January 30,
1997. She addressed several key points of the return of Hong Kong to China this year,
such as China’s human rights policy, corruption, favoritism, and nepotism. She pointed out
that because China depends upon Hong Kong’s economy, the transfer of control over the island
from England to China constitutes a kind of “reverse takeover” of China.

Anita Allen to Speak on Fraternity Men
Associate Dean and professor at Georgetown Law will speak on “Fraternity Men: A
Critical Look,” on Thursday, February 6, 1997, in Room 120 at 3:30 p.m. Professor
Allen will be the Visiting Lee Fellow at M-W for the week.

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You Say "Tomato"...

Chris Ambrosio


With increasing frequency, I see advertisements for self-help books or videos that are designed to assist men and women in sorting out their differences. The books or videos usually are produced by someone with a Ph.D. in psychology or sociology, and they normally feature phrases like "relationship dynamics" or "social constructs of gender roles" or "self-validation of personal worth," or some other such crap.

These Ph.D.-carrying "experts" also crop up on daytime television shows, usually to help someone named Shane work out his problems that are caused by, in Shane's words, "runnin' around with Tracy and Betty Sue and all them girls, and not commitin' to none of 'em."

After the audience hoots and hollers at Shane's confession, this "relationship expert" will say something like: "Well, Ricki, it's easy to see that Shane is suffering from what we like to call post-adolescent-familial-social-disassociation syndrome, such that he simply cannot prioritize his emotions in a constructive way."

I have a far less technical, but far more accurate, assessment in these types of cases: Shane's an asshole.

These experts also offer advice for less extreme situations, ostensibly the kind that might involve normal people like you or me. First, though, they have to convince us that we need their advice. They do this by painting a glowing picture of life had we believe that if we have one tiny disagreement with our significant other, then we are destined for complete disaster and will never survive as human beings, except maybe in some Theodore-Kaczinski-cabin-in-the-woods-several-cards-shy-of-a-full-deck type of existence. Either that or a Todd-Bridges-Dana-Plato-Adam-Rich-exiled-child-TV-star-type of existence. These experts say things like: "A complete and open relationship dialogue should be established, for communication is the key in any successful partnership. What they really mean to say is: "Men, as bumbling Neanderthals, are the root cause of all evil. Men must get their collective act together, or else they will be in the proverbial doghouse forever." The guy who wrote *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus,* for instance, is a prime offender.

These "experts" are, of course, completely full of crap for at least two reasons: (1) biologically, men are incapable of attaining the impossibly lofty behavioral expectations created by books such as *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus,* and (2) men and women have been out of the same population for ten thousand years, so there's no reason to think anything will change now. In light of these realities, I have developed a more practical theory on 'relationship dynamics,' at least from the male point of view.

My theory is this: the art of a successful marriage/relationship is really the art of paying attention to two things at the same time, namely (1) your significant other and (2) your television set. If you don't master this skill, a scenario like the following might develop. You're sitting on the couch, flipping through the channels, possibly watching Elsa Klensch's fashion show when the last three minutes of the Headline News rotation. You're trying to decide if any of the models are attractive or if they all have that caddish, waxy, much-too-thin look that makes you say to yourself "now why do these otherwise beautiful women insist on ruining their good looks in the name of something called 'haute couture' which, from what I can determine, is French for 'ridiculous costumes that no woman on Earth would wear, unless she was auditioning for a part in the sequel to Logan's Run,' when there is a knock at the door.

You answer it, only to find out that someone is attempting to deliver a solid oak dining room set, manufactured by Broyhill or Sherrill or Hendredon and worth in excess of four thousand dollars, that appears to have been ordered by someone inside your house. You immediately panic, like the babysitter in *When A Stranger Calls.*

You regain your composure. "There must be some mistake," you say to the delivery person. "Please wait here for a second." You then go down the hall and very innocently inquire of your significant other: "Honey, do you want that, or will you just get it from the store?"

An uncomfortable silence ensues, followed by a measured but impatient response. "You mean you weren't listening? You agreed that we should get it."

Remember, I asked you about it during that silly football game you were watching on TV, when you were playing football, and it was the fourth quarter and (your team) was losing by five points, and they had the ball and it was fourth and goal from the seven yard line with ten seconds remaining and the crowd noise was blaring out of the TV so loud I could hardly hear myself think.

"Remember how I explained that Haynes was having a once-in-a-lifetime sale where I only had to bring ten bucks and I could buy all the furniture I wanted, and I could tear up my February and March bills when they came? And when the April, May, and June bills came, I could tear them up, too? Remember?"

An unlikely scenario? Possibly. But it can't hurt to develop the "bifurcated attention span" skill, especially if you are young and you have many fall Saturday afternoons ahead of you.

While we're on the topic of the differences between men and women, there are a few other issues, besides communication aminicencies, that seem to cause discord in otherwise healthy relationships. Purse. Women are unusually comfortable carrying a purse in almost any way: e.g. on the forearm, on the shoulder, as a backpack, like a loaf of bread, etc. By contrast, men undergo a violent reflex action when it comes to touching purses. When a woman asks "Could you hold my purse?" the man will look at her as if she had just said "This is a bag containing a festering Ebola virus — could you hold it please?"

Instead of taking the purse, the man will stammer "uhhmm... why don't we give it to this... ahh... man over here who looks like one of the characters in *Reservoir Dogs,* and have him hold it? I'm sure it'll be safe."

Even the name 'purse' sounds terrible to most men. ("Blouse" is another word in this category, as is 'slacks.' "Trousers" isn't much better, and 'dungarees' is out of the question. But we're getting beyond the scope of this discussion.)

Jane Campion. In case you don't know who Jane Campion is, she's the chick who directed *The Piano* and, more recently, *Portrait of a Lady.* From my (philosophical) evidence, I have discovered that women revere Jane Campion because she is an "acclaimed director" who "knows how to explore the depth and complexity of human emotions and bring them to life on the screen."

Men, however, feel that she has an uncanny knack for dragging the pace of a film almost to a grinding halt, such that a man will lean over to his date an hour into the film and ask "Is anything going to happen in this movie?"

A man is likely to say that Jane Campion's films make 2001: A Space Odyssey look like a Jackie Chan movie. Of at least this man is likely to say that. And, in fact, he has. And has gotten snacked for it.

**Television Figure Skating.** This subject brings up an interesting paradox. Women view figure skating as a sport, and, therefore, they don't feel the need to bring the genders together, using the following syllogism: (1) men love sports, (2) figure skating is a sport, therefore (3) men must love figure skating.

Women can't get enough figure skating. As much as men love televised sports, however, men would almost rather go shopping with their girlfriend for slacks and blouses, while carrying their girlfriend's purse, than watch figure skating on TV.

Men think of it this way: if you're a guy, and you love to skate, why the hell don't you play hockey? What on Earth would possess a man to want to dress up in outlandish costumes and wear makeup and prance around on the ice like a ballerina, when there are so many other outlets for that athletic talent?

The only time a woman can even come close to convincing a man to watch figure skating is during the Olympics, when every man likes to see blue-blooded 'Merican girls kickin' some Commie ass.

It was either an ancient Greek philosopher or a drunk-driver cop-beating-victim from Los Angeles who once asked the insightful question: "Can't we all just get along?" In light of the above discussion, one could ask that same question about women and men.

The problem is, however, that there will always be someone, somewhere, like barroom philosopher Norm Peterson, who would rather phrase the issue this way: "Women — can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em."

You Say "Tomato"...
Barrister's Ball
February 1, 1997
Students Volunteer for National Work-A-Day

LSIC from 1 teered with Chambrel at Williamsburg, a residential retirement community for active senior adults. The students met with staff on arriving at the facility, then were placed with individual residents with whom they spent the two hours generally visiting.

Chris spoke enthusiastically of his experience — spending over two hours talking with an active 94-year-old man in the independent living section of the facility — noting that it was "amazing to talk with someone who remembers World War I and II — he had such vivid memories." Chris also remarked that Chambrel was an extremely attractive and pleasant facility, and that the staff were well-organized and helpful. Anyone interested in volunteering at Chambrel may contact Ellen Dorsogna at 220-1839 (ext. 44).

At 7:00 — yes, in the morning —

The students met with staff on arriving at the facility, then were placed with individual residents with whom they spent the two hours visiting.

The students met with "The Hollow," the boyhood home of John Marshall located in Markham, Virginia. We were greeted by a foggy view unveiling what would be a beautiful day and a rewarding experience. "The Hollow" has been neglected for many years and, in its unrestored state, it was in need of a little care. We "attacked" the neglect with a pioneering spirit and energy with our modern power tools, clearing the surrounding grounds of its undergrowth. We also applied "band-aids" of plywood to the home's exterior and swept and hauled away years of dust and debris from the home's interior.

After admiring our efforts, we ended the day with a toast of chardonnay at Naked Mountain Resort, actually named by George Washington. Cheers to a great day! Anyone interested in learning more about the restoration efforts of John Marshall's boyhood home or how to become a member of "Friends of the Hollow" may contact Michael Drewry (IL).

Several law students spent Saturday morning with Project Phoenix children at the Williamsburg Bowl. Project Phoenix is an undergraduate organization that arranges outings for children on the waiting list for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and for other local children in need of positive role models. The children are taken on field trips to museums, to the movies, to play basketball, etc. There are also opportunities for one-on-one companionship.

The law students enjoyed bowling, playing video games, or just hanging out with the kids, who were from 11-14 years old. Tawanda Lane (IL) commented, "They are good kids. They are better bowlers than we are," Timika Adams, also a IL, said that she had a great time and would like to do it again next year. Anyone interested in finding out more about Project Phoenix volunteer opportunities may contact David Young (3L).

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HONOR CODE from 2 only if the sanction imposed is not authorized by the honor code. Once he has done this, the law school's role is essentially over. Any appeal is given to the vice-president for Student Affairs, and is judged by a "clear and convincing" standard, where a panel is convened to determine whether further review is necessary. If it is, the case is sent to the Office of the Provost.

This review, while maintaining the necessary trial standard, removes the role of the law school after trial, and strips the Dean of any disciplinary authority. While this may be acceptable for the undergraduates because this is essentially the same as their current system, it is radically different than the law school's current code. The unified code may be better, as it would remove any personal bias of the Dean. On the other hand, it may also remove any sense of community from our honor code. I do not intend to argue that we as law students should reject this code, but I do hope that each student make a close examination of its provisions. While it may be a significant improvement over the President's proposal, it still needs work.

Why must this be the final draft of the code (pending review by the Attorney General)? Why can we not have a public comment period whereby the SBA meets again to discuss student input? Last year after the President attempted to mandate a new unified code upon us without student input, students were up in arms that the student body was given no input. Now that a committee made of student representatives has written a code, they have not asked for the input of the student body as a whole. All they have asked us to do is vote. There is no reason why copies can be made available to the student body as a whole and a period be designated for public comment, after which the Committee can review and revise the code as necessary.

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If the members of the Committee are so committed to student involvement, this would seem a logical course. One general meeting of the SBA, where all students are invited to attend, is not sufficient time. In addition, it was the current SBA President who complained that the President provided little advance warning of the public meeting of the first proposal, then held those meetings on a Thursday night, at an inconvenient time. How is this different than holding the SBA meeting on a Friday afternoon, the day before a major law school function?

We have been told by SBA President Shaun Rese that if we do not vote for this code, that we are "freeing up President Sullivan to install whatever code he wants." Why is this so? Why is it that this will be our last opportunity to have any voice in the process. And how much of a voice is it when we are told to either vote for the proposal or go back to the mandates of the President. It is a non-choice. And a non-vote. What real student input do we have if we don't really have a choice but to vote yes?

We have been told that the current proposal is not the final version. The Virginia Attorney General has yet to provide his review report, and negotiations continue with President Sullivan over verdict reviews and the amendment process. When will these be finalized? We are scheduled to receive the Attorney General's report next week, but that is not assured and we have no final schedule for negotiations with the College president.

Will the referendum be delayed if the student body is not provided a final copy of the proposal within a reasonable time? I would assume so.

I applaud the hard work of the Committee members. They began an almost impossible task of reconciling the various schools' honor codes. They have done well, but it is time that the student body as a whole be allowed time to comment.

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

This week: BELLES AND BEAUS OF THE BALL
OCPP Offers Advice For Those Seeking Jobs

JOB HUNT from 2

law school, and was hired by the firm the month before graduation because another attorney left the firm unexpectedly. They don't tell the story of the student who secured a summer position with a firm he had read about that had recently opened a branch office and was expanding its practice.

The stories behind the statistics suggest that students who are the most active in their career pursuits throughout their law school years and beyond have the most success in finding satisfying summer or permanent employment. How do you stay active in your job search this time of the year?

Continue to respond to On-Campus Employers, Group Mailings, and Direct Contacts posted outside OCPP and on the OCPP World Wide Web site.

Watch for information regarding (and register for) the Commonwealth Law School Consortium Spring Job Fair to be held here at the law school on Friday, March 7.

Utilize William and Mary law school graduates and your undergraduate school alumni. In OCPP we have indices of William Mary law graduates by employer type, locale, specialization, and employer name. Both Martindale-Hubbell (on-line on Lexis) and West Legal Directory (on-line on Westlaw) allow you to search for attorneys by law school and/or undergraduate school.

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Follow through on any contacts or leads no matter how tangential they seem.

Keep in touch with past employers and supervisors, and keep them up to date on your plans.

Join professional associations. OCPP has information about many local and specialty bar associations you can join as students. Those associations offer fertile opportunities to make contacts and become involved in substantive projects.

Follow up (by telephone or letter) with employers you've not heard from or who indicated they were uncertain of their hiring plans.

Read law-related periodicals such as Virginia Lawyers Weekly, National Law Journal, and Legal Times.

Consult the "Employees who Have Hired Second and Third Years After January First" binder in OCPP.

And, if you will, indulge us with two more statistics:

- Recent studies show that attorneys change jobs an average of 4-5 times during their careers. On-campus interviews and job postings don't exist in the world of experienced attorneys. Lawyers who successfully make lateral moves do so via—you guessed it—self-initiated contacts, referrals, and word-of-mouth.

That means that students who master those techniques for tapping the summer or entry-level job market now will be better equipped to tap the lateral market later.

- We had 1,002 scheduled appointments with students during 1996. We obviously enjoy meeting with you individually, so please seek us out for assistance.

Help PSF Send more students to work
this summer hugging trees!

Attend the 10th Annual Dinner Date Auction
Friday, February 7, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

TRADING CARDS: The Belles and Beaus of the Ball

Dave Christian and Christy Moseley

Last year's high priced Date Auction chatter and his new lady love stepped out on the town in hopes of initiating some bidding wars this year. Fortunately, Dave managed to find himself a tux to replace the kit and, as far as we know, no boxers were tossed into the crowd.

Max Williams

Max managed to tear himself away from the cathode-ray tubes long enough to escort a lovely lady to the ballroom festivities. Huge fashion faux pas, dude, Chuck Taylor's look better in the box than with your tux. When asked whether the rumors about alcohol shortage were true, Max wailed, "That's bunk, dude." Whatever.

Camille Bennett

This Ball Belle put her fellow Hokies to shame as she escorted an infiltrator from another, yet unidentified, law school. Could this be the mystery man who has been whisking Camille away from Williamsburg off to the big city?

Deb Bentley

SBA Secretary and devoted reader of every page of the Amicus, Deb continued to limit the career possibilities of her alum, Ryan McDougle, by keeping him close to the Williamsburg area. If you're checking, Deb, that's the worst we could think of to print about you.

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Screeching Weasel, Bork; Like a Dog  
By Dave Miner

I know some of you were lucky enough to get tickets to Counting Crows, enjoy it you lucky bastards! For those of you who weren’t so lucky, don’t miss your opportunity to see other great bands in the area. We are privileged enough to have SOUL COUNCILING come back. They played a great show last fall at The Abyss. The Matthew Sweet show at the Flood Zone is also worthy of your student loan money. Every Wednesday, as if Tom Church at Paul’s isn’t enough. Agents of Good Roots play at The Flood Zone, and Pat McGee plays there every Thursday. Have fun, play hard, and may you all get a guitar pick thrown your way at the next Tesla concert.

Attic tickets can be purchased by charge at 671-8100. Prices at the door will be slightly higher. For more information, call the Flood Zone at (804) 643-1117, the Boat House at (804) 622-6395, the 90X Concert Line at (804) 622-3879, or the Cellar Door Concert Line at (804) 463-7625.

Here is the calendar of upcoming shows:

**Mon., Feb. 10:** Matthew Sweet @The Flood Zone, Richmond

**Sun., Feb. 16:** Counting Crows and Fiona Apple @Chrysler Hall, Norfolk

**Mon., Feb. 17:** Counting Crows and Fiona Apple @The Landmark Theater, Richmond

**Sat., Feb. 22:** Local H and Failure @The Boat House, Norfolk

**Wed., Feb. 26:** Metallica and Corrosion of Conformity @Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke

**Thurs., Feb. 27:** SOUL COUNCILING @The Flood Zone, Richmond

**Fri., March 7:** Vince Gill and Brian White @The Hampton Coliseum, Hampton
What to Do on a Ranieri Day . . .

Fierce Creatures is no Wanda;

Star Wars Remains a Classic

By Lee Ranieri

Fierce Creatures

Fierce Creatures is a cute, harmless movie. It doesn’t aspire to any great heights, and it doesn’t reach any. Neither, however, does it sink to any great depths. There are worse ways to spend six dollars.

Although Fierce Creatures stars John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline, and Michael Palin, it is not a sequel to 1988’s A Fish Called Wanda. Instead, the film is more of a variation on the formula that made Wanda such a success. Most of the film is set in a British zoo, recently taken over, as part of a much bigger deal, by media tycoon Red McCain (Kevin Kline). McCain is a thinly disguised Rupert Murdoch character (right down to the initials—RM. Get it?) who demands a twenty percent return on all his holdings, and usually gets it by cheapening and sensationalizing whatever property he’s most recently acquired. Installed as the new zoo director, John Cleese decides that tame, cute, or listless animals are not as good for the bottom line as are violent, dangerous animals. This sets up the main tension that drives the plot: the money-hungry management vs. the animal-loving, do-good staff.

John Cleese probably does the most to save Fierce Creatures. Although he basically reprises his role as the hypertensive hotel owner from Faulty Towers, it’s appropriate for the kind of humor for which the screenwriters were aiming. Unfortunately, the comic tension and timing that worked so well in A Fish Called Wanda are never fully realized this time around.

Some of the humor falls a little flat, due in part to the lightweight script—which had a little too much slapstick for its own good—and due in part to the acting, which was good, but not as sharp as it could have been. Kevin Kline, in particular, started out flat but picked up by the end. The animals were great though.

Rating: ©©©

Korean Food: You’ll Find It In Newport News

By Ian Siminoff

Newport News is not the most exciting town. However, it boasts a sizable Korean population. That Korean population produces some unbelievable food. Kyung Sung is the place to go. If you head down 64 East, and take the first exit for Fort Eustis (about 8 miles), then make your second right onto Route 60 East, and take that 6-8 miles, going past Carmela’s, you will see a sign on the left side of the highway that reads “KOREAN FOOD” with some Korean written underneath it. Make a turn at the next light and pull into their parking lot on the right.

As you enter the initial doorway to the restaurant, you will notice newspaper and magazine clippings and brochures, all written in Korean. As you open the next door, you are greeted by a handful of locals, mostly Korean, who are brandishing chopsticks and feasting at the numerous cheaply finished wooden tables on chicken, rice, Korean radish, spinach, sprouts, and a host of other delicious items. After seating yourself, with chopsticks in hand, you’re ready to eat.

And eat you will. Start off with either the yaekan man do or the mol man do, over a dozen delicate flour dumplings filled with minced pork and spices, the first served steamed, the second served fried ($4.50). Dip them in hot sauce and soy sauce and pop them in your mouth. Get an order of the gimbab, Korean sushi (my personal favorite), which is a 12-piece roll of soft jasmine rice wrapped in fresh seaweed and filled with zucchini, Korean radish, and a small piece of marinated beef. Dip it in hot sauce and soy sauce.

Mouthwatering! For the main course, there are tons of choices. You can get a traditional Korean soup filled with meat and vegetables, which can serve as a meal. You can order teriyaki dinners (with your choice of shrimp, pork, squid and rice cakes, beef, or chicken) or hot & spicy stir fry dinners (same meat and fish choices as the teriyaki dinners) loaded with sauteed vegetables and accompanied by steamed jasmine rice, fresh, sauteed spinach, marinated bean sprouts, and kimchije (spicy hot Korean radish). You will not be hungry after eating either one of these dinners.

You might rather choose to select one of the more traditional Korean dinners. Included among these are the classic bee bim bop and bol go ki. Bee bim bop is a traditional Korean delicacy of a large heated clay bowl filled with sliced vegetables, sliced beef, and spices, and accompanied by a bowl of hot flavorful beef broth. You add as much of the broth as is desired to the clay bowl, mix and chop all the ingredients, and then, after it cools to a temperature at which you can consume the meal without burning the roof of your mouth, you indulge.

Bol Gol Ki is the Korean version of grilled meat. You can get the traditional marinated beef or pork, or try marinated chicken. The meat is served on a sizzling hot griddle at your table and accompanied by rice, spinach, bean sprouts, and kimchee. The marinade is sweet and salty, a rather mild, the meat a perfect accompaniment to the white rice. It is outstanding.

Kyung Sung has something for everyone who enjoys Asian food. There are dishes reminiscent of Chinese and those that are positively uniquely Korean. You don’t go to Kyung Sung for atmosphere or friendly service. But what you do go there for is authentic, delicious, homemade Korean food, served quickly and cheaply.

Rating: ©©©© (out of four)
Chris Wesser (IL) shows us what a "real man's" hands should look like after doing yard work for an elderly couple as part of Housing Partnerships.

Angel Lyon (2L) at one of two visits made to retirement homes.

Greg Romano (3L) clearing brush around John Marshall's boyhood home in Markham County.

Laura Harrell (3L) cleaning litter alongside Williamsburg roads.

Lending a Hand: Students Volunteer in the Community on National Work-A-Day to help those less fortunate

LSIC Co-Chair David Young (3L) clears the brush surrounding the rec-center with fellow third years Michelle LaRose and Kathleen Roth.

All photos courtesy of Law Students Involved In the Community.
Basketball suffers Injuries, Continues Losing Streak

By Kristian Burch

In its hectic January schedule, the Tribe managed only three victories out of the ten games that it played. At the close of the month, W&M’s record stood at 6-12 overall and 3-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association. Part of the Tribe’s difficulties can be attributed to various injuries sustained through the month’s time.

In mid-January, the Tribe went on a four game losing streak with the fourth of those losses coming against UNC-Wilmington on Jan. 16. W&M led the Seahawks by seven points at halftime, but they were unable to hold onto this advantage, eventually falling to the in-conference rival, 56-53.

Guard Randy Bracy has been unable to play for the early part of the season because of a stress fracture to his back, and the game against UNC-Wilmington was his first start of the season. Yet, Bracy struggled with his offensive play, scoring only seven points. Of the 15 shots he took in the contest, Bracy made only three. With 49 seconds left in the game, W&M trailed by two points, but Bracy missed the two jump shots that he took. This first occurred after Seahawk Bill Mayew missed both of his free throws, and the second came on the next possession after Tribe guard Sam Steen stole the ball.

Forward Jermaine Harmon sat out six games with a sprained ankle, and the game against the Seahawks was his first appearance back on the court for the Tribe. He scored ten points for the Tribe, hitting all six of the free throws that he took. W&M’s leading scorer for the contest was forward Bobby Fitzgibbons who made five baskets and hit 3 free throws for a total of 15 points.

The Tribe snapped its four game losing streak on Jan. 20 at W&M Hall when it beat George Mason, 61-55. In Norfolk on Jan. 22, the Tribe defeated the Monarchs, 69-61. This was the first time that W&M has beaten ODU since 1990. At the time the Tribe defeated the Monarchs, ODU was leading the CAA. This was the first time that W&M has beaten ODU since 1990 and the first time that the team has defeated the Monarchs in the Norfolk Scope since the 1982-83 season. The Tribe held the Monarch’s two scoring leaders to a minimal number of points. Monarch Odell Hodge had nine points and Mark Poag made only two baskets.

W&M Hall and came away with a 75-66 victory. The Tribe dropped another close conference match by five points with eight minutes left in the game. Then, the Rams offense ran out of steam, as the Monarchs scored only five more points in the game. Guard Shaka Arnold and Brady lead the Tribe in scoring with 14 points and 13 points respectively. Jennings and Fitzgibbons both added 11 more points for W&M.

Despite their tremendous play against VCU and ODU, the Tribe was unable to notch a victory when they lost, 65-63, to UNC-Wilmington on Jan. 29.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

The Tribe struggled throughout the month of January, winning only one game as of Jan. 30 when its record was 4-12 overall. The only win during that month was to VCU on Jan. 17. The Tribe played the Rams at W&M Hall and came away with a 75-66 win. Before this victory, W&M had lost eight games in a row.

By halftime, the Tribe led VCU, 29-18, and the squad went up by as many as 21 points after intermission. With this win, the Tribe stood at 4-10 overall and the victory was their first in the CAA this season. The Tribe was leading in scoring by guard Jelle Sommer and center Nina McIntyre who each had 18 points. McIntyre also had seven rebounds, and guard Nekisa Cooper added 12 points for W&M.

Unfortunately, W&M’s winning ways did not continue, as it dropped its next two contests. The first came against Richmond on the road, as the Spiders took a 66-59 victory. The Tribe trailed by nine points at halftime and was unable to get control of the game. Guard Katie Averyt scored 14 points for W&M, making six of the nine shots that she took. Forward Bridget Wagner added 11 points and nine rebounds. But that was not enough for the Tribe who hit only 24 of the 64 shots that it took against Richmond.

Between Jan. 21 and Jan. 26, the Tribe had a break from play, but the reprieve did not prove enough as W&M fell to James Madison on Jan. 26. The loss came at W&M Hall as the Dukes beat the Tribe, 76-59. The Tribe trailed by only four points at halftime, and the team scored the opening basket of the second half to cut the Duke lead to two points. Yet, W&M was unable to get any closer as JMU went on a 16-4 run.

Leading scorer for the Tribe was Sommer who was 6-6 from the charity strip and seven of 12 from the field. Sommer finished the game with 22 points. Wagner hit all six of the shots that she took for a total of 13 points.

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