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Jenkins wins split decision in final round of Moot Court

By F. Turro Sabia

The 1995 Bushrod Washington Moot Court Tournament proved to be one of the most successful for M-W. Of the ninety-six 2Ls who began competing on Sept. 6, thirty-two obtained positions on the M-W moot court team. By Wednesday, Sept. 27, there were eight quarter finalists: David Bennett, Mike Grable, Emily Jenkins, Christian Mastondrea, Thomas Muth, Anjanette Plitcha, Charles Ramsey, and Alexander Stiles. Bennett, Grable, Jenkins, and Muth won their rounds and went on to compete in the semi-finals on Friday. The semi-final round saw Grable and Jenkins advance to the final round. Bennett and Muth finished third and fourth, respectively.

Three judges were brought in to evaluate the competitors in the final round: the Honorable Lydia Taylor, a Virginia Circuit Court Judge in Norfolk serving as associate justices. Both Grable and Jenkins performed brilliantly under pressure from these three judges. When the deliberation was over, all three judges emphasized the fact that it was a difficult decision to select a winner when both competitors were the best they had ever seen. Indeed, Judge Taylor said, "I don’t think I’ve had a harder decision in all the years I’ve been judging [competitions]. Both of [the finalists] knew the record extremely well." Chief Justice Mayer said, "The two of you performed better than any other law students I have ever seen!" In fact, the only complaint by the judges was not about the contestants, but about the room. Judge Miller quipped, "Frivolous Fred Lederer has so many computers underneath this bench that there is no leg-room for the judges."

The judges agreed, however, that the courtroom was the finest around. They were very pleased with the tournament, and although unable to unanimously decide who made the better argument, awarded first place to Emily Jenkins, based on her brilliant and well-prepared presentation. Afterwards, Jenkins said she did it "for all the women." Mike Grable, who moments before had gone head-to-head with Jenkins, said, "Emily is wonderful and incredible and I’m looking forward to working with her on the national team."

The tournament, which is deemed by some to be one of the most prestigious 2L tournaments of the year, was sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law’s annual Supreme Court Preview.

By Mario Pacella

Frank T. Sabia, Maqui Parkinson, and Jimmy Carter will serve as Student Bar Association representatives from the first year class for the next year. They were elected by their peers on Tuesday, Sept. 26. A whopping 90% of the first year students cast ballots in the highly competitive election, in which 12 candidates vied for only three positions. Jimmy Carter and Frank Sabia were the top vote-getters with 64 each, while Maqui Parkinson garnered 38 votes. Students said the highlight of campaign week was a candidates’ rap session organized by Frank Sabia at the College Dell on the eve of the election.

All three 1L SBA reps said they want to extend the law school’s activities further into the community through public service projects. After acknowledging that the SBA throws great parties, Parkinson stated that she “would like to work with [SBA President] Neil [Lewis] to promote community service.”
From the Editor's Desk

Not that we feel any great affinity for Marriott food, but the situation at M-W is rather grim. The infamous "weenie wagon" made occasional appearances and disappearances in the student lounge over the last couple of years. At present, we are suffering Marriott deprivation. Some may count this as a blessing -- a certain blandness has left the commuter student's life -- but others find the lost convenience of Marriott dining services in the law school building rather annoying.

Students taking Donaldson's federal tax at 8:30 in the morning may not feel they have the time to roll out of bed, take a shower, and pack a lunch. First year students, who have classes fairly early in the morning, are faced with the same problem. The law student creature is notorious for staying up late to meet class and social demands, regardless of the next day's schedule.

Perhaps it is not asking much of the student to get up twenty minutes earlier to pack a lunch, but that's beside the point. Marriott signed a contract to provide food services for the College. Part of providing a service includes doing that which is most convenient for the customers. If Marriott is concerned about the lack of profitability from the now defunct lunch cart, then they should consider allowing some other business to come into the law school who is better equipped to serve student needs. The eating establishments closest to the law school just aren't close enough to accommodate the busy law student's schedule. Despite Doug Onley's vending machine stunt last year, the vending machines aren't really a viable option -- especially for those who are queasy about finding ants in their coffee.

The last refuge of the law student is the vending machines. There is little comfort in this option. Candy bars, potato chips, sodas, and a few suspicious looking sandwiches compare unfavorably even to the food that the lunch cart had to offer.

As a point of comparison, the law students at the University of Virginia have their own food court. Every day law students weary from too much interviewing, beer, and softball have their choice of burgers, pizza, fresh salads, and deli sandwiches made right on the premises.

As part of the space crunch problem, it wouldn't be practical to install a food court at M-W, but can't we at least have the lunch cart back? Maybe the administration should consider a better food option when they get around to adding on space to the law school.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I was reading Pat Marshall's column last week, struggling to figure out who "Pat Marshall" really was. Struggling, that is, until I read the bitter little paragraph deriding the "Shererly you must be kidding" sports column and personally insulting its author. Shererly Pat can't care that much about "descriptive language" in a sports article! Shererly Pat wouldn't hurl immature insults for no good reason! Shererly, that is, unless Pat does have a reason. Could it be the infamous "Pat" that has been spotted hixting on Mr. Sherer until he was black and blue? Could the timing of this article have anything to do with Pat's spurned affections? Perhaps Pat is frustrated because Pat only hits home runs on the softball field. Quoting a famous author who uses enough descriptive language even for Pat, "Hell hath no fury ...."

Shererly yours,
Yet Another Woman
Who Thinks Pat Should Grow Up
Problems with Law Review competition solved post facto

By John Robertson

Last summer, the William & Mary Law Review encountered a problem for its competitors for staff positions: There were more qualified applicants than available positions. Because of the grading system at the school, which ranks students by percentile instead of raw-quality points, more than ten percent of the class may be ranked as within the top ten percent. As a result, several students within the top ten percent failed to "grade on" to the Review by making a "good faith effort" in their competition notes.

According to one of the competitors who found himself in this situation, "As anyone can tell you who was at the meeting [explaining the competition rules], we understood that if you were in the top 10% of your class, you merely had to make a good faith effort on the Note [in order to grade on]."

When a large number of highly-ranked competitors tried out for the competition last year, however, the Law Review editorial board enlisted the aid of the administration to solve the dilemma.

Dean Jayne Barnard, said that the administration's role was primarily to clarify the grading policy which contributed to the problem. "The policy decision to rank students by percentile, instead of calculating each student's grade-point average to the second decimal place, was settled by faculty vote in the early eighties."

Dean Barnard went on to explain the validity of this approach in this situation: "There really isn't any significant distinction between a few hundredths of a point."

Using this to distinguish students, Dean Barnard continued, would only create artificial distinction between substantially similar applicants.

Several affected students, however, felt that the problem would have been handled more effectively by determining the top 18 students for grade-on staff positions by raw scores and not by percentiles. "I'm not sure if [the administration] ever explained how they decided [between qualified candidates]," said one student who attended the meeting held to explain the decision.

Ultimately, the choice among competitors tied at the same percentile was decided by examining their writing scores. Students who received the lower writing scores among the competitors with the same percentile rank were "thrown back into the pool" for consideration on the basis of their writing scores alone.

Although the decisionmaking policy used by the Review to select staff members is expressly outlined in the Law Review Handbook, this policy was not clearly outlined in the handout given to competitors explaining the selection process at the beginning of the competition.

The News-Ledger was pleased to allow the board some flexibility in allocating staff positions based on grades and writing scores, indicating that "approximately one-half" of the positions would be determined on either basis.

"I stand behind the choices made under these difficult circumstances," said Dean Krattenmaker, who ratified the decision made by Dean Barnard and the selection board. Dean Krattenmaker remarked that although the problem was unfortunate, he believed the policy behind the decision was sound.

Westlaw changes student printing and use limits

By Paul Walker

In a letter to law school deans last month, Westlaw Publishing announced that it was placing law students across the nation on a "budget" of 25 hours per month of Westlaw usage and loading.

Unfortunately, word seeped out slowly to law students, not just here at M-W but everywhere. The new limits caused a minor flap on the Internet earlier this month as complaints about hitting the limit were posted to a Usenet newsgroup dealing with law student issues.

In its letter to law school deans, Westlaw stated it was imposing limits to "help students focus on cost-effective research." According to Julie Sullivan, the Westlaw Area Representative, Westlaw surveyed law librarians earlier this year. "Most librarians expressed interest in some type of limits," she said. It is hoped that in this way law students will gain some appreciation of the limits imposed by actual costs in the private sector. Limits are also designed to force students to focus and refine their research techniques so that they become more efficient. Efficiency, the theory goes, leads to less time on line.

Grayson and Mann debate for House of Delegates seats

By Victoria Blakeway

The Williamsburg - James City County Chapter of the League of Women Voters sponsored a candidates' forum for the election for State Delegate for the 97th District this past Wednesday, Sept. 27. Twenty-one year Democratic incumbent George Grayson and Republican challenger Joe Mann fielded questions from League members and the audience about their congressional priorities.

Grayson pointed out that standards of learning are mandatory and have been recently amended to focus classroom. Grayson said he opposed funding charter schools, however, due to the "untried" nature of the concept. Both candidates pledged to keep in touch with the local school system and educational issues.

Crime was another recurring theme of the evening. Mann said that strict sentencing and tougher prosecution of juvenile criminals was a priority for him. Grayson said he supports parole reform and mandatory sentences for violent crimes and use of guns. While discussing the issue of proper sentencing, Mann said that Virginia should exhaust all other options before building new prisons, including looking at the potential use of buildings such as prisons.

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Auto theft and M-W security

By Mario Pacella

The Williamsburg Police Department announced recently that its officers have arrested four individuals they believe are responsible for the Aug. 25 car theft from the Grad Plex parking lot. W& M Campus Police Chief Dick McGrew said he believes that the four are responsible for the Aug. 25 crime because the same methods were used that night and the night of their arrest by Williamsburg police. Those arrested are residents of Norfolk.

McGrew said that his department questioned the suspects in connection with the Grad Plex theft, but the suspects told police officials "to go fly a kite." McGrew also said that while the car and other campus theft is really unfortunate, campus crime reports show that crime has been kept to a minimum this year and the Grad Plex. McGrew increased campus patrols in the few days following the Aug. 25 incident, but they are back to normal now.

Even in light of the low level of crime in the law school area, McGrew is concerned about safety and security. To guard against late night robberies, the campus security guard who is on duty nightly at M-W from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. will, upon request, escort anyone to their vehicle in the parking lot or to the Grad Plex. The Grad Plex security guard can be reached at extension 1-4596. This service will continue at least until the lighting is improved outside the law school and in the parking lots.

On the plus side, McGrew said that the law school is considering installing a card key access system for the library to permit after hours access to students and other qualified patrons. Such a system has recently become more cost effective than it was in the past, according to Dean Connie Galloway. The administration at M-W was concerned with backdoor access. The possibility of students or other patrons entering the doors open would pose a significant threat to the security of the collection, Galloway said.
The margin of excellence: The M-W Annual Fund

By Frank Lynch

First in a Series of Three Articles

Nestled in a far corner of the law school, adjacent to the Moot Courtroom, sits the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. This office, staffed by Associate Dean Rick Overy, Assistant Dean Peg Hayhurst, Executive Secretary Judy Caldwell, Graduate Assistant Monica McGrath, and 3L Bookkeeper Jeff Marks (Yes, several control systems are in place so Jeff can't cook the books or place his hands on any cash), is responsible for three important law school programs: Endowment Fundraising and Management, the Annual Fund Drive, and Alumni Activities. This article, the first in a series of three, will concentrate on the Annual Fund Drive.

The primary purpose of the Annual Fund, according to Overy, is to support current operations at M-W. Last year, the Annual Fund raised $361,000, with the bulk of this money coming from alumni and the remainder from parents and other individuals. Approximately one-third of that amount, $120,000, was earmarked for student scholarships for this school year. In fact, money raised by the Annual Fund and the Endowment provide 75% of all scholarship aid. In addition to scholarships, the Annual Fund furnishes 95% of faculty research funds, most of which pays for summer research projects, and equips Dean Krattenmaker with "discretionary" funds, which are regularly distributed to various student groups.

The law reviews and the moot court teams have been regular recipients of these funds. This resource is also used to send professors to conferences if that professor's travel money has been exhausted.

Krattenmaker said that the Annual Fund provides M-W "the margin of excellence" over what we receive from the Commonwealth. As a state-supported institution, M-W has limited funds for many programs. The Annual Fund fills any gaps between program goals and funding. The Annual Fund is a priority for Krattenmaker because it provides direct benefits to students. Increasing the amount raised by the Annual Fund can improve the quality of life at M-W, increase the quality of various programs, and heighten the external recognition M-W receives when professors and students represent the school at conferences, symposia, moot court tournaments, etc.

While the Office has a small professional staff to staff the program, much of the work is performed by alumni and student volunteers. At last count, over 300 volunteers were assisting the office in fundraising for the Annual Fund and Endowment. This year's chair of the Annual Fund Drive is Mary G. Morris ('81), the first woman to serve in this capacity. She is an attorney with the Virginia Attorney General's Office in Richmond.

The fundraising takes three forms: direct mail, phone calls, and personal solicitation. In using these solicitation methods, the fundraisers attempt to contact as many students as possible in a cost efficient manner (in 1993-94, the cost of fundraising, which includes salaries of the staff, travel, costs of mailing, was at 11-12 cents on the dollar; normally, fundraising should cost between 10 and 20 cents on the dollar).

Three times a year, the Chair of the Annual Fund writes a letter to the 4300 M-W alumni, inviting them to participate in the drive. In addition, law students, undergraduates, and Annual Fund Board members phone alumni. Another proof of attack is personal visits by Krattenmaker, Overy, and Hayhurst. These visits are targeted at those donors who may give $1000 or more. Once these people have donated $1000 or more, they are invited to be members of the Dean's Council. Last year 136 alumni/donors contributed at this level (A list of these donors is on a plaque in the foyer outside the Moot Courtroom). Other volunteer groups assist in solicitation as well. Class representatives on Reunion committees contact their classmates. According to Dean Overy, "people give to people, and the best way to get alums to contribute is through people who know them." This program is targeted at classes that graduated between 1950 and 1990.

The Firm-mate program involves those firms that have four or more M-W alums. Firm-mate leaders ask their fellow alumni to donate to the Annual Fund. Of the 50 firms in the world that have four or more M-W alums, 25 of those firms are at 100% participation (these firms are listed on a plaque next to the Director's office). Last year 1401 of the 4300 alumni gave to the Annual Fund. This 34% participation rate is very high, especially for public law schools. In comparison, UVa has a giving rate of 48% (Duke: 38%, Emory: 21%, GW: 16%). Two years ago, M-W was ranked in the top three nationwide for giving rates among state-supported law schools.

While alumni participation has been relatively high, there are a few limiting factors that have a profound effect on the amount of money raised for the Annual Fund. First, M-W only has 4300 alumni from whom to solicit money. Before 1975, the classes at M-W were only 50 people each. Although the class sizes tripled in 1973, the alumni who graduated from these larger classes are still relatively young. These alumni have families and children in school. In addition, there are very few senior partners or CEOs; therefore, these people do not have much money to donate in the first place.

Second, many M-W graduates remain in Virginia, but practice in smaller, more rural areas. These alumni are not making enough money to make large donations. Another more general complication to raising money for the Annual Fund is competition with other philanthropic organizations. In short, two of the school's greatest strengths, its small size and location, are the Annual Fund's greatest weaknesses. Overy stated, however, that the demographics for the future are in M-W's favor. For the next few years, the alumni base will be getting larger and older, which, in turn, should bring a greater number of donations (and hopefully larger ones too).

Ten years ago, the Annual Fund raised $35,000. Since then, the Annual Fund has grown tenfold. This is largely in part because of the addition of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs in 1985. The growth of the Annual Fund can also be attributed to a strong commitment by the students, faculty, administration, and alumni. A great example of this strong commitment is last year's graduating class. The Class of 1995 had a participation rate of 72% and raised approximately $26,000, which will be collected over the next three years.

Most of that money was earmarked for PSF, the law reviews, Moot Court, the National Trial Team, and scholarships. According to a law student, "no other school has greater student participation than M-W." Two years ago, 95% of the faculty and 100% of the Administration gave to the Annual Fund. Overy hopes that this strong commitment will continue in the years to come.

The Annual Fund is ahead of schedule when compared with this time last year. As of last week (the Fund is tracked weekly), the Fund had 161 donors (compared with 100 at this time last year) and the Fund is valued at $30,000 (as opposed to $27,000 at this time last year). Overy explained that most of the money is donated to the Annual Fund in December, before the end of the tax year, and in June, before the school's fiscal year ends. The recent trends of the Annual Fund have been encouraging. Overy is confident that the demographics are in M-W's favor for future fundraising for a vital, yet generally unknown, facet of M-W.

Law students helping area children through CASA

By Patrick Lee

A growing group of law students has taken up the cause of protecting the area's children by volunteering to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). This is a new program, which assigns CASAs to represent the interests of children who allegedly have suffered abuse or neglect. They perform extensive investigation, review background materials, interview all parties associated with the children, and visit the homes. CASAs then submit to the court written reports and proposals for future action. CASAs also occasionally testify in court.

Volunteers have to make difficult decisions, often facing the question of whether the Court should remove the children from their homes.

"Advocates make recommendations to the judge based on their assessment of the cases, representing the child's best interest." Law School CASA Liaison Paul McGowan (2L) said. "The child may not have any other advocate." Volunteers work in pairs, spending an average of 10 to 30 hours on each case. CASAs are also responsible for all follow-up research.

CASAs undergo extensive training before beginning their service, McGowan said. Trainees attend 30 hours of classroom training, where they receive instructions from social workers, counselors, attorneys, and judges. In addition, advocates must observe hearings in Juvenile and Domestic Court. A central lesson of training is the importance of confidentiality, McGowan said. CASAs learn the intimate details of the children's troubled backgrounds.

The local CASA organization has grown significantly, attracting new levels of support from law students. Approximately 15 first-year students have enlisted, joining the 12 upper-class members. They join a group of community volunteers and a national network of close to 600 programs.

While the children are the primary beneficiaries of the program, service also provides a unique learning experience for future attorneys.

"Advocates learn to develop essential legal-related skills: interviewing, reporting factual information, dealing with people of all backgrounds," McGowan said. "Volunteers also gain a better understanding of the judicial system with the opportunity to see the inner workings."

"As students, still in the process of learning, still trying to master the law, we find it hard to see how we can impact the lives of others," Law School CASA Liaison David Young (2L) said. "Serving as a CASA shows students how they can use their common sense, their ability to interact with others, and their reasoning to save children in need of their help."

The Williamsburg organization will begin a new round of training in the spring. Several students also receive training through the Newport News program.
Three uniformed police officers forcibly removed an unwed pregnant teenager from her parents’ home in the middle of the night. Ruby Scott, 15, was placed in a foster home for a day, but was returned to her parents’ custody after a juvenile court judge received assurance from them that they would not obtain an abortion for Ruby unless approved by a court. The parents of the girl’s ex-boyfriend, R. Heath Mayfield, wanted to be assured that their son would have his full rights as a father.

A year after the birth of her daughter, Ruby and her family are seeking damages from the Mayfield and the police department, claiming that they deprived her of her right to have an abortion.

Now We Can Pay Off Our Credit Card
A Texas couple whose lives were seriously disrupted and threatened by overzealous and violently-inclined bill collection agents has been awarded $1 million, $9 million of which represents punitive damages. Albert and Marianne Driscoll testified that agents of Household Credit Services, Inc., jammed phone lines and called in bomb threats to their respective businesses, and threatened to take out a contract on their lives, if they didn’t pay their $2000 overdue credit card bill.

Is It Art or a Tool of the Trade?
The IRS failed to appreciate Brian P. Little’s claim that his 300 year-old, classic Francesco Ruggeri bass violin had depreciated in value due to heavy use. Little argued that when the instrument is owned by a professional musician, it is only as valuable as the sound that it can produce. Judge Theodore A. McKee agreed. Because heavy use had taken its toll upon the violin’s tonal quality, Little “had every right to avail himself of the depreciation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code,” said McKee.

For the M-W Law Library Suggestion Box
Tanya Goetz of Erlanger, Kentucky, was jailed for failure to pay a three dollar fine on her son’s overdue library book. During her eight hour stay in the jail, her son found the overdue book, returned it, and paid the fine.

All charges were dropped, but Kenton County Attorney Gary Edmundson is defending the arrest. “Not returning a library book is a form of theft,” he remarked.

What Big Feet You Have, Darling!
Felix Urioste, 34, of Farmingham, Utah, has pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with his impersonation of a woman. Urioste posed as a woman throughout his three and a half year marriage to another man.

His husband claims that he felt sympathy for what he thought was a pregnant woman (Urioste later told him that the children were stillborn) and that the marriage was “essentially celibate.” Police, who called the husband extremely naive, are continuing to investigate fraud involving student loans made to Urioste while he posed as a female student.

Be Prepared…to Defend Your Image
Presidential candidate Phil Gramm has come into conflict with the Boy Scouts of America. A recent campaign pamphlet pictures Gramm standing next to a saluting boy scout, a symbol of loyalty and trustworthiness. The Boy Scouts are a non-political organization and don’t want people to have the mistaken impression that they support Gramm’s ideals or campaign.

Twelve People Not Smart Enough to Avoid Jury Duty?
A recent jury in Houston, Texas, sequenced itself after being dismissed for a dinner break. At the insistence of one member, they remained in the jury room for over an hour until a nighttime cleaning woman discovered them and told them to go home. Cynical critics noted a difference in the sophistication of jury members since the selection system was changed from voting records to drivers’ license numbers.

Meet Mechele Dickerson
By Henry Jardine
Professor Mechele Dickerson is the latest addition to our pantheon of professorial paragons. Having joined us this August, Dickerson is just beginning to settle into her neatly arranged office. If surroundings are any indication of the individual, Dickerson is pleasant, understated, and very organized. It is obvious, also, that she is a newcomer to the world of academia, having worked in private practice since 1989. She certainly exudes the aura of the slothful indolence so marked in those of us who have forgotten what working for a living is like.

Actually, Dickerson brings a range of experience to M-W. She was an undergraduate at that school up in Cambridge, Massachusetts called Harvard; and realizing too much of a good thing was a good thing, she decided to stay and get her law degree there as well. She noted, however, that at her law school, relations amongst the professors and between the professors and students were often strained (which is probably why most of the students at M-W decided not to go to Harvard).

Naturally as a result, she was “concerned about the atmosphere” here at M-W. She has found, though, that there has not been a problem. In fact, she thought “the atmosphere [here] was great.”

Upon graduating from Harvard in 1988, she clerked for a year with Justice Nathaniel Jones of the 6th Circuit. Then it was on to the world of billable hours at the firm of Shea & Gardner in Washington, D.C., where she experienced the pleasures of litigation in the areas of ERISA (Pension law) and Bankruptcy. Like any good story, though, the plot quickly changed with the introduction of a love interest, and after two years, a new chapter in the life of Dickerson began when she followed her heart and future husband to his new posting at Ford-Moore. Obviously an asset to any firm, Dickerson quickly found a position.

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for various journals get too upset, it should be pointed out that journal members and research assistants are exempt from the limits. With five student run journals and reviews, this means a significant portion of M-W students are not subject to the new limits.

For those who do run up against either of the limits, don’t forget about Lexis. Nexus. Lexis access remains unrestricted, although it is not generally considered to be as user-friendly as Westlaw. Despite this, Lexis attracts some dedicated followers.

In fact, in a posting to the bit.listserv.lawch-i Newsgroup, Mitch Matorin wrote that “Lexis is far superior to Westlaw in every way, and you will thank Westlaw for its shortsightedness in limiting your access.” A more telling point, though, is made by Lynn Loschin (2L, UC-Davis) who advises ILS to “learn to use both. Next summer, or the summer after you will probably not have a choice.”

Here at M-W, Westlaw will provide job search training for 1Ls on Nov. 6 and general training the last week in January.
Bushrod Board Chosen

Congratulations to the newest additions to the M-W moot court team:

College Ranks High in State Council Report and in U.S. News

W&M has the highest SAT scores, grade average point, retention rate, and applicant selectivity among Virginia colleges and universities according to a report from the State Council of Higher Education. Incoming freshman boast an average SAT of 1240, GPA of 3.89 on a 4.0 scale, and 92% retention rate for fall 1992 freshmen.

In the Sept. 18 issue of U.S. News and World Report, the College ranked third among national universities and first in the commonwealth of Virginia in the category of undergraduate teaching. Overall the College ranked 34th nationally. The rankings were based on surveys of college presidents, deans, and admissions directors. Categories of inquiry included student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, retention rate, and alumni satisfaction.

In a separate report, the NCAA reported that W&M, along with Stanford, are the only two Division I universities offering athletic scholarships whose athletes had an average SAT over 1000 and average GPA over 3.0.

Courtroom 21 Show-off Session

Video conferences in legal proceedings was the subject of a Sept. 14 presentation in the Courtroom 21. The presentation attracted state supreme court chief justices, South Korean legal officials, representatives from the Federal Judicial Center, the National Center for State Courts, and members of the U.S. military.

Among the presentations were a deposition conducted between a court reporter in Williamsburg and witness in Chicago; expert testimony from a witness in Seattle; and a settlement conference between parties in Virginia and Connecticut. The "world's most technologically advanced courtroom" is designed to allow court participation from anywhere, anywher in the world.

OCPP and PSF Present: First Monday

A panel discussion and reception is planned for Monday, Oct. 2, promoting public interest law. There will be a video presentation featuring Ralph Santiago Abascal, Nan Aron, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), the Honorable Thelton Henderson, Ralph Nader and Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC). The video will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Professor John Levy. Eva Thomas of Peninsula Legal Aid, Kent Willis of the Virginia ACLU, and Willacy McKenna, a private attorney in Williamsburg, will be members of the panel.

Muscarelle Museum of Art Exhibition: African-American Works on Paper

The Muscarelle Museum of Art, on the main campus of W&M, will be having a reception that is open to the public on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in honor of a collection of twentieth century black American artists. The exhibit, on loan from the Crocker Collection, La Grange, Georgia, includes prints, drawings, paintings, and mixed media pieces. Artists featured include Alma Thomas, Romare Bearden, and Jacob Lawrence. The exhibit will run from Oct. 21 through Dec. 3.

The Muscarelle is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. Free and open to public. For information, call 221-2700.

Joe Woitko Update

In an earlier issue of the Amicus, it was reported that 1995 M-W graduate Joe Woitko ran unsuccessfully for a position on his local school board in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, while simultaneously studying for the Bar exam.

Amicus sources indicate that Woitko's political career continues to look hopeful despite his recent defeat. Local politicians have been complimenting him on his campaign. Just the other day a local judge said he wanted to "meet" Woitko for lunch. According to Woitko, "nobody ever just meets someone else for lunch in Hazelton. Whenever someone meets somebody else it's like something out of I Claudius."

Staff selections for Journal of Women and the Law


Housing Partnerships

Housing Partnerships is a non-profit organization that helps repair subsidized housing in the Williamsburg area. They request the help of anyone wishing to volunteer, regardless of level of experience. W&M students constitute approximately 75% of Housing Partnership volunteers. Work is available six days a week (Monday through Saturday). Every Saturday, the volunteers meet on the steps of Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at 8:30 a.m. Transportation is provided. The volunteers generally work 4-5 hours. A skilled supervisor is always present to oversee work.

Anyone with questions about the program can call 221-0225.

Nighttime Bikers Beware

The Flat Hat reported recently that Williamsburg City Police will begin ticketing bicyclists for riding at night without headlights and for failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Saba stated that his initial perception of the SBA is that they throw great parties and promote fun bar reviews. Saba, however, is more concerned with the funding crisis faced by many law school organizations. Saba said he plans to work to get funding decisions out of the hands of the all-College student assembly and into the SBA. Saba's concern stems from the realization that only one law student is a part of the current funding decision-making process.

Other candidates also emphasized the service role of the SBA. Victoria Blackman said she hopes that the SBA social programs would be more balanced. "The SBA should de-emphasize alcohol a bit and promote more outdoor activities," Blackman said. Eliza Hutchinson said she believes that the SBA is a strong organization, but that the student body "can be made more aware of the SBA's positive contributions to M-W." As for communication with the student body, Danielle Roemer suggested that "the SBA ought to have a section in the Amicus entitled 'SBA Update.'"

Campaign week culminated in the "Meet the Candidates" night at the College Dolly Monday. Numerous candidates showed up at the event Saba organized, along with a few uninvited ILS and one Amicus reporter. Blakeway commented that the open forum was a great idea, but she wished for a better turnout. That is not to say that those in attendance did not enjoy the rap session. According to Yama Shansab, "Peter [Kirchgraber] rode his bike in the rain" to be present. I.L. Rick Ensor said he hoped that the session would aid him in making an informed selection. "[The SBA race] is tightly contested, but I know that the best ILS will win. I believe in the democratic process, and I am proud to be an American," Ensor said, hopefully only partially jokingly.

"Meet the Candidates" night ended without controversy when Saba thanked all for coming and said that he just wished that there were 12 positions available because all the candidates would make a difference. Parkerson expressed a similar sentiment after the election. She said that there were many good people running and that it was a shame that only three could be elected.

Public service announcement:
A lawdy cheapness shall outlast our days.
---Ezra Pound
Covenant House legal services: Summer internship

Sue McCue

My summer internship was with the Covenant House Legal Services Department in New York City. Covenant House is a short-term crisis shelter for homeless and runaway youth. In addition to providing food, shelter, and clothing on an emergency basis, Covenant House also provides individual counseling and medical, legal, education, and vocational services for its residents. The programs at Covenant House are designed to give the youths a positive direction for their lives and prepare them to become independent and responsible young adults.

The legal services office provides legal services to the residents of the agency’s three homeless shelters in Manhattan, and to low-income residents of the Bronx and Brooklyn who are under age 21 or have children under the age of 21. A third storefront clinic in Harlem is expected to open very soon. The internship is unpaid, but I was able to fund my summer through a PSEG grant.

The legal problems vary greatly, but the majority of clients from the shelters are seeking assistance with child custody or immigration matters. The Bronx and Brooklyn clients are usually older and request assistance with a greater variety of legal issues, primarily landlord/tenant matters, entitlement issues, immigration issues, and debtor’s concerns.

Legal interns are involved in all aspects of the cases. Very early on in the internship, I was writing motions to be filed in court, interviewing clients, researching the issues presented in the cases, and generally following up on all matters in the cases I was assigned. Because Covenant House is a legal services office on a tight budget, I also did all the clerical work and legal work (i.e., performing service of process all over NYC) on my cases.

The three main areas in which 85-90% of the efforts of the legal office are directed are domestic relations, immigration, and housing law. There are three staff attorneys, each with a specialization in one of these areas. The domestic relations work primarily includes child custody, support, and visitation rights. The interns accompany clients to the family court and advocate on their behalf for court orders such as Orders for Protection. The immigration work addresses concerns regarding family and employer sponsorship, citizenship petitions, replacement of lost documents, political asylum, visa extensions, and special immigrant petitions. Interns may be asked to accompany a client to Immigration and Naturalization. The housing practice is mainly concentrated in the area of preventing homelessness before it happens. Interns have the opportunity to work on housing court research and motions, and they accompany the staff attorneys to housing court in Brooklyn and the Bronx.

My summer with Covenant House was an incredible learning experience about the challenges and rewards of being a legal services attorney, especially in a city as demanding as New York. I do not think there is one aspect of a legal internship that I didn’t experience this summer. If you are interested in obtaining more information about a summer internship at Covenant House, mail requests to Covenant House Legal Services Dept., 460 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036, or call (212) 613-0300.

The healthcare debate: Should Congress make the cuts

**Make the cuts - the numbers speak for themselves**

**Sutton Snook**

While growth in private sector health care has declined recently, government spending on Medicaid has run rampant with an annual average growth of 19.1 percent. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that total spending this year will be $156.5 billion. Both Clinton and the Republican-led Congress have developed plans to reduce the rate of growth of Medicaid. The Congressional plan, which provides less growth than the Administration's, calls for state block grants that allow the federal government to limit taxpayer exposure and gives states flexibility.

Clinton and his cronies have charged that the Republican plan will reduce the number of people covered, reduce benefits, and reduce payments to providers. Clinton claims that the GOP plan amounts to drastic cuts to pay for a tax cut for the rich, whereas, his plan merely cuts the waste while still protecting the people. This isn’t just wrong, it’s a lie. Clinton is not only appealing to a man by a man desperate to hold on to whatever power he thinks he has left. The Republican plan increases spending, but decreases the rate of growth. A comparison of the two plans shows that the total seven-year difference in outlays is only $9 billion, with an average difference of annual expenditures of a little over $3 billion. In fact, to ease the transition, Republican outlays in the first three years are higher than the Clinton plan.

The Republican plan will spend $239 billion more on Medicaid than was spent in the past seven years, but $182 billion less than under current law. So when Clinton stands before the American public and tells us that his plan saves Medicaid while the Republican plan dooms its recipients, he is lying.

The Republican block grant plan saves $185.4 billion over seven years without any reduction in benefits for needy people. First, the plan calls for changing incentives for recipients through Medical Savings Accounts and managed health care, providing $37.2 billion in savings from acute care programs and $64 billion from long-term care. While about 20 percent of Medicaid recipients are currently enrolled in a managed care plan, 93 percent of Medicaid payments are fee-for-service payments. A General Accounting Office study indicated that managed care can reduce costs by up to 19.6 percent. In Arizona, where all Medicaid recipients are required to be in managed care, savings were 8.3 percent from 1989 through 1993. Savings can be increased by placing recipients in Medical Savings Accounts, where each patient is given the incentive to help control rising Medicaid costs by making them responsible for their own accounts.

Second, the Congressional plan enforces state recovery, increasing savings by $35 billion. The 1993 Omnibus Reconciliation Act requires states to investigate whether a recipient is eligible for Medicaid, as many people either “spend down” or hide their assets in order to qualify. However, states have become lax in their efforts. The result has been that Medicaid-financed nursing home services intended for the elderly poor are sometimes given to those with substantial assets. Actual enforcement of this requirement increases savings while still providing Medicaid for those who qualify under current law.

Third, the Republican plan calls for redirecting “disproportionate share hospital (DSH)” payments, saving $13.9 billion. Currently, tax loopholes allow states to manipulate federal matching funds. Federal DSH payments grew from $4.97 million in 1990 to $6.5 billion in 1995. This must stop. The Senate Resolution freezes payments at 1995 levels, which is still sufficient to meet legitimate needs, but cuts states from cheating the federal government.

Fourth, the GOP plan reduces administrative costs, saving an additional $3.7 billion. Under current law, the CBO estimates that over the next seven years, Medicaid administrative costs will be a total of $36.7 billion. By block granting and giving states more flexibility, we can avoid wasting Medicaid money on office work.

Fifth, the Republican plan makes Medicaid the “pay of last resort,” an estimated $31.5 billion. Medicaid was designed to pay for health care services only after a recipient’s private health insurance and worker’s compensation has been exhausted. But state Medicaid programs generally are not recovering from those third-party insurers. By collecting the money due, savings will be significant without reducing care to recipients.

Sixth, the Congressional plan reduces waste, fraud, and abuse. There is currently no incentive for states to stop waste, fraud, and abuse, which the General Accounting Office estimates is ten percent of the Medicaid budget. The reason is that because state contribution to Medicaid is as low as 21 percent, their benefit from eliminating one dollar of abuse is only 21 cents. By block granting to states, they can set their own limits on waste, fraud, and abuse, saving $29 billion.

See **SNOOK** on 10

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**Christian Mastondrea**

The 104th Congress is sounding more like a conductor every day. This week, we heard the old familiar cry, “All Aboard!” Seniors, disabled, the poor and disorganized to the front. This train is now departing for all stations including poverty, desperation, and hopelessness.” To borrow and modify an old GOP saying, it looks like a railroad and sounds like a railroad, odds are it’s a railroad! As with last year’s Contract with America, the average Joe is standing right in the middle of the tracks. This time, the programs targeted are LBJ’s Medicaid and Medicare, which provide health care to more than 57 million Americans, poor, disabled and elderly [Time 9/4/95].

Medicare is split into two parts, Part A and Part B. Part A is the troubled “Hospital Trust Fund.” It’s been going under since 1970. Most people take out more than they put in over time, in fact, much like social security. It also winds up subsidizing those who never paid into the system. The money in this so-called fund is collected from the little people, i.e. the working stiff. It is then invested in government bonds and the like. By taking $1 out of spending, the government saves the fund $1. As if by magic, the deficit is reduced by $1. Part B is the other half of the fund, and that is paid directly by those receiving benefits. It is voluntary in nature, but it is a great deal. Recipients pay only $46.50 per month, which covers about 29% of the cost of the system. The remaining cost of the money must come from the general treasury [Time 9/4/95]. These numbers are troubling, but I find horrifying the idea that seniors and the disabled could be greatly shat ed if the Congress passes a plan that has not been properly debated.

Yes, I am afraid that it is true, the system is certainly in need of a good overhaul. The exploding increases in health care costs coupled with the massive task of reducing the Reagan Bush deficit require us to look at all the programs on our budget. Health care costs are increasing 10 percent per year, and it is expected to go much higher when the patients hit old age [9/4/95].

I just think we should look before we buy. One would think that any overhaul of a program so vital to the lives of so many Americans would rate more than just one day of open debate. Worse, at this hearing, the GOP’s own experts were unable to discuss the specifics and forgot about any discussion of the ramifications.

Over-and-over it has been repeated that if we do not act now the whole system will become insolvent. The trustees of Medicare have been saying that for years. In fact this year’s predictions are slightly better [Time 9/4/95]. Thankfully, the GOP proposals are by no means final; however, they would generally “raise premiums and would cut fees paid to doctors and nursing homes and home-care agencies . . .” and would also require seniors to pay for more of the services provided, hopefully pushing some into managed care [Post 9/28]. It’s not really the cuts that are all that controversial. It’s the size that is overwhelming.

The GOP contends that these are just reductions in increased spending. Any freshman economics student will tell you that when spending increases fall below the rate of inflation in a given market, service reductions must follow, and that is definitely a cut. The plan says that we must control costs, but there is no real mechanism for doing that. The GOP simply asserts that managed care will lead to greater efficiency and that the pay-back incentives will increase the number of seniors who will join one of these programs. The plan fails to address the biggest problem. The system is continuously subsidizing those who have no insurance and cannot pay a nickel for medical bills. Without addressing this issue, it will be difficult to control costs.

Congress wants to cut $270 billion out of the system over seven years, a number that is remarkably similar to the $2-40 billion in tax cuts that Congress is so proud of [Time 9/4/95]. The cut is literally double what the Democratic plan called for in savings. Yes, but taxes are hard, and the tough choices are finally being made -- that is unless you’re at the Pentagon where it’s been Christmas all year. Congress has given the military billions for weapons that the military doesn’t even want. Our financially crippled government is currently building four new Aegis class cruisers, two more than the Navy requested. Let’s not forget corporate welfare. It has been a bad year for those guys. Congress has cut corporate welfare by $1.5 billion dollars, out of $53 billion dollars total [US News/ World Reports 9/11/95].

All this at a time when Los Angeles has been forced to close many of the clinics that serve it’s most vulnerable citizens -- the working poor and new immigrants -- because of cuts already made at the state and federal level. Research and teaching facilities are on the GOP Medicare hit list as well. Do we not want to pay for exactly these types of operations? To see **MASTONDREA** on 10
Ask Smarter Guy

Dear Smarter Guy:

Like many, I mourned the passing of Ted Atkinson but am pleased to see that you hope to pick up where he left off. Your reading public will undoubtedly be the judge of whether you live up to your moniker [sic] or not. I did have one problem with Mr. Smart Guy's comments, though; it seemed too contrived and staged. Let's face it! Mr. Smart Guy wrote to himself to create those absurdly funny situations. I see you have fallen into the same habit, so I thought I would toss out the first real "Dear Smarter Guy" letter.

I have a real problem with these pseudo-intellectual, solipsist, liberal arts-types who go to great lengths to impress their friends and the average Amicus reader by quoting dead white guys, and using words one does not typically find in a pocket dictionary and rarely ever used in patois.

As I read their articles, I assume the writer is speaking of me, the inimitable Mr. Smarter Guy. In addition to the beloved Ted, I am asking myself, "Does this fool have anything original to say?" [Hey, what a second, is he calling me a fool?] Let's face it, Shakespeare wrote only one memorable line: "Speak hands for me!" [insert middle finger gesture here -- original brackets] And everyone knows that Patton's only quotable quote is "We'll tear out their living guts and use them to grease the treads of our tanks!" [Funny, I thought it was "Do you like my crotchless panties."] So, why are liberal artists given to such practice. [Because, practice makes perfect.]

Are they trying to impress others as to how well read they are? Given the audience to which Amicus appeals, quoting USA Today would "rock."

Are they trying to reassure themselves that they really did not waste four years of their existence getting a dink diploma from a dink school in a major for which there wasn't dink in the job market. Let's face it, law school is a safe harbor for liberal artists who learned the hard way that most of Burger King's staff had Master's Degrees in history, or psychology, or political science. So, I ask Mr. Smart Guy, why the need to quote others ad nauseam? Why the need to burden readers with words which have no purpose in everyday life? Who do these "intellectuals" think they are?

TRESPASSERS WIL

Dear Testicle Bill:

Duh, sorry! I guess for you, size does matter. In the future, I will try to keep my words small and simple so you can understand. I will also type my article real slow so you can keep up. I should begin my response, though, by saying at least you wrote. Your incisive eye -- I hope incisive isn't too difficult a word -- did recognize that the articles have been contrived and staged. Yes, I am sorry to say there is no Santa Claus, and Ted and I have had to often take recourse to writing letters to ourselves. You might say that our journalism is much like our lovemaking technique -- mostly self-manipulation.

While I see you may be the only person to actually 'mourn the passing' of Ted, take heart, he is not dead -- at least, not yet. In fact, I was very shocked that you say I quote dead, white men too much as my first article was mostly quoting Ted directly or indirectly. And I would have to say that Ted is neither dead nor white; but rather, quite alive and closer to a piggy-pink color than white. As to whether he is a guy -- there has certainly never been any evidence of that fact here at M-W.

But enough of being nasty to Ted, let's get back to you, my so pleasant reader. It's not often that I am referred to in French. I am sort of at a loss since, while having mastered the tongue, I can't speak a word of the language. By the tone of your comments, though, it appears that you are attempting to affect a cynical and jaded manner. You seem to accuse me of trying to impress my friends and the average Amicus reader. Again, I have seen you may be the only person to actually 'mourn the passing' of Ted, take heart, he is not dead -- at least, not yet. I was very shocked that you say I quote dead, white men too much as my first article was mostly quoting Ted directly or indirectly. And I would have to say that Ted is neither dead nor white; but rather, quite alive and closer to a piggy-pink color than white. As to whether he is a guy -- there has certainly never been any evidence of that fact here at M-W.

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Furth'm'g the public service ethic of the Amicus, we have initiated our own version of Newsweek's Conventional Wisdom, chronicling the current social, political, cultural and academic trends of the Marshall-Wythe world. In order to celebrate the inauguration of CW, we thought we'd begin on a self-critical bent (a self-reflexivity that will rear its ugly head in the future -- for what could be a better harbinger of law school trends [or whipping-boy] than the witty observations of our own rag?).

Topic: A number of individuals have mentioned that the Amicus often seems to resemble a poorly edited high school paper, replete with narcissistic writers, favoritism and just plain bad journalism. We thought we'd poll a few students on their reactions to a randomly chosen article from last issue in order to ascertain just how little respect our students have for the paper. The story chosen was the fashion expose from Dart Jackson and Scott Book. Students were given four categories into which to classify the article. The percentage of respondents opting for each classification is listed below:

1) The article was a shameless display of pandering by the authors (or the Amicus) to curry favor with individuals in the law school which the authors (or the Amicus) believe to be "in." 33%
2) The article was a spineless attempt by the authors (or the Amicus) to insult and derogate individuals in the school which the authors (or the Amicus) fear and hate. 33%
3) The article was a manifestation of sexual/gender ambiguity -- by the authors (or the Amicus). You go girl! 33%
4) The article was a valuable piece of social commentary/fashion advice that eclipses the writing style and humor found in the men's room at the Green Leafe and is surpassed only, perhaps, by the sage advice of Mr. Smart (or) Guy. 1%

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

This week: Summer Newlyweds
**Overheard**

"My goal this year is not to have my name appear in the Amicus." Cathy Trinkle (The best laid plans of mice and men...)

"If this article were for anything other than the Amicus, I would have done a good job." Patrick Lee

"Remember, it's just beer. It's not love." Michele Brennick

"Come play with us, Gameboy!" Dave Dawson (at Gambols)

"Of all the diseases Lou Gehrig could have had, what were the chances that he'd get Lou Gehrig's disease?" Prof. LeBel

"Ten hours on a legal skills memo? I didn't spend that much time in childbirth." Jennifer Vincent

**DEBATE from 3**

Eastern State Medical Center for use as correctional facilities. In one of the more heated exchanges of the evening, Grayson called Mann's proposal irresponsible and shocking.

In a discussion about the propriety of allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons, Mann said he supported the new law allowing concealed weapons, adding that he believed the magistrates who use to have to issue permits for concealed weapons made arbitrary and capricious decisions in approving very few applications.

Grayson said he opposes the law, and believes that Virginia judges are responsible and were better able to assess character under the old rule.

Both candidates cited a need for limits on campaign spending contributions to political groups. Grayson challenged Mann to accept a campaign limit for this election if one could be agreed upon by both candidates. A pointed question about extending medical and pension benefits to same-sex partners of state employees elicited opposition from both candidates. Mann called it a "benefits grab," while Grayson said such benefits were a "non-issue."

In discussing a tax break for middle to lower income families, Mann pledged his support; but Grayson said the need to "husband" the resources of the commonwealth.

Grayson also came out in support of comprehensive and compassionate welfare reform, "motor voter" registration, and increased regulation of assisted living for elders. Mann expressed support for Governor George Allen's Contract with Virginia, a zero-based budget reform effort, and increased funding for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

In his closing statement, Mann directly attacked Grayson for what he called "principled conservative representation" in an effort to reverse the decline in moral and ethical values of the community. Mann also urged voters to "reject the failed policies of the past."

Grayson said he is proud of Virginia, especially our high bond rating, low taxes, and high standing on the list of best-managed states in the country. Grayson accused Mann of following a Republican script, and said Mann's characterization of the Williamsburg - James City County area as one suffering a decline in moral and ethical standards was dubious at best.

On the whole, the evening was cordial and smoothly run, although Jeff Ryer, Mann's campaign director, said that the one minute format was constraining because of a lack of opportunity to rebut.

There was a small town feel to the meeting, with neighbors greeting each other warmly in the audience. Many young Democrats and Republicans were in the audience, including JL Erik Meyer and JL._

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**TRADING CARDS: Summer Newjews**

Paul and Gayle Schroder

These two got married in Baltimore, though Chicago is Paul's provincial town of choice. He's never met a non-Chicago pizza he liked, and he still thinks the Bulls are going to win last year's championship because Jordan returned. Wife Gayle recently began taking vitamin and iron supplements, but discovered that they gave her too much energy. "There needs to be biorhythmic harmony in a marriage," she explained.

Dave and Jennifer Eberly

The Amicus' very own "Siskel and Ebert" met at some little known university in North Carolina. Dave keeps his new bride entertained pontificating on obscure baseball facts and the virtues of Elmer Schoffer's corporate law classes. They plan to name their first two children Smith and Van Gorkum Eberly. Once her stint with the Amicus is finished, Jennifer hopes to find a full time teaching position.

Jason and Sherry Kelly

Jason is one of the few courageous souls who actually worked as a research assistant two summers in a row. They've dedicated a chair in the Westlaw/Lexis lab to commemorate the many hours of valiant sitting and staring. Jason's work for Neal Devins is another exception to the constitutional amendment prohibiting involuntary servitude. Now that Jason is married, however, boss Neal will have to share Jason's time with Sherry.

Chris and Rani Shea

Anyone who didn't know about these two impending marriages has been living in the dark for the last two years. This is the only one of our couples that suffers from any sort of inbreeding. I imagine as the children are added to the family, we can expect family discussions to be rife with objections, melt downs, strikes, and last minute appeals. For the time being, Chris and Rani's friends hope that Chris is able to balance married life with intramural life.
The Usual Suspects — Classic Hollywood entertainment

By Dave and Jennifer Eberly

"Funny!" "Charming!"

The Usual Suspects proves that a Hollywood movie does not need a marquee star, a classic suspense-mystery. And it is nominated for best film, it is one of the most entertaining films we have seen in a long time.

While The Usual Suspects is probably not well rounded enough to win an Oscar nomination for best film, it is one of the most entertaining films we have seen in a long time. It is hard to remember a better mystery.

We'd see it for full price and buy a large popcorn. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Rating Scale — 5

Bret Maverick — Okay, so this isn't really a new release, but Video Update still has it on the new release rack, so it counts. Maverick is Richard Denner's adaption of the television Western. Mel Gibson replaces James Garner as Bret Maverick, a quick-drawing, card shark who kills 'em with the jokes. Also starring Jodie Foster.

D Dave says — "Funny!" "Charming!" "If you only see one movie this year..." well, now we're going too far. This is a pretty good movie. It is nice to see a Western that doesn't take itself too seriously. It almost makes us want to go to Professor Devins' for poker... J Jennifer says — This was the third time I've seen this movie. It's a great story that keeps you guessing as much as an adventure-comedy-romance can. Also, I never pass up a chance to see Mel Gibson in anything, except maybe Mad Max. I just love him.

PULP FICTION — Quentin Tarantino's, often nominated, rarely awarded, super cool look at the world of crime. Starring our favorite sweaterdog, John Travolta, and lots of other people.

WE BOTH SAY — If you haven't seen this movie, go rent it. If you have seen this movie, go rent it. But be warned if you saw it in the theater, as this movie "HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO FIT YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN." The nerve!

Honeymoon at the movies

The wines of war

By Doug Onley

Celebrate the beginning of the Bosnian Serbs with a wine from the region. Adri Chardonnay ($2.99 Winn Dixie) is from a winery, apparently not in ruins, near Zagreb, Croatia.

The Serbs haven't completely abandoned their neighbor to the east, though. They recently have been firing cluster bombs at towns around eastern Croatia; yielding, I expect, less-than-ideal growing conditions and forcing the cellar masters to arm themselves.

Fortunately, Adri's Chardonnay was vintage in 1993, when one western journalist noted that lovely iced whites were still available at the Swank Hotel Esplanade in downtown Zagreb. The Serbs didn't completely eliminate wines as it turns out. True, they expelled the locals from the wine-producing regions, but at least the Serbs aren't dynamiting the aging and-blending units. Somehow, the wine made it to your local supermarket.

The chardonnay's bouquet is a little less than ideal, but the flavor is rich and lingers long. True, it's not as smooth as a white Burgundy, but it's certainly better than the red wines we've been served at some of the better-known restos in town.

Adri's label brags of "noble wines" grown in the area for 2,500 years. (What were the Croatians up to in 500 BC, besides tossing enemy children into pits with hungry dogs?)

My favorite touch on the label is a list of important awards the wine won, including the 45th, but by that marketing logic, we should all look forward to this year's pressings from Ulan Bator, Mongolia, and Spearfish, Spearfish.

Adri's Cabernet Sauvignon ($3.99 Winn Dixie) is an off-label wine that also won a number of awards. True, Bordeaux, Bergerac, and the Rhone Valley share the same region. Adria's Cabernet Sauvignon is hard to remember a better value.

The Concert Corner

By Dave Minier

Agents of Good Roots is still playing at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at The Flood Zone in Richmond, but probably not much longer. They have just signed a contract with RCA, and they have a film crew currently making a documentary about them. In addition, Mummy's Café is still playing every Thursday at The Flood Zone from 9 p.m.

Tickets are still available for both REM shows, but there is no telling for how long. Tickets are $35 and $25. The easiest way to get them is to charge them by phone at (804) 622-3679, or the Cellar Door Concert Line at (804) 463-7625. Here is a calendar of upcoming shows:

Tues., Oct. 3: Edmund Collins and Ivy, Mango Tango’s, Newport News

Paw and Gritter, The Abyss, Virginia Beach (9 p.m.)

Letters to Cleo and Figi-Guy, Flood Zone, Richmond

Dead Zeppelin, Flood Zone, Richmond

Wed., Oct. 4: Black Rebel, Behind the Wall, Virginia Beach

Drivin' and Cryin', The Abyss, Virginia Beach (9 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 6: Nine Inch Nails, David Bowie and Prick, Nissan Pavilion, Manassas, Virginia

Sat., Oct. 7: Everything, Flood Zone, Richmond

Sun., Oct. 8: Cheap Trick, Flood Zone, Richmond

Drivin' and Cryin', The Abyss, Virginia Beach (9 p.m.)

REM and Grant Lee Buffalo, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton

Tues., Oct. 10: REM and Grant Lee Buffalo, Richmond Coliseum, Richmond

Freddy Jones, Flood Zone, Richmond

Wed., Oct. 11: Freddy Jones, Flood Zone, Richmond

Fri., Oct. 13: Bouquet Banton and Zion Wave, The Boat House, Norfolk

Sat., Oct. 14: Big Head Todd and the Monsters, The Boat House, Norfolk (9 p.m.)

Mon., Oct. 16: Sonic Youth and Mike Watt, The Boat House, Norfolk (8 p.m.)

REM and Grant Lee Buffalo, USAir Arena, Landover, Maryland

Tues., Oct. 17: King Missile, Mango Tango’s, Newport News

REM and Grant Lee Buffalo, USAir Arena, Landover, Maryland

Sat., Oct. 21: KMFDM, God Lives Underwater, Wife of Agony, The Boat House, Norfolk (8 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 27: Booth Tolland and Ask, The Abyss, Virginia Beach

Sat., Oct. 28: Robert Cray Band, The Boat House, Norfolk (8 p.m.)

Sun., Oct. 29: Jodeci, Mary J. Blige and Notorious B.I.G., Hampton Coliseum, (7 p.m.)

Mon., Oct. 30: Smile and For Love Not Lisa, The Big Easy

Mon., Nov. 6: The Jim Rose Sideshow Circus, The Abyss, Virginia Beach

Sat., Nov. 12: Phish, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton
SBA Update

Bar review mid-season report

By Carey Lee

Who can resist the lure of the Big Screen Trivia Game at the Library Tavern? At the Sept. 21 Bar Review, 3Ls battled 1Ls for dominance in yet another sport. (See the intramural wrap-up for more on the reigning old-and-slow 3L softball team.) While most 2Ls cozied up to their moot court packets and worried more on the reigning old-and-slow 3L softball team, some die-hard crowd appeared on Sept. 28, another small but die-hard crowd appeared. The only trivia game was a small screen trivia whiz, so students usually had to talk to each other. The 2Ls were back in action after being buried in Moot Court-land, and several 1Ls appeared to be warming up for the grad-pie's "Heaven and Hell" extravaganza. Students made the most of the $1 bottled beer, notably Rick Cross, Michele Bresnick, and Robin Adams, who all opted to be two-fisted when the end of the special rolled around.

All in all, the Bar Review season is facing its usual mid-season slump, when the pressure of extra-curricular activities and a grueling television-watching schedule starts to build on even the most social students. The turnovers were still relatively successful given everyone's time and TV commitments. Thanks to the core group of 1Ls, you know who you are) who seem to be making Bar Reviews a regular (if bad) habit. We're glad to have you on the team.

There will be no Bar Review this week.

The SBA t-shirt is a hit in honor of our upcoming Fall Break, but we are hoping to come back next week with a vengeance and possibly another Rockin' Robin evening. Check the chalkboards for information about when to take out those dancin' shoes! Finally, if this article is getting boring, it's because we need more people to make fools out of themselves in public in the future. Please make an effort at future Bar Reviews to do something dumb, or I will have to start making things up.

Travel Back in time to the Old Chickahominy House

By Ian Siminoff

Fruit salad, homemade Brunswick stew, Surry ham on freshly baked biscuits, coffee, and a slice of homemade pie for dessert. At least Melinda's complete luncheon ($6.50) at the Old Chickahominy House, located on Jamestown Road just past the 199 intersection.

Set in an old white house with black shutters, the wooden steps lead to the front porch where a screen and brass-nobbed door await you. Chickahominy House takes one on a trip back to early colonial times.

Upon entering the house, it does not appear that there even is a restaurant on the premises. To the right, one notices a glorious room full of antiques and ornaments, ranging from embroidered cloths to matching china to classic light fixtures.

"Ian, party of two" awakens me to the smell of freshly baked biscuits as the host leads us through a doorway to our table. Waitresses are moving quickly around the restaurant, removing empty plates from patrons, adding full ones, taking orders, methodically and gracefully brushing past one another like clockwork. The menu contains items for breakfast and lunch.

"What would you like today, ma'am?" a bright smile asks.

"I'll have Aunt Melinda's complete luncheon," my friend says.

"I'll have the same," I respond.

The luncheon course consists of a fruit salad, and that is exactly what it is: a fruit salad. A bed of lettuce, with half of a peach and shredded cheese placed on top, thinly sliced, piled between two halves of a homemade biscuit. The biscuits are among the best that I have ever had, not too heavy but soft, rich, and buttery; they melted in my mouth.

After removing our lunch plates, we were asked: "Chocolate, cherry, coconut, or sweet potato?" This was obviously referring to dessert. I chose sweet potato, my friend, chocolate. "Coffee or tea?" "Coffee," we responded in unison. I could hardly wait. Homemade pie for dessert. This was too much. But it was outstanding. The sweet potato was a rich yellow-orange delight flavored with brown sugar, with a flaky crust, covered with a dollop of whipped cream. It reminded me of Thanksgiving, the color of changing leaves, and the smell of sweet nutmeg and cinnamon. The chocolate pie was divine: rich and chocolatey, but not unbearably so; it was also topped with whipped cream.

After the meal was over, I took a nap. I distinctly remember the smile on my face, which was still there when I awoke. I thought, "how wonderful it is to escape from this world just for an afternoon, and enter another, where antiques first hold your eyes, intoxicating smells lead you to a table where homemade, delicious food meets your mouth, and smiles then wave you good-bye." Such are amongst the finest pleasures in life.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, October 2
SBA Meeting, open to all law students, at 6 p.m. location TBA.

Public Interest Law Program: “First Monday” Video and Panel discussion at 1:30 p.m. in Room 124, followed by reception in the Lobby.

Not Rambo?: “The Mystery of Rambo” at DOG Street Theater, 9 p.m.

American Defense Policy: Kathleen M. deLaski, deputy for the undersecretary of defense will review the American agenda with regard to foreign policy and America’s role in NATO in room 20 of Tercentenary Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3
Rampo: at DOG Street Theater, 9 p.m.

Of all the gin joints...” Casablanca at the University Center Auditorium, $2, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4
Internet Training: at Swem Library at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m.
Rampo: at DOG Street Theater, 9 p.m.
Casablanca: at the University Center Auditorium, $2, 8 p.m.
UC Cafe Concert: The Graverobbers will be playing at 9 p.m. in the University Center Cafe. Admission $2.

Thursday, October 5
It’s a family game: W&M Theatre presents “The Game of Love” at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

Clint Eastwood Wannabe’s: Careers in the Secret Service by OCPP at 12:45 p.m. in Room 127.
Rampo: at DOG Street Theater, 9 p.m.

Please submit your entries for the Amicus Events Calendar to Toya Blakeway (1L), Danielle Roeber (1L), or the Amicus hanging file. Entries may include activities sponsored by law school organizations, main campus or community events.

Friday, October 6
The Game of Love: by W&M Theatre at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.
Get the H#& out of Dodge: Fall Break begins.

Saturday, October 7
The Game of Love: by W&M Theatre at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

Tuesday, October 10
Bride’s Delight: Muriel’s Wedding at the University Center Auditorium, $2, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11
Woe is me: Classes resume.

Muriel’s Wedding: at the University Center Auditorium, $2, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 12
The Game of Love: by W&M Theatre at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

Friday, October 13
The Game of Love: by W&M Theatre at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

MPRE Application Deadline: for those planning to take the MPRE on Nov. 10, make sure your application is postmarked by this date.

Saturday, October 14
The Game of Love: by W&M Theatre at 8 p.m. in PBK Hall.

SBA Soccer Tournament: 6 on 6 will be taking place on Barkesdale. Teams are required to play at least 2 woman at all times.

MOOT COURT: from 1 student activities in law school, was given its name in the 1980’s by Professor John Pagen, the former head of the legal research and writing department at M-W. Pagen named the tournament after Bushrod Washington, a W&M alum and an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court who served with John Marshall. The annual tournament is the oldest in the western hemisphere. “George Wythe himself re-instituted the use of moot court as a teaching tool in the New World,” said Peter Owen, who as a member of the M-W Moot Court Board of Justices, is in charge of running the tournament. According to Owen, the purposes of the tournament are “to select and rank the moot court team members; to provide an educational event to develop oral advocacy skills; and to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional oral advocacy skills.

The problem that this year’s contestants had to argue was written by Andy Sway (3L). It was a Constitutional issue which took place in the fictional state of Onoka (pronounced oh-KNOWLED). The petitioners, Rachel Green, was asking the Supreme Court of Onoka to rule on the constitutionality of a rule by respondent, White Pines Golf and Country Club, that disallowed women from being members of the club. Sway said, “I thought of the problem while I was playing golf last April. You have to think of a problem that 2L’s would already have had classes on. That is why I chose a con. law problem. There is a split among the states right now on this issue. I wanted [a problem] that was both interesting to write and interesting to argue.”

According to Ann Davis (3L), who placed second in the tournament last year and is serving as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board, the competitors only have ten days from when they first receive their problem until the first preliminary round. Those ten days were well spent preparing for argument says Davis, “This 2L class seems to be very geared toward oral advocacy...all of them, even those who didn’t make the team, are great.” Davis also praised the diligence and hard work that the entire Moot Court Board put into the tournament, especially Peter Owen.

Last year’s first-place winner in Bushrod competition was Courtney Collins (3L), who serves as the Administrative Justice this year. Collins was appreciative of all those involved in the tournament, saying she thought Sway’s problem was very current and well written; the “enthusiasm level was excellent and it was very obvious that the competitors worked extremely hard.” She added that “Peter Owen did a great job.” The involvment by the 1Ls as bailiffs was also greatly appreciated by the Moot Court Board.

Collins, Davis and Owen all expressed gratitude for all of the people involved in the tournament and to the entire law school for being understanding and helpful to the moot court program. Owen stated, “It is a disruption for the 2L’s and their professors and... I am grateful to the law school community for the use of the rooms...They have been very gracious in accommodating us.”

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Sherely you must be kidding

The Bullets poised to leave the lottery party

By Todd Sherer

Hakeem vs. Shaq. The one-on-one match of the decade, right? Hardly. This has all the hype (and all the promise) of the Tyson-McNeely match-up. In fact, the same people are expected to purchase the pay-per-view extravagana. This is perfect for those among us who don’t like excitement. Hakeem has a million moves, is the best defensive center in the league, and is a competent ball handler. Shaq has few offensive moves and specializes in weak side blocks that he throws in the third row. Unfortunately this is one-on-one. Shaq’s only chance of winning this thing is if it becomes very physical, or Hakeem review. Late word is that Hakeem believe that Georghe Muresan is free. This is so stupid that I can’t even bother to talk about it. Just hope that everyone involved in this travesty loses his shirt so that we never have to see this asinine concept ever again.

In real basketball, the Bullets will be the most improved team in the league this year. They have acquired Mark Price. Although oft injured, he is the perfect match for this team, always in control and willing to do whatever it takes for the team, in other words a true point guard. The Bullets have also signed Rasheed Wallace. If this kid decides to play all the time, even when he doesn’t get the ball every time on offense, he could be a good one. Then add Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Calbert Cheaney, Rex Chapman and you have a legitimate team.

Although I’m not buying season tickets just yet—I mean the Bullets—fewer people will visit the team.

Could we see two teams from Cleveland in the final game in their respective games? Has the mistake by the lake finally got something right? Probably not, but it won’t be the Browns who fail to hold up their end. Yes, the Indians after years of frustration finally have the most talent in the American in Bob Beckley and the Big Dance. And no, it won’t be Boston either. They have lost twelve of their eighteen, and their pitching staff couldn’t beat Taiwan in the Little League World Series—parching Mr. Spahn, Mr. Warren Spahn you have a telephone call. The Seattle Mariners will be the American League champs. In a playoff series so much comes down to pitching and just ask John Kruk what pitcher he’d like to face in one game situation. This year could very well mark the first time that the strikeout leader (Randy Johnson) will get to pitch in the World Series. The only way to beat the Braves is to keep them out of the World Series. This is just an exercise in futility.

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W&M sports roundup: Defense powers football resurgence

By Kristen Barch

Football

After dropping the first two games of its season, W&M has rallied in its play and climbed to No.18 in the Division I-AA poll. It earned this position by notchting two consecutive shut-outs against conference opponents on the road. The first was a 32-0 victory Sept. 16 against Northeastern. The next weekend, W&M traveled to Durham, N.H. where it outscored SMH in a lopsided review. Late word is that Hakeem is injured and may not play. I believe that Georghe Muresan is free. This is so stupid that I can’t believe I’m even bothering to talk about it. Just hope that everyone involved in this travesty loses his shirt so that we never have to see this asinine concept ever again.

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The Tribe finally took the lead in the second quarter when Keen ran the ball 15 yards past the ODU defense in its first of two touchdowns for the afternoon.

Intermission did nothing to stifle the energy of the Tribe. On the opening kickoff of the second half, defensive back Mark McCain returned the ball 96 yards for the second score of the afternoon. Wallace had a 13-0 lead after Brian Shallsacker hooked the extra point.

In the fourth quarter, the Tribe more than doubled its score as it recorded 19 points. The first six came on a 7 yard run by Fitzgerald. W&M went for the two point conversion, but Keen was stopped by the Huskie defense. The Tribe scoring was rounded out with another touchdown by Keen and one from quarterback Matt Byrne who ran the ball for 2 yards.

The Tribe continued its rampage Sept. 23 against the Wildcats at Cowell Stadium. The afternoon’s performance not only netted W&M a victory against the defending league champions, but it also marked Laycock’s 100th career win. The Tribe defense was shining again in this contest, causing UNF to commit six turnovers and four other fumbles.

In the first quarter, W&M started its scoring with a 80 yard touchdown pass from Byrne to wide receiver Josh Whipple. Shallsacker added a 49 yard field goal in the second quarter to raise the score to 10-0. A touchdown by Fitzgerald and a field goal by Shallsacker came before the half.

The second and third quarters, the Tribe offense excelled as it totaled 26 points. In the third quarter, defensive and Jim Simpkins notched one of the Tribe’s three interceptions and ran 23 yards for the score. With the extra point from Shallsacker, W&M extended its lead to 27-0. The day’s scoring was rounded out by another touchdown from Fitzgerald and one from Keen.

Last weekend, the Tribe took to the road again as it traveled to Lexington, VA., to play VMI. W&M has won its last nine games against the Keydets, including a 45-7 routing last season.

Men’s soccer

The Tribe played five consecutive away games and came away with only two wins which caused it to drop out of the top 20 from its previous No.14 spot. VCU was the first of its opponents on the road, and W&M’s 1-0 loss broke its ten game winning streak against the Rams. During the weekend of Sept. 15, W&M competed in the 1995 Adidas Carolina Classic where it split its two games. The Tribe entered as the 2-1 victors against the College of Charleston as forwards Billy Burdett and Paul Kruze scored all four goals. In the second game of the weekend, W&M came away with a 3-1 victory against Wisconsin with midfielder Ann Cook scoring the game winning goal.

The Tribe then took to the road where See W&M SPORTS on 15
Amicus computer-like rankings

By Neil Lewis

Computer-like rankings

1. Carey's Killers (co-rec) 4-0
2. Legal Briefs (men's A) 4-0
3. Eastern State All Stars (men's A) 3-1
4. Legal Briefs (co-rec) 3-1
5. Bare Knockers (co-rec) 1-3
6. Cunning Litigants (men's B) 1-3

Marshall-Wythe vs. "Externs" 16-7

My sermon today, brethren, speaks of new and exciting sports (AMEN). Sports which have not yet been played this year but which shall be played—and played well (AMEN). Sports in which the 3Ls will dominate as usual (laughter). You laugh? You dare laugh? Was it not just a week ago that the 3L powerhouse Carey's Killers easily dispatched the much over-rated, lineup-duplicated (meaning they have two full teams on their roster), we-hope-they're-not-related 1L team Legal Briefs 11-7? I think it was—but more on Amicus Monday, Computer-like rangers

1. Care y's Killers (co-rec)
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3. Bare Knuckles (co-rec) 1-3
4. Legal Briefs (co-rec) 3-1
5. Eastern
6. Cuning Litigants (men's B) 1-3

Flag Football: Oct 4th and 5th.
Bowling: Oct. 18th - 30th.
3 on 3 Basketball: Oct 25th - Nov. 1st.
Weightlifting: Oct 25th - Nov. 1st.
Pong Punk (any Gumps out there?): Nov. 1st - Nov. 8th.
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That's it for this semester.

#1 Team Carey's Killers won easily over #3 Legal Briefs by a score of 11-7. It was never that close. The Briefs started out in fine fashion scoring 3 in the top of the first on a homerun by 3L Sean "Fon" Dyson (playing bravely through torn ligaments in his thumb) (blooding suspiciously like [Roman] Neil Lewis) tanked up on beer acting as extra hitter. 'Ebery' grounded out to the pitcher and then later struck out for the last out of the game with two runners on base, a five-run deficit, and the top of the order coming up to bat after 'Ebery." In the words of 3L Stephen King "for a day," 'Ebery' had the worst game of his life.

Maybe this 'Ebery" guy shouldn't drink so much. I talked to him after the game, both because I have journalistic standards—I mean, I sign my column so I want to make sure what is in it is right, and also because before I put in something about someone that is potentially embar rassing or making light of them I check with them before hand to make sure its alright—and you know what? He didn't even remember playing in the game. Counseling Dave, counseling.

The release went on to say, "[IL Jeanette [the Georgia] Meacham, also under the influence, showed heretofore unknown bravery in her decision to turn down a great offer from the Southern St. Stars," "We'll see what happens to her in the playoffs," the message read.

So much for all those stories about "drama" and "club" and "silly" and "people吊顶 over the ribbon of my snappy fedora."

As to drink diplomas, dink schools, and dink majors, the only ones I know are on the wire and, I might add, I certainly didn't go to UVa. (or Duke, according to Monica). So when you seek to damn me with an indictment of liberal arts degrees, I have to say that in fact I double majored in navel contemplation and drunken debauchery in college. Yes, drunken debauchery was considered one major as opposed to two minors: drunken and debauchery.

Much of what I do know was in fact learned at the knee of the Porcelain God. Who certainly had the Socratic method down well, as I did often swop forth my

UNC Wilmington, 10-0. Neat, the CAA Player of the Week, produced four of the goals for the afternoon with forward Whitney Call adding two more.

The Briefs or the Killers will be this year's co-rec champ.

The #2 Briefs won their final game over Pi Lam 17-5. One can only assume that somebody did well.

The Eastern State All Stars, very upset at falling to #4, lost their final game to Fika A 9-4. "It was a total emotional let-down," said team soccer player 3L "Big Head" Todd Sherrer. He went on to say, "After we beat the 1Ls so senseless what left is there to prove?"

Rising to #5 is Bare Knockers, a mostly 3L team with a few token 1Ls. I will quote directly from the release given to me by the smart team publicist, who wanted to see his team covered in the paper: "In our final game of the season, we lost yet again to a team playing short-handed. Of course we had Dave [the rave] Eberly [playing bravely through torn ligaments in his thumb] (blooding suspiciously like [Roman] Neil Lewis) tanked up on beer acting as extra hitter. 'Ebery' grounded out to the pitcher and then later struck out for the last out of the game with two runners on base, a five-run deficit, and the top of the order coming up to bat after 'Ebery." In the words of 3L Stephen King "for a day," 'Ebery' had the worst game of his life.

Sports

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Volleyball: Oct 4th - Nov. 1st.
Field hockey vs. VIRGINIA, 7:30pm
Football vs. RHODE ISLAND, 1:00pm
Women's soccer vs. VIRGINIA TECH, 7:00pm
Volleyball vs. N.C. State, 7:00pm
Football vs. CLEMSON, 7:00pm
Field hockey vs. PENNSYLVANIA, 1:00pm
Men's soccer vs. GEORGE MASON, 7:30pm
Field hockey vs. JAMES MADISON, 4:30pm

More computer-like rankings

Volleyball
1. Discontent (men's B) 2-1
2. Nobody
3. No one
4. I'm telling you, nobody

The apparently sole law school entry in volleyball is 2-1 and doing fine, but proving that even law students know volleyball is boring as hell. In their first game Discontent played against a team of W&M Club volleyball players. After winning the first game and leading the second 6-0, they pulled a California Angel choke and lost two straight.

In their second game Dis was victori ous, but apparently in a rather nondescript fashion. The third game though, ahah, the third game, that was it. No challenge there either. Dis slammed a team of "undergrad weenies" 15-1, 15-1. Although he's no great slouch (he is, in fact, a tremendous slouch) 3L Paul Schroeder felt like talking some smack. "We could've ween if just me and Shee had been on the floor." Reminds me of last year's basketball tournament.

Nothing gets written about you unless you let me know what happened. I can make up a lot, but I can't make it all up. That's some other writer's department.
Wednesday, Nov. 1st
4pm - 10pm
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Sunday, Nov. 5th
12pm - 6pm
Room TBA

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