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New unified honor system proposed

By Ryan Ketchum

A proposal to blend the College's six honor systems into one unified system is currently under consideration by President Timothy Sullivan. The unified system was proposed by an ad hoc committee formed to study the means of implementing a unified honor and judicial system. Sullivan requested the committee's formation last December.

The committee was chaired by M-W professor Richard Williamson and was composed of one professor and one student from every graduate school and five undergraduate students. Williamson was the only representative of the Law School.

According to the revised committee report, dated May 2, 1995, the committee was not formed to debate the merits of a college-wide system. Instead, it assumed that such a system would be implemented. The report stated the benefits that the committee assumed would result from a unified system: "We are one community, engaged in common purpose, with shared values and ideals. We have common rights

and responsibilities... A single definition of 'honor' and a single set of procedures for resolving allegations of 'dishonor' are, therefore, at least in principle, reasonable."

During committee meetings, however, several of the committee members voiced concern over whether or not a unified system is in the best interests of the College. They cited different levels of experience and maturity between undergraduate and graduate students, along with the procedural complexities that would result from a unified system.

According to 3L Peter Owen, chair of a second ad hoc committee formed to generate a written response to the proposal, the difficulties of a unified system far outweigh the benefits. According to Owen, "the idea of a unified system is not in the interest of the law school, or the university as a whole. No version of the unified system could be an improvement over the law school's current scheme, although it is quite possible that the other schools might benefit. ...I think that Presi-



—Staff photo

Bluegrass band entertains law school alums on the Patio

dent Sullivan recognizes that the law school's current system is the best of the individual systems now in effect. It is no accident that the unified system mirrors that system to a great extent."

Chief Justice of the Judicial Council

Daryl Taylor, echoed Owen's sentiments, saying, "I am against a unified system, only in the fact that I believe that our system is the best at the school."

Owen feels that unification would rob
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Guests speak on the diverse practice of international law

By Michelle LaRose

On Monday, Oct. 23 the International Law Society and the Office of Career Planning and Placement co-sponsored a panel of speakers who presented their insights on and experiences in the field of international law.

The program was designed to inform students about possible career options in international law as well as to provide

an in-depth perspective on the actual mechanics of each job. Additionally, the panelists advised everyone on those classes and activities that could be important in helping to prepare students for various careers in the field.

The three speakers were Jeffery Gallagher, a Richmond-based attorney specializing in international trade and investment

with the firm Mezzullo & McCandlish; Charles Best, a partner in the Norfolk firm Best & Best, which counsels foreign companies with respect to U.S. corporate law; and Kathleen Pepper, an M-W grad who currently works with the Board of Immigration Appeals at the U.S. Department of Justice in Northern Virginia. Thomas Brook, from the firm of Gadsby & Hannah in Washington, D.C., was also scheduled to appear to discuss his experiences in intellectual property law but sent his regrets along with a letter explaining his job, how he got there and what he believes students can do to succeed in the field (copies of this letter are available in OCCP for student reference.)

Gallagher opened the program by describing his firm's reach into the international realm, which includes offices in Paris and an emerging branch in China. He cautioned that the ever-expanding global interdependence makes it imperative to have a network of colleagues to call

upon for assistance and advice. He further explained that the vast amount of existing law, as well as cultural considerations, make it virtually impossible for one person to accumulate all the knowledge necessary to counsel every client in every situation. Interested in informing students of his daily job requirements, though they appear anything but routine, Gallagher proceeded to recount his activities of the previous week. They included traveling to New York for the annual meeting of World Bank to discuss obtaining funds for some of his Romanian clients who hope to develop a home mortgage market in Romania and resolving issues for a Chinese client who had just received papers for a suit only nineteen days prior to the trial date. Though he affirmed that the cross-cultural aspects of practicing international law can present problems and recognized that this type of practice is not always conducive to family life because of the frequent travel that is required, Gallagher as-

serted that practicing private international commercial law is an exciting career that demands lawyers to be at their absolute best and can offer enormous rewards.

Best followed Gallagher and began by discussing how his interest in practicing international law led him to open his own firm with his father in April 1995. Spending a great deal of time working to "set up" American companies abroad has involved Best in advising his clients on both the legal and the practical matters that are important in starting a business anywhere. The firm also advises clients on tax law, immigration law, and import/export law.

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—Carey Lee

ILs relive high school days at the recent 80s party

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I said "HOSTILE TAKEOVER," not "fire!" Break the one in the middle! The middle!

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From the Editor's Desk . . .

There has been considerable controversy over the alleged exclusivity of the Academic Support sessions at M-W. The sessions, which give students additional instructions in core classes, were not exclusively for minority students, but they were only advertised to minority students. Countless upper level students have been confounded by the fact that they have been at law school all this time and are just now learning of the existence of the program.

While the administration in-

forms us that the sessions are open to all, this really misses the point. One's intelligence is not supposed to be a function of one's race, yet the selective advertisement of the academic support sessions makes just such an implication. If you are a minority, the selective notifications say, you need extra help. If you are not, then you do not need extra help, at least not so much that we are going to call your attention to the existence of the program. Many students find this implication intolerably condescending.

In light of an article written by Lani Guinier about how female law students do not fare as well in the "hostile environment" of law school, it's surprising that the support sessions were not also advertised to all the women of M-W.

Let's stop facilitating the creation of little exclusive worlds and get down to the business of being each of us a unique human being. Categorizations of race and gender as an official policy, whether for strictly racist or sex-

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Letters

To the Editor:

Shame on the *Amicus* and shame on the administration. I am referring to the Oct. 23 *Amicus* article, "Academic support sessions open to all students." The article described the academic assistance program and reported that the program was not targeted toward minority students but was in fact open to all.

It is insulting for the school to claim that this program was open

to all students. The school admits that only minorities in the 1L class were told about the program. After taking an informal poll of students, I found that not a single non-minority student took advantage of the program. In fact, none of the non-minority students I polled were even aware of the existence of the program when they were 1Ls. The fact that the program's existence was kept quiet from all but minorities made the program in reality

closed to all but minorities. The spin-doctoring now being practiced by the administration seems like a lame attempt to cover up any disturbing implications that a minorities-only tutoring program creates.

Shame on the *Amicus* for helping the administration in its attempts to cover up their mistakes. The article goes well beyond reporting the news and exposes the *Amicus'* toadyish

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Law students finish in third place in W&M College Bowl competition

By Stephen T. King

The Law school's lone College Bowl entrant recently finished a ten-day tournament cogitating and trivializing its way to a third place finish. The cleverly named "Semi-nifrius Tubeloidal Buttnoids" (name courtesy of *Beavis and Butthead*) finished the double elimination tournament with five wins and two losses.

Gordon Davis, Scott Fussell, Steve Browne, Jim Cady and Pete Bouton competed on a team composed entirely of third years. They were the only non-undergraduate team in the 32 team field of W&M students. The team tried to entice the first year *Jeopardy!* champion to join the team, but Davis said, "the rat bastard didn't have the decency to reply" when contacted by hanging file. The team said they felt they could have won the whole thing with the aid of "Jeopardy Man."

Contests were separated into two 7 1/2 minute halves. Individuals would answer toss-up questions, with bonus questions going to the team whose member answered the toss-up correctly.

Topics ranged from sports

and current events to history and physics. The law school team made it to the finals of the losers bracket where they lost to "Sexual Chocolate."

"We gave 110 percent. It was a good team effort, but our best just wasn't good enough. We snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. Fundamentally, we failed to stay within ourselves," spouted the cliché-maligned and dejected Gordon Davis after the defeat.

Davis indicated that one of the team's shining moments came when they defeated a sorority team by over three hundred points. The sisters only managed to answer one question correctly, as Davis and company aimed for a shutout. Apparently the sorority team managed to answer a question concerning Pat Conroy's "Prince of Tides." One of the team's more embarrassing accomplishments was managing to screw up the answer to pretty much every legal question.

Davis mistakenly placed the equal protection clause in the fifth amendment rather than the fourteenth amendment. After he missed the question, Pete Bouton pulled out his pocket copy of the Constitution and said, "why don't you look at the fourteenth amend-

ment, Gordon." All the team members were frantically trying to buzz in to answer the question, but Davis beat them to the punch, only to be the one who did not know the correct response.

In the very next round, the team failed to correctly provide missing terms to the preamble of the Constitution. They managed to remember the word "domestic tranquility," but could not for their lives provide the word "justice." "I guess that indicates we're rather right wing," said Bouton.

Team members were impressed with Davis' knowledge of entertainment questions, particularly soap operas. "He must just sit around and watch television all day," surmised Bouton.

"The free masons had something to do with our defeat," said Davis. "I suspect my roommate Ryan McDougle (3L) is a free mason. I believe he is behind our defeat." The *Amicus* does not believe that the free masons had anything to do with Davis' ignorance of the law, however. "We only entered the competition to meet girls," said Bouton.

Shhh! I'm trying to steal -- I mean study

By Frank T. Sabia

On Friday, Oct. 13, 1995, Michele Bresnick (3L) was studying at a table in the library. She left her study area to work on another project. She was gone approximately two hours. What she did not know when she returned was that her wallet had been stolen from her backpack while she was gone.

Bresnick received a phone call from a Burger King employee saying that her wallet had been found in a trash can located at the Burger King on Route 60 near the Williamsburg Pottery Factory.

Bresnick stated, "All they got was a \$2 bill and a couple of Susan B. Anthony dollars. They also stole my Food Lion VIP card and all of my photos were missing." But Bresnick added that she was unsure whether the perpetrator took the pictures, or they were just lost among the trash. Bresnick also added that her laptop computer and her backpack were also on the table, but the wallet was the only thing missing.

Library staff member Petra Klemmack stated, "Students should exercise caution because of the recent problems." The problems to which Klemmack refers are the above incident and

two other alleged thefts. It was alleged that a backpack was stolen from the library recently, and in another unrelated incident, a purse was allegedly taken from a classroom one evening this past week.

Klemmack also stated that the campus police are aware of these happenings and have been doing walk-throughs of the library to deter criminal activity. When contacted, however, campus police could neither confirm nor deny the two latter reports. Lt. LaCasse of the campus police department said, "If the library requests a walk-through, we go ahead and do it for them. It's mostly for the staff . . . to give them a sense of security."

Victoria Blakeway (1L), a frequent library user, exclaimed, "I think this is just a travesty!" Blakeway stated that she frequently leaves her chattels unattended in the library and feels comfortable doing so because of the Honor Code, a view many students share.

However, Blakeway added that she does not know how comfortable she would be leaving her chattels unattended in the future.

Neil "friend of the undergrads" Lewis (3L) suggests

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The big Casino Night question: Who was that masked man?

By Catherine Poole

The Public Service Fund's Casino Night, held on Saturday, Oct. 28, attracted a crowd of about 150 people, and raised about \$900 for students who will spend the summer working in public interest law jobs.

After a mini-crisis at the very beginning of the evening, (the taps for the kegs got into the Halloween spirit and disappeared), everyone got down to the business at hand -- gambling, albeit with fake money. The games on offer were blackjack, roulette, craps, and Wheel of Fortune.

As it was the Halloween season, about half the people there were dressed in costume, and prizes were given for the best ones. Dean Krattenmaker, himself dressed in a stunning off-white tux and

ruffled shirt, chose the winners. In third place was Dawn Raines (3L), who came as Uma Thurman from *Pulp Fiction*, complete with syringe and a rendition of *The Twist*.

In second place were Maqui Parkerson (1L) and her husband, who came as Wilma and Fred Flintstone.

And in first place . . . ta da . . . was 3L Danny Reed, who came in head-to-toe drag, 3-inch heels and all as Rhu Barb, Ru Paul's cousin. He seemed to be the popular choice, although many girls were heard to remark, somewhat jealously, that he looked better in a dress than they do.

Oh, and "President Reagan" was finally unmasked as Dean Rick Overy. Commendably, he remained in character all evening -- although perhaps he just forgot who he really was.



Dan McInerney rakes in the Dean Dollars at PSF's Casino Night

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He assured the students that international law is "alive and well" in the Tidewater area as well as in many other places that may not immediately come to mind when thinking of the field. Best said that he thoroughly enjoys his career because of the amazing challenges which are often presented in international law, which en-

compasses so many diverse elements. Best stressed the importance of taking as many practical business courses as possible to help prepare for a career in international law and also pointed out the added benefits of knowing a foreign language.

Pepper was the final panelist to speak. Her position on the Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals involves

mostly asylum work, but the Board itself has a rather wide scope of responsibilities that includes prosecuting aliens and general immigration law violators, as well as some criminal law violators. Ninety percent of the Board's work concerns violations and relief, and the other ten percent involves appeals on denial of visa issues. Pepper strongly advised students inter-

ested in practicing immigration law to focus on courses such as Administrative Law, Criminal Law, and Public International Law. She proceeded to dismiss the other international law courses with one word: "inapplicable!" United States law applies in all immigration proceedings, so a solid background in fundamental courses will be well utilized in this field.

Law Watch

Popular Drinking Game Not Defamation

In response to Gary L. Greenhalgh's testimony against him in a civil case, Terry Casey called Greenhalgh a "lying asshole." The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld the dismissal of Greenhalgh's \$2.5 million defamation suit filed against Casey over the incident. The court said, "While the term may be crude or uncouth, it cannot be considered slanderous" because no reasonable listener could interpret the statement as true, meaning that someone's "anus was making an untruthful statement."

Prison Food'll Do Him Good

When 505-pound Arthur Younkin claimed that he was "unemployable" because of his weight and therefore unable to pay restitution based on a forgery conviction, the judge made losing weight a condition of his parole. Two months later, Younkin had actually gained weight, so the judge sentenced him to 93 days in jail. Younkin is appealing, claiming a constitutional right to freedom of choice of food.

Drinking and Bicycling: Not Illegal

The Washington State Court of Appeals has determined that legislative history does not support the inference that drunk driving laws should apply to bicyclists. The Court also noted that a bicycle is not capable of attaining the force and speed of an automobile and that police still have

the authority to cite persons who ride in an unsafe manner, whether caused by intoxication or not.

Praise Jesus!

Irish Lopes was sentenced to 10 days in jail for contempt of court for standing and loudly praising Jesus next to the family of the murder victim after her brother was acquitted of the capital murder charge. Her sentence was commuted to 20 hours of community service . . . to her church.

The Paper Chase

The *Elizabeth (N.J.) Reporter* is suing Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, claiming that he and his agents are destroying every copy of the weekly paper that they can find. The mayor claims that the newspaper's political reporting is biased against him, but denies the charges of newspaper-napping, calling them, of course, "politically motivated." Similarly, the newspaper denies any bias in its reporting, but claims that the mayor's perception of slanted reporting is the basis for his destruction of the newspapers.

Jack in the Box Pays Up

Foodmaker, Inc., the parent company of Jack in the Box fast food restaurants, has agreed to a settlement in which it will pay \$6 million to two young girls who suffered kidney damage after eating E. Coli contaminated hamburgers at a Jack in the Box in 1993.

1Ls: Mutant geeks or administration Frankensteins?

By Paul Walker

What's up with the 1L class? Over a DOZEN 1Ls ran for three SBA slots in the most spirited election campaign the 'Burg has ever seen! More study groups formed in four weeks than the 2Ls had all year! THIRTY-FOUR 1Ls applied for the first-year Judicial Council slots! There were so many applicants that there was an initial cut before interviews could even be scheduled. 1Ls spend more time in the library than the previous record-holders, the 3Ls. What is it about the Class of 1998 that makes it such a class of joiners, geeks and over-achievers?

For some answers, *Amicus* turned to that wise M-W sage, a man never given to overstatement—Neil Lewis. When asked to describe the 1L class in one word, Neil came up with "Uptight." When pressed for some concrete reasons, the illustrious SBA President stated, "Based on the people I've seen, the 1L class is a lot more serious, studious and involved than any class I've seen." So much for concreteness.

Amicus next turned to that ever-present source of timely, quality information—the M-W rumor mill. Rumor has it that the 1L class is a massive counter-reaction by the administration to the much-loved 2L class. Supposedly, the first-year professors had such praise for the unique

qualities evident in the Class of 1997, that they urged the administration to seek out older, more mature students for the Class of 1998. This was allegedly done to counterbalance the 2Ls' youth and vigor(ous drinking). According to this theory, more mature 1Ls have more focus and drive and a greater appreciation of the benefits of being in the top 10% of the class.

To test this theory, Assistant Dean of Admissions Lizbeth Jackson was pressed into service. When asked about the dramatic difference in character between the 1L and 2L class, Jackson stated that "We weren't looking for anything different. It's just the nature of the class." Jackson admitted that classes definitely develop their own identity. After all it only takes a few people to stereotype a class. As to why the 1Ls are the way they are, Jackson indicated that the "trend across the Nation is for students to be more activist, not in an activist sense like in the sixties, but in activities. The second year class, we can safely say, is not as interested in things like that."

So why is the 1L class so different from any other class? Some diligent digging uncovered that the 1L class is older on average (25) than the two previous classes (24). Additionally, Jackson provided information to show that the

Meet Professor Butler

By Paul Walker

Professor Lynda Butler, a 1973 graduate of W&M, has been on the faculty of M-W since 1979. Upon graduating from UVa Law School in 1978, Butler worked for the firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. for just a year before M-W called and asked her to join the faculty. Professor Butler was one of the first two women on the M-W faculty. Butler joined the faculty in a time of great transition for the law school. Dean Spong had been hired following a negative accreditation report and new resources were being poured into the law school. Plus, the new building opened in 1980, presumably with sufficient space.

In addition to teaching Property, Butler has also taught Trusts and Estates, Commercial Law, and is currently teaching an Environmental Law Policy seminar. Over the years, Butler's Property exams have thrown fear into the hearts of 1Ls.

Her second semester Property exam is widely acknowledged as the toughest in law school. Actually, as a result of the new curriculum, it *was* the toughest. Now it's sure to be the combined Property exam. Butler is still not comfortable with the revised first-year curriculum, saying "I feel like I'm rushing." Plus, she was forced to cut out conveyancing, which is mitigated somewhat because there is an upper level course on the subject.

Professor Butler has been very active and involved with administrative and faculty matters. She served as the President of the Faculty Assembly last year, a position which cut severely into her non-class time and limited her ability to conduct research. During her time as president, she served on the committee responsible for generating the restructuring plan to implement Governor Allen's 10% cuts in higher education.

This year, relieved of such weighty burdens, Butler plans to devote more time to research. She has not entirely withdrawn from administrative responsibilities as she is on the law school Tenure Review Committee and chairs the College's Environmental Cluster Committee. The Environmental Clus-



Professor Lynda Butler

—Natalie Hawthorne

ter Committee is designed to connect people at the College, plus the extended community (such as NASA/Langley) for coordination on environmental issues.

Asked of her opinion of a current hot button topic, the law school name change, Professor Butler indicated she didn't care for it, but she "understand[s] why it's being done. It is confusing because when you talk to someone from outside, they don't know Marshall-Wythe — they know the College of William and Mary."

Outside law school, Butler is involved in professional activities such as the Real Estate Bar. She is editor of that organization's biannual publication, *Fee Simple*, which she enjoys because, "she picks up a lot from [the lawyers]—they serve as a good experience base."

A self-described "Virginia Girl," Butler grew up in Fairfax City which, according to her, "back then actually had farms around it." To the great chagrine of all her Virginia Tech students, Professor Butler is a very big UVa sports fan. When not watching UVa football, Professor Butler spends her spare time caring for her four-year old, Matthew. From talking with her, it is easy to see that she is very devoted to her family. During an interview on Halloween, it came out that trick or treat time would find Matthew dressed as Winnie the Pooh, Daddy dressed as Tigger and Mommy dressed as Professor Butler.

higher percentage of older students required to raise the average age of a class by a year is probably due to natural selection. During the Class of 1998 selection period, across the Nation there was a 9% decrease in applications from 23-25 year olds and a 10% decrease in applications from students 22 and under. Here at M-W there was a 4% decrease in applicants 24 and under between the applicant pools for last year's 1L class and this year's. There was a corresponding 4% increase in applicants between 25 and 27 and also an increase in applicants from 28 to 30. With a smaller number of young applicants to draw from, it is no wonder that the 1Ls are older, more mature than other recent entering classes.

Given an extremely plausible reason for the age difference of the 1L class, is that difference ("older, more mature") enough to account for the markedly "uptight" character of the 1L class? The argument would seem to cut both ways. Older students are likely to be more focused, goal oriented (i.e. top 10%) and driven. But it can just as easily be argued that older students are more likely to take a balanced approach and not let their lives be dominated by academia, realizing that there is more to life than the library, law review, moot court and all the other law school accoutrements. There is no question what approach the M-W Class of 1998 takes — we are "serious, studious

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Corporate and Securities Brown Bag It

There will be a brown bag lunch conducted by Bill Cooper on corporate and securities law research on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Bill Cooper, who has worked in three of the 100 largest firms for nearly twenty years, will discuss research resources and techniques that will be required in corporate practice groups of firms and in corporate law departments.

LEXIS-NEXIS School of Law?

LEXIS-NEXIS has announced that it will provide its new Student Office software to 1Ls. The software will allow students to create personalized study materials, databases, notes, and briefs. It will also give access to e-versions of the Legal Skills Rules of Procedure, the Federal Rules of Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence. The training sessions begin this week. There is a sign-up sheet at the Library Circulation Desk.

Later this month, LEXIS-NEXIS will give students access to Law Schools Online. This is the first online system specifically for law students. It was suggested to the *Amicus* that there be World Wide Web access, something currently not available

through W&M.

First Year Judicial Council Nominees Announced

The Chief Justice Daryl Taylor and President of SBA Neil Lewis announced their 1L nominees to the Judicial Council. Jeff Jefferson, Ann-Marie Miles, Joe Kiefer and Stephanie Zapata now undergo a one week comment period. Anyone with comments about these folks, good or bad, should make them to the SBA President, the Chief Justice, or any SBA representative. A confirmation vote will be taken by the SBA Executive Board at the next meeting to be held Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the SBA office.

Paul Eckert asks for a Correction

Law Review editor Paul Eckert pointed out to the *Amicus* that in order to be properly bluebooked, the quotation attributed to him in last issue's "Overheards" ("go rent a porno...") should have had ellipses at the front rather than the rear of the phrase. He also requested that the *Amicus* not reveal to him the name of the culprit who provided the paper with the quotation; he's having too much fun accusing all of his friends of the misdeed.

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the law school of a valuable educational tool. He said, "We are preparing for a profession with rigorous ethical requirements. Our honor system can serve as an educational tool to the extent that it mirrors the ABA Model Rules, and Model Code."

Owen, like some of the committee members, is concerned about the different maturity levels and the difficulties that would arise when 17 and 18 year old freshmen attempt to adjudicate over law students much older than themselves. The reverse situation, a law student judging the honor of a much younger undergraduate who is immersed in a very different community, would also present formidable challenges, according to Owen.

The amendment process is particularly troublesome, said Owen. Amendments may pass when four of the six schools approve of them. But the Student Association, which is controlled by undergraduates, must approve of the amendments. The law school would have no assurance that the amendments it proposes will not be effectively vetoed by the undergraduates. The proposed system is different from the current scheme in that

it gives no power to the Dean of the Law School. In the current scheme, the Dean may impose a lesser sentence than the council recommends, or the Dean may reverse a conviction. Under the new system, that power is given exclusively to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Other changes to the system will have a negative impact on the law school community, according to Owen. For instance, there is no duty to report. Under the new system, stealing is not an honor violation. It is merely a judicial violation. Owen said these two changes could reduce the ability of law students to feel like they can leave things anywhere in the building with no fear of them being stolen. This is an example of the differences that are inherent between a small community like the law school, and a larger one, like the undergraduate school.

Both Taylor and Owen feel that President Sullivan is prepared to institute the unified system regardless of the law students' reaction. This threat would surely alienate law students, who would be forced into a system they no longer control. Owen said, "Ultimately honor systems are only effective when students feel like they administer them."

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and involved" (to requote Mr. Lewis) and PROUD of it.

(Editor's note: For reasons of journalistic responsibility, it should be pointed out that the 30 year old author of this article is a 1L who applied for Judicial Council, belongs to a study group, and is involved in many other law school activities.)

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find, though, that it's difficult to leave the cheese shop without throwing down \$7-8.

Take a visit to these shops. Hopefully, they will encourage you not to give up on Williamsburg food. Remember, cooking and eating are two of the finest pleasures in life. Enjoy them! Bon Appetit!

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ist purposes or for supposedly benevolent purposes, are dehumanizing to the individuals being classified. Such practices strip away one's unique individuality by substituting generic labels.

Controversial issues of race and gender should be avoided. The organizers of

the Academic Support program made a very poor decision that in fact created a controversial race issue. The whole problem could have been avoided by advertising the sessions to all students. Rather than belabor the point further, we simply ask the administration not to make the same misguided decision in the future.

PSS would like to thank the following for donating food and door prizes for Casino Night:

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Aiding the indigent and shouldering great responsibility at LSNV

Lynn Whipkey

This summer, as a result of the funding I received from the Public Service Fund and the Virginia Work Study Program, I was able to work for Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc. (LSNV) in the Housing Law division. LSNV is a nonprofit law firm that provides civil legal services to Northern Virginia residents who are elderly, have low incomes, have mental or physical disabilities, or are HIV infected. LSNV employs approximately 17 attorneys in five offices and handles cases in the general areas of housing, public benefits, family law, consumer law, and employment.

As all those who have been following the national political

debate know, the survival of legal aid offices such as LSNV is threatened. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC), created by the Nixon Administration, distributes federal funds to the local legal aid offices. LSC has come under attack from a number of conservative politicians and groups such as the Christian Coalition for promoting left wing law reform, encouraging class warfare, promoting socialism, and destroying the family. Much to the amusement of the over-worked, modestly compensated attorneys with whom I worked this summer, LSC has been called a pot of gold for the left wing.

The real facts are that there are more than fifty million individuals eligible for legal aid services, and there is one legal aid attorney for every 10,000 potential clients. Every year approxi-

mately two million individuals are represented by legal aid attorneys; however, half of the eligible applicants must be turned away because of budget constraints.

A third of all cases handled by legal aid offices nationwide involve domestic violence, only 8 percent of all cases are actually litigated, and less than one tenth of 1 percent are class actions. Legal aid lawyers are too busy trying to protect the legal rights of their clients on a case-by-case basis to promote any sort of political revolt.

Through my work this summer, I was able to experience first hand how important and rewarding the work of a legal aid attorney really is. The quality and availability of low income housing in Northern Virginia are poor at best. Applicants for fed-

erally subsidized housing must typically wait five years before they make it to the top of the list. As a result, many people are forced to spend a high percentage of their incomes on rent and live in substandard conditions. Many of the landlords in the area take advantage of tenants who are elderly, mentally and/or physically disabled, uneducated, or not English speaking.

I worked for basically the only housing attorney for Falls Church, Arlington County, and Prince William County. At one point this summer, she had approximately one hundred open cases. Because of the high demand for legal services for housing problems, I shouldered a great deal of responsibility. By the end of the first week, I was interviewing clients, and by the end of the summer I was able to carry

my own case load. Throughout the course of my internship, I prepared pleadings, negotiated with opposing parties, located witnesses, helped prepare for trial, attended a number of court proceedings and administrative hearings, and worked with a tenants' organization.

I found my job to be challenging and exciting. I think I learned more during my ten-week internship than I did during my first year of law school. I am grateful to the Public Service Fund for making it possible for me to look for and take the job I really wanted without having to limit my options because of financial concerns.

Anyone interested in working for LSNV should contact Julie Nepveu, Staff Attorney, at 6400 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 630, Falls Church, Virginia 22042.

Wake up call: Racism and homophobia alive and well at M-W

Joni McCray

Tick, tick, BOOM!! Went the explosion of my heart and my mind after reading a flyer that someone attempted to circulate among the halls of M-W. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, racism and homophobia are alive, well and brewing within the confines of your rose-colored world.

On October 16 the Nation's capital awakened to a mass of African-American men coming together to reclaim their lives, their faith, and their communities. With all the negative publicity surrounding the Million Man March, this gathering resulted in an upliftment of the African-American community.

In an attempt to minimize the significance of this gathering, along with defac-

ing the property of the Lesbian and Gay Law Association at M-W, one of your bretheren replaced flyers advertising the Lesbian and Gay Law Association's Conference with highly inflammatory and offensive propaganda. If I remember correctly from my Constitutional Law class, hate speech is not protected under the United States Constitution. So why is the administration sweeping this under the rug?

Attempting to be a cooperative, patient, and good little student, I sat on my hands, confident that this administration would address this appalling piece of trash by denouncing its existence and expressing its intolerance of such behavior on this campus. Much to my dismay, however not to my complete surprise, no action has taken place.

I come as a law student concerned about the insensitivity and the blinders

that we place in front of us to shadow our true feelings regarding issues of race, gender, and sexual orientation. At the O.J. Simpson forum, designed for students to express their feelings regarding the verdict, our SBA President Neil Lewis (3L) made the most honest remark I have heard in all my years.

A question was posed to the audience by another student asking why people believed that racism was not alive and well. Mr. Lewis's remark -- and I am not quoting him verbatim -- was that he did not see racism; it is not something that he has had to confront in his day to day living.

Well, I am tired of having to carry the burden of racism on my back. I think that we should all share in the responsibility of addressing issues of race, gender, and sexual orientation. I am tired of giving 200%, most of which is spent on petty

bullshit like this, with a return of nothing.

I think it is time for all of us to reach within ourselves and confront the demons that haunt our perceptions and force us to treat others differently merely because we are not all similarly situated. Let's face it. We ARE all different; however, we should not allow our own personal insecurities to dictate our behavior, making other individuals feel less than human.

As intelligent students, I think there is a way for us to come together to discuss these issues like rational human beings. I would suggest that the bright minds of this community develop a campus-wide plan to combat such ignorance and blatant disregard and disrespect for other people's existences.

The time is now. The alarm is ringing.

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behavior. For example, the author of the article speculates on the reason for only notifying minority students of the program by stating "[o]ne can only surmise notification was done in that manner to help limit session size." Au contraire, I can surmise more plausible explanations, after all things are often just what they appear to be. Furthermore, the article buried the fact that only minorities were told about the program on page ten, in the third to last paragraph of the story, while trumpeting that the program was open to all

students on the first page in the first paragraph.

If the administration wants to avoid this kind of negative criticism/publicity they should admit their past mistakes. In the future, they should advertise assistance equally to all students. The *Amicus* should report the news accurately and leave editorial comments and ludicrous speculation out of their stories. Sincerely,

Rick Cross, 3L

The writer responds:

It's good to finally see a 3L (Rick Cross) with a spine. Un-

fortunately, none were to be found three weeks ago when the only person willing to take on such a sensitive, highly charged issue as the academic support program was a 1L. As an objective journalist, I see my duty as being one of seeking out the "facts," primarily through interviews and other methods of fact finding. Ethically and morally, it is not the job of any journalist to be intentionally inflammatory by directly challenging the authority of a credible individual such as Adjunct Professor T. Twitty.

I, and consequently the

Amicus, handled a very sensitive issue in a responsible and equally sensitive manner. In a post-O.J. world, Marshall-Wythe doesn't

need another huge wedge in the racial divide.

Sincerely,

Paul Walker (1L)

Go Purple!

In our best Tony Kornheiser style, the *Amicus* wishes to jump on the Northwestern bandwagon and cheer the Wildcats on to Pasadena!

Also, Monica said we have to congratulate UVa on its evisceration of Florida State's ACC winning streak.

Crossfire

Grayson or Mann? Doug and Pat, here to help you choose *Joe Mann, friend of education, tough on crime* | *Tough and honest: George Grayson exemplifies pro bono publico*

Patrick Lee

When asked in a recent debate to state his legislative agenda for the coming term, Delegate George Grayson did not name a single positive proposal to improve Virginia's government. This was hardly surprising to those familiar with his voting record, as it clearly betrays Grayson's belief that there is little or nothing our leaders can do to make our government more responsive to the Commonwealth's needs. Voters in the 97th District should prove him wrong.

Fortunately, we have a clear alternative in Joe Mann. Mann is a successful entrepreneur who has created businesses in the district. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Georgia Tech and has served as an advisor to several universities and research institutes. He currently runs The Mann Group, a management consulting and technical troubleshooting company. Joe Mann will be a force for a strong economy, quality education, and improved law enforcement. He will work to make our government more effective.

On the issue of the economy, the differences between the candidates are clear. Joe Mann is a businessman with management experience and a record for creating jobs.

In sharp contrast, George Grayson has been openly hostile to a healthy economy. The Virginia Foundation for Research and Economic Education ranked him 99th in the House: only one Delegate worked harder than Grayson at exporting jobs from Virginia.

Joe Mann will be a strong supporter of education. He has pledged to support the Virginia Business Higher Education Council's goals of increasing support for higher education, imposing state-wide quality standards, and limiting tuition increases. Concurrently, he has vowed to shift the emphasis of higher education back to the classroom. He supports send-

"A vote for Joe Mann will be a vote for more jobs, better schools, aggressive law enforcement, and government reform."

ing lottery proceeds to the localities so that cities and counties may use the funds to improve their schools. While claiming to be the education Delegate, Grayson opposed the state-wide Standards of Learning, (HB2030, 1995), and was a supporter of failed outcome-based education policies. (SJR 400, 1995). He opposed adoption of tuition contracts aimed at limiting education cost increases. (HB1450, 1995).

On the issue of crime, Mann is clearly a superior candidate. Grayson joined other Democrats in refusing to fund the additional prisons required to end parole. (HB1452, 1994). He opposed increasing sentences for second-time murderers and rapists. (HB1318, 1994). Grayson even opposed making convicted drunk drivers pay for their own breath tests. (SB808, 1995).

Mann will bring to the legislature the dedication to make other long-needed changes in our government. If reelected, Grayson will continue to be an opponent of progress. Grayson voted for increased welfare spending and against increased requirements. (Amendment to HB2001, 1995). He has sought to expand the state government bureaucracy (HB1068, 1995). He wants to increase the sales tax. (HB1093, 1992).

A vote for Joe Mann will be a vote for more jobs, better schools, aggressive law enforcement, and government reform. Mann will bring creativity and a fresh perspective to the House of Delegates. His opponent's record proves that he promises nothing more than allegiance to the status quo.

Doug Onley

Delegate George Grayson is a courageous lawmaker who fights to preserve the gains Virginia has made in education, the environment, and mental health care. He deserves to be returned to the House of Delegates on Nov. 7.

In the area of law enforcement, the Democrat's consistent support for anti-crime measures has won him the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Virginia State Police Association. Grayson knows that safe streets and homes require more than mouthing homilies to crime control. His record demonstrates he has the guts to oppose bad laws wrapped in "get tough on crime" rhetoric.

Grayson's starch is costing him this election year, however, as his opponent, Joe Mann, has delivered flyers loaded with lies and half-truths to Williamsburg and James City County voters. It would take more space than I have to rebut all of Mann's propaganda. A few of Mann's distortions and falsehoods were detailed in a recent article in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Chasing Down the Facts

As law students, we are used to dealing with facts. Here are some that should be part of the discussion:

In 1995, George Grayson sponsored legislation that would have required the funds generated by the state lottery to go to public schools, which was the unequivocal understanding among lawmakers of both parties when they first passed the bill setting up the lottery.

Governor Allen vetoed the bill, and now Joe Mann is attacking Grayson -- just as Mann's political godfather is attacking Democrats across the state -- for "refusing" to return lottery proceeds to localities as block grants. Allen and his backers never explained how they would make up the \$300 million shortfall, nor could they articulate a coherent argument for robbing school treasuries of some \$92 million.

George Grayson consistently has voted for tax relief for Virginia wage earners, including raising the standard deduction on state income tax to \$5,000 and increasing by \$200 the personal exemption we can claim on our tax forms.

Mann is now attacking Grayson for voting against an Allen-backed initiative that would have raised the personal exemption by three times over the next five years at a cost to vital state services of \$1.3 billion. What Mann doesn't say is that Allen had no answer to where the money would be found -- other than cutting Meals on Wheels -- and that Grayson and his Democratic colleagues took a close look and discovered the tax cut would have saved the average Virginia family only \$33 a year.

"Mann's excessive distortions of George Grayson's voting record, particularly on crime issues, should not be rewarded with a public office."

Grayson remains a tax realist and won't risk the commonwealth's AAA bond rating and history of balanced budgets for insouciant promises of tax relief. Remember, under Democrats' leadership, our state has the lowest tax burden in the country after New Hampshire and has earned the accolades of *Financial World* magazine as the "best managed" state in the United States.

Tough Enough

The most shameless doggerly from the Mann camp is over the issue of crime. Again, the facts:

George Grayson voted for the elimination of parole for three-time offenders and cosponsored the Crime Victim and Witness Rights act. Grayson helped enact legislation to extend the penalty for attempted second-degree murder to 40 years, and he voted for a bill barring people convicted of drug-related offenses from purchasing a handgun.

Mann accuses Grayson of returning criminals to the streets. The basis for this ugly charge? Grayson voted against a bill authorizing the state to borrow money for prison construction while millions of *unspent* funds earmarked for prison construction languished in the commonwealth's coffers.

Delegate Grayson supported a bill increasing jail sentences for criminals who use a firearm to commit a crime. He voted against two Senate amendments attached to the bill but voted to pass the bill increasing the mandatory sentence from three to five years. Mann twisted Grayson's record in a recent mailing, claiming he voted to "gut" the bill. This low blow came from a guy who proposed using parts of Eastern State Medical Hospital to house violent criminals. Keep in mind the hospital is across the street from two undergraduate dorms.

Mann later said he meant the facilities should house only juvenile delinquents. That's a lunatic clarification and should cast doubt on Mann's suitability for public office. This entire issue is ironic given George Grayson's unerring support for the hospital and his compassion in fighting for funds to help the mentally ill, including for Community Service Boards to reach those in need of care.

Strong on Quality of Life

Grayson has an unmatched record of constituent service (he opened the first legislative office in the state) and an im-

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gested that the thief was probably a non-law student. Neil (hey, I make up the nicknames around here) Lewis also believes that "there should be an investigation made as to how feasible it would be to check IDs to keep undergrads out of our library."

Blakeway disagrees about not letting

the undergrads use the law library. She said that when she was an undergrad, she used the law library at her school for research.

She believes it would be wrong to deny the undergrads a valuable resource. Bresnick said that she did not believe a student (law or otherwise) was the perpetrator, anyway.

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the semester at a front door near
you on November 20

Fall From Grace fashion successes and failures

By Dart Jackson, with occasional guidance from Scott Boak

SBA's Fall From Grace extravaganza was once again a great success. The SBA's annual fall semi-formal proved once again to be the highlight of the fall social season with music, food, folks, and fun.

The hardwork of 2Ls **Dave Mincer** and **Camille Bennett**, and 3Ls **Carrie "Cross" Lee**, **Rick Cross**, and **Michele Bresnick** paid off. Nearly three-hundred law students and guests danced the night away to the tunes of the 70s, 80s, and 90s with music provided by Johnny Flex of Astro DJ Services. (I really hope that blinding yellow jacket is a required uniform and not a selection from his own wardrobe.) Beverages were provided by John "the Bear" Stiles and a host of assistants. Drinks were flowing quite liberally; this was probably helped by the fact that so many ingenious law students thoughtfully took liquor bottles from the bar and hid them under their tables. Good work, kids; I am sure you didn't think Mr. B.B. and I were watching.

Snacks were provided by Paul's and Le Club du Sam. I never knew the pleasure of eating cold meatballs and chicken wings until Friday night. You'd think with all the money we give that bar, they could have included some warming trays with our order!

Late night parties were staged all over Williamsburg -- the biggest included Paul's Deli and 302 Griffin hosted by 2Ls **Tim Morrison**, **Kenny "G" Greenspan**, **Ray Raya**, and balladier **Tom Church**.

As always, we, the eyes, ears, and throats of M-W, were in attendance. Our fashion review may be a bit hazy, because of all the pills and needle-based recre-

ation we engaged in before, during, and after the event. It is true that Mr. B.B. and I were more than a bit strung out, but we still couldn't miss the fashion triumphs and blunders of the evening.

There was more than just fashion, however, to notice at Fall From Grace [hereinafter "F.F.G."]; sooooo much gossip. Keep on reading, and you too will be as enlightened as we are.

I didn't want to start this article off on a sour note but what part of NO do you people not understand? NO: Casual Corner is not the last word in fashion -- it's the last word in garbage! NO: Ruffles, fishnet, sparkling hose -- those elements worked in Rocky Horror Picture Show, but they don't cut the mustard here in the 'Burg. I can't believe we have to tell you this!

This was the 1Ls' first shot to impress Mr. B.B. and I with their formalwear savvy. Unfortunately for them, they chose, for the most part, to don their Fall From Fashion [hereinafter "F.F.F."] attire in dark rooms and closets.

There were so many fashion jokes all around us Friday night, and more than a few of them revolved around one particular first year student. Always a fashion disaster, she showed up in what I am sure the salesgirls at D.E.B. billed as "perfect for a semi-formal." Sure it is -- in a homeless shelter. How cruel of the sales girl -- she must be getting a real hoot telling her friends about the drumstick who "bought the old rags I spray-painted."

As a whole, the first year class was miserable, and they didn't dress well either. The heirs to the Geek Class throne demonstrated that they really haven't shopped since the mid-80s (I mean, if you really wanted to wear that special mid-80s number, you could



have shown up at the 80s party thrown by M-W's own *Heathers*: **Wendy Walter**, **Carrie "Cross" Lee**, and **Michele Bresnick**).

Fortunately for the future of the "William and Mary School of Law," a few first years did manage to pull off passable, and in some instances, even commendable fashion statements. Perennial 1L power skirt **Kim Welsh** looked pretty damn good, as usual, even with that consumptive cough frightening away interested pimply-faced 1L suitors. Other standouts included ... **NO ONE!** No, just kidding. The chicks worth pinching include: **Robin "I have no friends, but I'm a miserable dancer" Dusek**, **Monika "This is the best I can do" Saimre**, and **Jeannette Meacham**.

Kudos and Special Salivations to the heretofore undiscovered vixens **Karin Larson** and **Anne-Marie Miles**. If I had legs like those two, I'd be showing them all night long too. Our favorite 1L Johns included **Mark "Howdy Doody" Van Duesen**, **Rick "Box of Rocks" Ensor**, **Jeff Cohen** (he gives B.B. cigarettes, so you gotta like him), and **Ryan Barack**.

The second year class, known more for their problematic substance abuse than for their academic prowess, once again stunned the crowd with their childish but endearing behavior. We'll begin by recognizing the few 2L men mentally capable of dressing themselves . . . well. Slovenly and enigmatic **Craig Welter** looked fine on his birthday, if you consider the heroine needles sticking out of his arms an attractive accessory.

His overlord **Tim Hughes** was unimpressive in his attempts to convince the world that 1L **Kim Welsh** was really HIS date. Tsk Tsk, Fast Timmy - Friday was much slower than you thought. **Tim Morrison** pulled together a fantastic look (for a Guido from Albany), and **Steve Grocki** remains the only man able to make a corduroy vest look contemporary.

2L **Michael Friedman**, with his Euro-look cashmere sweater ensemble, looked appreciably better than his comedic, one-man miniseries roommate **Jeff Almeida**, who needs serious rehab time as much as he needs a shower and a shave. A rare sighting of 2L ghost **Demian Schane** was pleasant to the fashion senses, as was the steadfast and Bond-like **Gregory Romano**.

We always love to gaze upon lovely ladies, and there are none

prettier than the 2L bettys here at M-W . . . Just kidding! They looked *awwright*. **Ellen Dassance** reprised her role as a F.F.G. fashion champion. Why just do it for formals, girl? Let someone else besides 2L **Jay Kennedy** see what a hot tamale you really are. **Alison Tuley** "shuffled" her way into our fashion consciousness with her mysterious and lengthy black gown.

Shockingly enough, though, **Hot Susie Ludi** took top honors for the 2L class. For those who complain, "You guys always mention Susan," we have but one response -- Get off your rusty-dusties and follow her lead. You can't look ugly all the rest of your life (really, we both have serious crushes on Ms. Ludi, and are attempting to garner her favor through our consistently obsequious remarks).

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Great expectorations: The real story of the 1995 World Series

By Chris Ambrosio

Given Atlanta's dominant pitching, and Cleveland's explosive hitting, the central question that emerged from the 1995 World Series was: Why can't the players from either team refrain from spitting on national television? It seems that these guys are physically incapable of holding in their saliva and mucus, especially when the cameras move in for close-up shots. Spitting is so rampant among baseball players that team physicians should be concerned about players dehydrating and shriveling up on the field. Never mind the L.A.P.D. crime lab folks, the real "cesspool of contamination" is the floor of the Braves' dugout.

The spitting phenomenon, while difficult to understand, has at least been acknowledged by players and observers alike. Andy Van Slyke, the former Pittsburgh Pirates' center fielder, once remarked that he hated playing in

Philadelphia because Lenny Dykstra, the Phillies' center fielder, created a "toxic waste site" in the outfield from all his spitting of tobacco and other substances. Even though it is acknowledged, the spitting mystery is difficult to crack because, off the field, most of the players appear to be normal, upright-walking human beings. Yet once they put on a major league uniform, and the television cameras begin to roll, they turn into saliva-spewing Neanderthals. Most difficult to fathom is the quantity of digestive juices and enzymes that a player will discharge *while he is in the batter's box*. The player is aware that the camera is focusing intently on him, because Lord knows nothing else is happening on the field; yet, the player has no qualms about launching a saliva-coated projectile directly across the camera's field of view. A golfer doesn't spit while he is lining up a shot, and he is undergoing the same process, *i.e.* swing-

ing an implement at a small, hard sphere. (One could argue that a golfer exerts about the same amount of effort in this endeavor, but that is a story for another time.) As a matter of fact, a golfer has more time to spit because the ball is stationary and the timing of his swing is purely at his discretion. But a golfer doesn't spit. Why, then, all the spitting in baseball?

At least the players who are chewing tobacco, or "dipping" as they say in the "sports guy" vernacular, have a clinical explanation. Chewing tobacco, in addition to causing oral cancer, sends a message to the salivary glands, which in essence commands them to "open the floodgates." What about the players who are not dipping? And why must the players who are "resting" in the dugout eat sunflower seeds and spray the waste products all over the place like Letterman's old confetti cannons? (The players "rest-

ing" in the dugout must be contrasted with those who are "playing" on the field, although this contrast is not immediately obvious because in both cases the players are stationary and often overweight.) Perhaps the later "sunflower" problem could be solved by creative catering. For instance, the dugout staff could provide seedless grapes or popcorn instead of sunflower seeds, although there is no guarantee that the player won't spit out these items as well.

When one attempts to analyze the spitting phenomenon in baseball, no theories appear in bas-relief, ready to be spotted by a keen observer. If George Will were asked about baseball's spitting problem, he would undoubtedly make reference to the "cathartic and epiphanic" nature of the game in which a player must "purge himself of personal and societal demons, while simultaneously attempting to

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The 3L class shone the brightest Friday night.

Some of the sexiest numbers and handsomest men all proudly proclaim their status as 3L members. Aside from my stunning fashion performance, there were many fashion triumphs for the traditionally stoic 3L class. **John Garrett Kemper** championed the student turned bankruptcy attorney look with his handmade suit and **diva** girlfriend/armpiece **Logan Taylor**. **Mike "Chairman of the Board" Phillips** came up with this "dressed up werewolf" thing, but somehow made it work.

The founders of the "Tall Skinny White Boy Club" (**Mark Kristiansen**, **Bill Brick**, **John Osborne**, and **McMoore**) delivered their usual formal package -- boring but fashionably sound. **Dave Dawson**, working through the sweat, looked amazing in a gritty sort of way. Winning the newly created "Traveling Shoe Salesman" fashion award this year is "**Lou**"ser **Frost**. The highlight of his garb has to be his \$19.99 faux-leather

Kinney shoes.

The 3L divas lived up to their reputation sporting some of the more elegant numbers of the evening. **Carrie "Cross" Lee**, **Kim "I am every woman" Dustin**, and **Michele Bresnick** looked quite regal, as did Bobsey twins **Courtney Collins** and **Jen Healy**. **Eileen "Fashion before Pain" McNeil** flaunted her goods in a sexy satin sheath with a "peek-a-boo" blouse. You go, girl!

The fashion winners for the evening had to be the unstoppable duo of **Jen Goldstein** and **Lisa Moxley**. How two women can be so gosh darn sexy and fun is beyond Mr. B.B. and I. Even though a couple of women at the event had the same dresses as our two picks from Williamsburg's own House of Style, they couldn't put it together. I guess when you're as hot as Lisa and Jen you look good in anything or nothing at all. We can always dream!

Rani Sue Russell Shea and **Nikki Hanna**, the leaders of the "Why aren't we ever mentioned in this article" contin-

gent, proved once again why they do not get mentioned in our columns. I also cannot imagine what led **Kimberly Kling** to don open-toed, **Cobbie-Cudler**, t-strap summer sandals for a November semi-formal.

The real gossip of the evening concerned all of those couples. People, whose taffy do you think you're pulling? When you decide to do foolish things in public, I have a responsibility to share your idiocy with the world.

Pete "So many women, so little time" Schiron's public display of affection was topped only by his late night bed partner selection. I cannot believe this kid's luck; he has two women after him, and he hooked up with both of them in one night. You go, Pete -- just remember, playing Hide the Willie Wonka with both of them in one night might be a little harder than you think.

I don't know where Mr. B.B. was for this one but did you see the *Law Review* mauling that occurred on the dance floor on Friday night? **Cynthia "What's wrong**

with Causal Corner? I get all my stuff there" **Green and Paul "The Lambada" Eckert** were dancing like they were trying to conceive a money hungry, consistently inappropriate, cold-blooded, future *Law Review* baby right there on the dance floor. At least we now all know why they call it "The Forbidden Dance."

IL Lew Glenn and his lovely bride made a welcome appearance. Come on Lew, who do you think you are fooling? That was **Elle McPhearson** in a wig, right? Tell me your secret; I figure if you can trick a little betty like that into marrying you, I should be able to.

All in all, the evening was a smashing success. Even though many were so poorly dressed I had to comment to Mr. B.B., "I have coughed up better looking mucus than that," everyone seemed to have a delightful time.

Mr. B.B. and I look forward to **Barrister's Ball**, where the fashion ante is raised. We encourage you all to think before you drink: select your outfits before you start pre-partying.

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

This week: Clever law student disguises



Dawn Raines



Wayne Farmer



Andy Sway



Marjorie Fichter

Ask Smarter Guy

Q: Dear Smart Fellow,

Exams are a month away, and I'm already experiencing mind-numbing, bone-crushing angst. I mean, after all, it's the only opportunity we get in each course to prove that we learned something. Unfortunately, we're all forced into The Curve. Where you fall on The Curve determines whether or not you get a job, how much you make, even where you can choose to live. Do professors understand how this feels? They were all successful in their law school careers, so I suppose they really have no clue. I wish there was a way to make them understand how demoralizing this grading system is.

Truly, Despondent.

A: Dear Hopeless:

Don't get depressed. Get even! "How?" you might ask. Simple, apply the curve to your professors. It's fun! It's easy! It's the law! If everyone in the

school were to do this, perhaps the whole ludicrous system would be scrapped in favor of a better alternative. So try it out. Pressure your friends to join in.

First: Show up in class the day course evaluations are distributed.

Next: (This is the important part . . .) **MAKE SURE YOU GRADE ALL YOUR PROFESSORS ON A CURVE.** Remember that when you are finished, only *one* of your professors can finish in the "excellent" category. You must also be sure to place one of your professors in the really, really bad category. Try to distribute your scoring of professors to make it resemble the all-powerful bell curve. Decide ahead of time who will finish in the top half or the bottom half of the curve.

Finally: Explain briefly and illegibly in the "Comments" section why you arrived at your score. Explain that all W&M law professors are excellent, but that you simply had to rank them in order, and that these evalua-

tions really don't mean squat (and to tenured professors, that statement is true). Explain that your decision was difficult. But hey, no hard feelings; somebody had to get a "one!"

To professors and administrators reading this: For extra realism, professors who finish in the top ten percent should be given a raise of at least \$20,000 to \$40,000 more than professors finishing anywhere else on the curve. Moreover, professors in the top ten percent range should be given other prestigious opportunities, like the ability to teach more than two or three classes each semester, and the exclusive ability to publish in ivy league journals.

Professors who finish anywhere else on the curve should be subjected to tenure review, or perhaps invitations to find other, more "suitable" opportunities in other universities (perhaps Gonzaga).

Additionally, professors who finish in the lower half of the class should be forced to move in with their closest living relatives (parents, if possible), and given \$40,000 to \$60,000 of debt. Collection agencies would thereafter hound the debtors fortnightly and attempt to repossess their assets to satisfy the debt (*that, of course, would not be dischargeable in bankruptcy*).

"Bottom 50%" professors should only be allowed to rejoin the faculty after suffering through a bar review course and passing the bar (again). Professors who are not extended invitations to rejoin the faculty should be forced to sit in on all "make-your-own-opportunities" job search lectures hosted by the placement staff. Finally, all professors who seek other employment would be forced to send

their course evaluation results with their curricula vitae, although an explanatory "how to regard the course evaluation" letter may be appended.

Try it! See what happens! Make sure you don't give the professors *any* feedback about their performance before you write the evaluation. You wouldn't want to skew The Curve, would you?

Q: Dear Smarter Guy,

I was disturbed by the revelation in the last *Amicus* concerning the "academic support sessions." Now, call me crazy, but how could anyone believe that the administration was selectively informing only *minority* students by hanging file in order to "keep class size down?" Is this really the explanation that Adjunct Professor T. Twitty gave to explain the invitation procedure? Please tell me if anyone is willing to accept this explanation, because I may have some land in Florida to sell them.

Signed, Outraged

A: Dear Outraged:

Your skepticism is healthy, yet unwarranted. Our caring, law-school administration would never, never, never, ever intentionally discriminate against any class of law students!

No siree, because acting that way intentionally might suggest that whoever endorsed the "selective notification" procedure believed:

a) minority students are less intelligent than other students, and therefore were the only people who really needed the tutoring program, or

b) the people who weren't notified were somehow not in need of the tutorial program, and that their comprehension of basic material would be fine without it.

Of course, we all know that these possibilities are ridiculous, and that no intelligent person would ever intentionally imply any of these things. What actually led to the administration's choice of "selective" notification was its belief that the majority of the student body is psychic. They believed that the psychic students would simply "read" the mind of the nearest administrator to discover pertinent information regarding the program, so there was no need to engage in redundant notification, waste of paper, etc.

In fact, many administrators were truly shocked to learn that most of the student body was *not* psychic, and that "PSF" was not an acronym for "Psychic Students' Foundation." Some professors, after learning this information, said they now "feel really, really bad" for expecting students to "know what [they] are thinking" during Socratic inquisitions in class.

One professor mentioned that he may even have to change his multiple-choice exam because non-psychic students "might not know the difference among 'sometimes yes,' 'sometimes no,' 'probably yes,' and 'maybe no' answers."

But rest assured, this common misapprehension has been corrected.

Our next and possibly more difficult task, however, is correcting the mistaken belief held by the faculty and administration that students can find viable job opportunities -- in outer space.

OVERHEARDS:

"What we're doing here is grading for punishment purposes." -- Prof. Felton (discussing levels of intent in homicide)

"She was more using [the coffee] as an ad hoc crotch warmer." -- Jeff Ambroziak (1L) (talking about the McDonalds coffee case in torts)

"I want to agree and disagree." -- Beth Wilson (1L helium hand runner up)

"By party do you mean sitting out on my patio drinking a beer by myself?" -- Chris Leibig (3L), in response to accusations from his landlady that he held a raging party at his apartment the night before

"What's wrong with this erection?" -- Wendy Walters (3L), during trial for Trial Ad regarding structural stability of scaffolding

TRADING CARDS: CLEVER LAW SCHOOL DISGUISES

Marjorie Fichter

We always did think Marjorie was a colorful dresser, though this Halloween she went a bit over board with the color red. The dunce's cap was a particularly nice addition to the costume. I've never seen a crayon cut a rug like this crayola did at Casino Night. Now if she could just learn to stay inside the lines.

Andy Sway

While most might not be able to recognize Andy underneath his Howard Stern wig, and green face make-up, we at the *Amicus* recognize Andy's attempt to hide in shame following the recent collapse of his beloved Cincinnati Reds in the baseball playoffs. There is some speculation that Andy's get up is merely an outward expression of the universal inner angst suffered by man:

Wayne Farmer

We've been pretty good about not poking fun at Professor Lederer this year, so we let the costume do the talking for us. Perhaps Wayne's secret desire to be one of the Courtroom 21 groupies inspired this costume. Maybe he just thought he would look better with bigger ears and fine polyester.

Dawn Raines

Dawn avoided trading card duty when we depicted Legal Skills teaching assistants, but we weren't going to let her shirk all year. Portraying the bewitching and seductive Uma Thurman from *Pulp Fiction*, Dawn had a doozy of a time inserting the syringe into her heart. Only after plying herself with alcoholic beverages was the pain made bearable. Then someone suggested using glue. . .

Music for the Masses

Smashing Pumpkins delivers hit; Deep Blue Something catchy pop

By Tom Church

Deep Blue Something Home

**½ (out of five)

With the increasing prevalence of modern rock radio stations and MTV's alternative rock push, the times have never been better for college guitar bands. Bands that previously would have slipped through the cracks now have the opportunity for national prominence. With a tuneful melody and a catchy phrase, Deep Blue Something has made the most of the situation with their song "Breakfast at Tiffany's." The song is no "Moon River,"

but its pretty singing and everyday lyrics have garnered a following. The band's first major-label release, *Home*, further showcases DBS's modestly catchy songwriting, strong playing, and tuneful singing.

Sounding like about a million college/high school bands, DBS focuses on fast guitar pop, reminiscent of the Connells and Modern English, augmented occasionally with piano, synthesizer, and organ. The playing is competent throughout, nothing too original, but nothing to complain about either.

The always tight and crisp rhythm

section of John Kirtland on drums and Todd Pipes on bass is the strong point. In contrast, the heavily affected guitar solos usually sound pretty weak, and the singing has very little personality. Toby and Todd Pipes can hold a tune, but they have no edge, sounding like a couple of guys who used to be in the musicals in high school.

Fortunately for all of us, Deep Blue Something has a good ear for melody, which makes the album a fairly easy listen. It is filled with jangly pop similar to the "Breakfast" song, although none of the rest of the album compares with the

hit's Audrey Hepburn hook. The slower, more pretentious songs such as "Home" sound kind of half-baked, but there are only a couple of these.

The lyrics often sound kind of dorky and cheesy. There are pretentious ones, from "Halo": "Souls suffer the landscape in shrouds of dew, as ghosts. Their eternity is for searching but a certain dissension grows."

Boring ones, from "Wouldn't Change a Thing": "The first thing that I do when I turn myself to bed is pray that I will wake up, then sleep enters my head."

Some, however, genuinely relate the experiences of young white men: "We'd just get in the car and drive through the night, and get lost in East Texas."

Truth be told, if you like the single, you'll probably like the rest. It's fast, it's catchy, and it's pretty. If you want rock with edge and innovation, look elsewhere. The Gin Blossoms do this type of stuff better, but Deep Blue Something does the job.

Smashing Pumpkins *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*

**** (out of five)

With hard rock, orchestral pomposity, intimate acoustic tunes, and Beatlesque melody, Smashing Pumpkins has assembled a modern rock tour de force on *Mellon Collie and the Infinite*

Sadness. Billy Corgan and company create a sound that is both grandiose and close to the heart, with expansive production and personal lyrics. They forego the complex several-songs-in-one structure of their previous work for a more catchy, concentrated, song-oriented approach, which results in success on their latest two-disc release.

Critics have called Corgan his generation's Boston. He has called himself his generation's Pink Floyd, but said recently that he wanted his work to be more "catchy." Resolving all of these contradictions defines the album. The songs sometimes sound overproduced, but usually the results seem genuine. The album is filled with new and distinctive sounds.

Although there were insinuations that the discs would be a "concept" album, *Mellon Collie* is mostly just a collection of songs loosely connected with several themes, including despair, youth, hope, and love. Although their ideas occasionally seem pretentious or contrived, the lyrics usually are evocative and compelling.

Remembering his youth, Corgan writes in "1979": "Junebug skipping like a stone with the headlights pointed at the dawn, we were sure we'd never see an end to it all." He opens his heart to the listener with often intensely personal lyrics. From "Muzzle": "I fear that I am ordinary, just like everyone... Have you ever heard the words I'm singing in these songs? It's for the girl I've loved all along."

The music runs the gamut, from screams to tender lullabies. With the help of Flood, who has also produced Depeche Mode and Nine Inch Nails, the Pumpkins produce an incredible array of original sonic textures.

Guitars swoop and leap; Corgan's voice scratches and then soothes. String instruments, harps, organs, and strange synth sounds all are featured in the Pumpkins' musical palette.

Catchy and distinctive, each song represents a narrow, contained musical idea, unlike on *Gish* and *Siamese Dream*. The band rocks as hard as anybody on "Jellybelly," "An Ode to No One," and the current single, "Bullet With Butterfly Wings." "1979," "Stumbleine," and "Galapagos" balance guitar jangle and acoustic introspection. With a nod to the Beatles, Corgan concocts some goofy, incredibly catchy pop on "Lily" and "We Only Come Out at Night."

Overall, the record showcases Corgan's sensitive personality and the band's compelling diversity. Although the songs and the lyrics occasionally sound overproduced or contrived, *Mellon Collie and the Infinite* is an important and engaging listen.

The Concert Corner

By Dave Mincer

The Flood Zone in Richmond is still closed down. The concert scene seems to be slowing down quite a bit, but most of you will be studying for finals anyway. For 2Ls who probably won't study (like me), the Jim Rose Sideshow Circus should be a good time, particularly since they serve cheap beer at the Boat House. Where else can you see a person put his body through the head of a tennis racquet, and another person eat glass.

I've got big news for those of you who will be in Virginia on New Year's Eve. The Dave Matthews Band is playing in Hampton. The easiest way to get tickets is to charge them by phone at (800) 594-TIXX, or 671-8100.

Prices given for shows are advance ticket purchase prices. The price at the door should be slightly higher. For more information, call the Flood Zone at (804) 643-6006, the Boat House at (804) 622-6395, the Miller Concert Line at (804) 622-3679, or the Cellar Door Concert Line at (804) 463-7625.

Here is a calendar of upcoming shows:

- Mon., Nov. 6: The Jim Rose Sideshow Circus, The Abyss, Virginia Beach
- Tues., Nov. 7: Smile and CIV, The Baitshack, Norfolk
- Thur., Nov. 9: Blink, Spung Monkey, Unwritten Law, and 7 Seconds, The Boat House, Norfolk
- Fri., Nov. 10: Marilyn Manson and Clutch, The Boat House, \$9 (9 p.m.)
- Sat., Nov. 11: Chris Isaak and Wallflowers, The Boat House, \$15.50 (9 p.m.)
- Fri., Nov. 17: Better Than Ezra and Dam Builders, The Boat House, \$11 (8 p.m.)
- Sat., Nov. 18: Eddie Money, The Boat House, \$10 (9 p.m.)
- Sat., Nov. 25: Phish, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton
- Sun., Nov. 26: Primus and the Meat Puppets, Hampton Coliseum
- Sat., Dec. 30: Dave Matthews Band, Hampton Coliseum
- Sun., Dec. 31: Dave Matthews Band, Hampton Coliseum



—Natalie Hawthorne

Professor Schaefer catches up with former students at the M-W alumni barbecue

Honeymoon at the movies

Get Shorty -- It's no Pulp Fiction, but it's okay

By Dave and Jennifer Eberly

Feature Presentation—*Get Shorty* ☺☺☺

You have seen the hype -- "Most Entertaining Movie of the Year"; "*Pulp Fiction* on laughing gas," and so on. Well do not be alarmed: this is no *Pulp Fiction*. The critics are dumb enough to see John Travolta as a small time hood with his hair slicked back and instantly think "Oscar Nomination." *Get Shorty* is more easily compared to *The Player* or *Bullets Over Broadway*. *Get Shorty* is clever (not ingenious), funny (not side splitting), and interesting (not thrilling). *Get Shorty* is good, not great.

Get Shorty stars Travolta as a tough-guy loan shark, who, when attempting to collect from a horror-movie producer (Gene Hackman), decides to get into the movie business.

What he comes to realize is that mobsters want to be movie producers and producers aspire to be mobsters. Perhaps unsurprisingly, he also concludes that the businesses are not that different. Rene Russo accompanies him in his quest to "Get Shorty" (Danny DeVito) to play a part in his first attempt at producing.

The plot is good, and there are some

funny, memorable scenes. We expected a little bit more from this movie, however. Travolta's character, Chili Palmer, is enjoyable but somewhat one dimensional. Hackman's role as a second rate producer is well-played but unlikeable. It was hard for us to see him playing a weak slime-ball. (Even a powerful slime-ball would have been better, like his part as Lex Luthor in *Superman*.)

DeVito was excellent, but Russo's character seemed only to be in the movie just for the sake of having a female on screen. Her character was shallow and insignificant. It is as if the writer of *Get Shorty* took Hackman's character's words to heart, "your story's got no female lead -- you have got to have a female lead."

Don't get us wrong -- we do not want to sound like we hated this film. We liked it. But we can't say we weren't disappointed. This is another case of Hollywood making fun of itself (Ha ha!) and the critics loving it.

While we certainly aren't against making fun of the movie industry, it is certainly not such an interesting and original pastime that we wanted to start passing out Oscars. *Get Shorty* is not a bad movie,

but it is no *Pulp Fiction*.

Rating Scale --

☺☺☺☺☺ = "Better than *Cats*; we'll see it again and again;"

☺☺☺☺ = We'd see it for full price and buy a large popcorn.

☺☺☺ = Pretty good.

☺☺ = Don't mention it during a job interview.

☺ = Be afraid. Be very afraid.

ALSO OUT ON VIDEO --

Circle of Friends -- ☺☺☺½

(1994) Starring nobody we recognized except Robin from *Batman Forever* (Chris O'Donnell). Set in Ireland in the 1950s, *Circle of Friends* is a story that follows the coming of age of three childhood girlfriends.

Even though this movie might be labeled a "chick flick," it has broader appeal than you might imagine. Although a little predictable, it held our attention, was well cast, and gave us a warm, happy feeling inside.

The Great Escape -- ☺☺☺

(Circa 1963) Starring Steve McQueen,

James Garner, and Charles Bronson. If *Circle of Friends* was a "chick flick," then this movie more than balances things out. With only a few female extras in the entire film, it took a lot of cajoling to get Jennifer to agree to rent it, but she enjoyed it for the whole three hours.

A real-life story about a daring escape attempt from a German WWII POW camp, there are no questions as to who are the good guys in this film. If *The Great Escape* were made today, it would have unnecessary things like "internal conflict" and "moral dilemma" added to it. We like this one better the old-fashioned way. As a side note, Dave is convinced that the Simpson's character "Groundskeeper Willie" is based on Charles Bronson's character, "Danny the Tunnel King." If you rent the movie, you'll see what I mean.

P.S. -- We aren't restaurant reviewers (who are we kidding, we are not movie critics either) but we have to mention our experience with the Mediterranean Deli & Pizza Restaurant. Let's just say we called for food delivery, popped in *Circle of Friends*, finished watching *Circle of Friends*, and then received our food.

A gourmet shopper's trip through Williamsburg

By Ian W. Siminoff

If you are concerned about the dearth of good restaurants in Williamsburg, so much so that you are preparing to blow up Richmond Road to rid this town of that Seafood Place, Milano's, the Seafarer, and the Bufeteria (you have to ride out a few miles and walk through eight foot high weeds to get to the last one), your plan is not novel. Somebody already tried to incinerate Nick's Pewter Plate, managing to slow their business down to a grind-

ing halt for a while. Unfortunately, Nick and his "putrid" plate are in the midst of reopening.

When all else fails, there is a non-criminal, safer alternative to explosives: spend some time shopping at some of the small gourmet produce and food stores throughout the area. I'll give you five to try; I'm sure you will be pleased.

The Pottery Wine & Cheese Shop is situated in the Kingsmill Shopping Area off Route 60, the same location as Le Yaca, Williamsburg's finest and most expensive French restaurant. The shops themselves are assembled in an outdoor mall, with cafe-side benches, providing a relaxing outdoor experience for those who want to get away for a little while. The store itself is a collection of dusty wooden wine racks, gourmet food products from just about every country you could conceivably imagine, deli counter, and gift shop. The bread is baked fresh every day at the Pottery. The french bread is soft, the outside not as crisp as some other places (for a crisp french bread, go to the Cheese Shop). The honey wheat bread is fantastic and makes for a great peanut butter and jelly sandwich. If you want a sandwich to go,

they will slice your favorite meat, cheese, and bread in front of your eyes, top it with champagne mustard if you so desire and send you on your way. Don't forget to pick up some House of Tsai, House of Tsang, and Parmalat tomatoes for your Thai, Chinese, and Italian recipes. Oh, and take home a bottle or two of wine (you can find reasonable prices).

There are two worthy farmers' markets. One is remarkably better than the other and is a find you will grow to love, especially in the Fall. If you take Richmond Road for about five miles, past the Pottery, you will see a small sign which reads "**Hill Pleasant Farms**, family owned and operated since 1911, hours Monday-Saturday, 9-5. Apples, Fresh Pressed Apple Cider, Fall Butternut Squash, Cranberries, Pumpkins." You quickly make the right turn which leads over the railroad tracks and down a dirt path through the orchard to a farmhouse containing an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables: pecks and half-pecks of just-picked apples, gallons and half-gallons of the sweetest, best apple cider in Williamsburg, and numerous other fresh vegetables at low prices. Grab a basket and enjoy. If you don't have the time to make the trip out to Hill Pleasant Farms, try the **Farmers' Market** on 199 between

Williamsburg Crossing and Governor's Square. Here you will find cider from Hill Pleasant Farms (at a slightly higher price, mind you) and other home-grown vegetables at very low prices (perhaps the lowest in town). There is also a wonderful selection of fresh herbs and spices to fill your nostrils and spice racks.

Gourmet Faire manager and owner Ed Jones has a sophisticated store in the Williamsburg Crossing Mall, on Rte. 5. Sparsely filled, Gourmet Faire has a deliberately small selection of fine foods. Unlike Pottery Wine & Cheese and the Cheese Shop, there are a few tables where one can sit down to have a sandwich. Ed & Company recently started making *panini* (thin Italian bread) sandwiches, the best of which is the "Parma," filled with prosciutto, sun-dried tomatoes, provolone, and fresh basil, then grilled, and served up with your choice of either cole slaw or potato salad, and a pickle. The breads are crispy and fresh, including the Parisian, which is a great garlic bread. Ed makes his own salsa, marinara sauce, lasagna, and pasta salad. Check them out -- they are good. On your way out, grab a Colombo frozen yogurt.

No gourmet food shopping trip in Williamsburg would be complete without a visit to the

Cheese Shop. If you still do not know where it is located, shame on you. Mr. Power has put together the finest assortment of foods-to-go in Williamsburg. The line for sandwiches is nearly out the door during lunch (remember, W&M students get 10% off on Wednesday). The sliced chicken breast, cheddar, and house (house dressing is the cheese shop specialty; it consists of mayonnaise, whole grain mustard, and spices) on french bread is a good choice. For salt lovers, try the ham salad, when available, made with cured Smithfield Ham. Pick up a small house dressing and a bag of bread ends for dipping to go. The wine is pricey. Buy it at the supermarket or on your trip to the Pottery Wine and Cheese. Buy some of their parmesan blend (it also has romano, asiago, imported, and domestic parmesan) to top your simple pasta dishes. Don't leave without checking the salads of the day at the far end of the store (especially penne, roasted tomato, and asparagus salad when available).

Finally, every now and then, pick up a piece of cake or a brownie before you leave. The Cheese Shop has the best cakes and brownies in town. The apple cake with maple frosting is a steal for \$1.69 a slice. You'll

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Tuesday, November 7

Batman Forever: at the University Center, 8 p.m., \$2.
W&M Basketball: plays CAA Touring Team, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Sister My Sister: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Batman Forever: at the University Center, 8 p.m., \$2.
Sister My Sister: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Thursday, November 9

Go, Neal!: Our own Prof. Devins answers a commonly asked question in his talk at the Town & Gown luncheon entitled "Does the Supreme Court Matter?," call 221-2640 for reservations.
Sister My Sister: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Friday, November 10

The Usual Suspects: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Hard-Boiled: at the DOG Street Theatre, 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 11

W&M Jazz Ensemble: Big band fall concert at 8 p.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium, \$2.
The Usual Suspects: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Hard-Boiled: at the DOG Street Theatre, 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

Unzipped: at the DOG Street Theatre, 3 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.
Football: San Francisco at Dallas, 3 p.m., and Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m.

Monday, November 13

Unzipped: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14

Mediterraneo: at the University Center, 8 p.m., \$2.
Unzipped: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

Mediterraneo: at the University Center, 8 p.m., \$2.
W&M Basketball: plays Court Authority, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.
A Pure Formality: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

"The Dining Room": W&M Theatre's main stage production, 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, \$5.
A Pure Formality: at the DOG Street Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Friday, November 17

"The Dining Room": 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, \$5.
A Clockwork Orange: at the DOG Street Theatre, 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

"The Dining Room": 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, \$5.
A Clockwork Orange: at the DOG Street Theatre, 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 19

"The Dining Room": 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, \$5.
Country Life: at the DOG Street Theatre, 3 p.m., 7 p.m., and 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.

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pressive roll-up-your-sleeves attitude toward maintaining this area as an enjoyable place to live.

Conservation groups laud Grayson for his hard work to pass clean water and air legislation and to preserve Virginia's parks and outdoor recreational facilities, including the Chesapeake Bay. Grayson opposed the governor's daft plan to sell Lake Matoaka and surrounding College Woods year by year by sponsoring legislation requiring the approval of the College's Board of Visitors and the General Assembly to sell the 500-acre tract.

Finally, a statewide "thank you" should issue from all Virginians for George Grayson's staunch opposition to Govern-

nor Allen's proposed \$162 million subsidy for Disney to build a theme park in Prince William County. A recent editorial noted that Grayson "courageously deplor[ed] Allen's giveaway to Disney when all but six legislators rolled over for it."

In stark contrast, Joe Mann has promised to support the governor "100 percent" of the time, whether the measure is good for Williamsburg and James City County or not. Why would we want to elect a robot?

Grayson has his flaws, and he's not above some negative campaigning himself. But Mann's excessive distortions of George Grayson's voting record, particu-

larly on crime issues, should not be rewarded with a public office. Lying may have gotten Joe Mann noticed, but we have the power to make sure it doesn't get him votes. Delegate Grayson is resourceful and experienced and has served the

area well over the past 21 years. Obviously, he has served a long time, but Grayson continues to display fidelity in his stewardship. This community -- indeed, this commonwealth -- cannot afford to lose such committed leadership.

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Public Service Announcement: The morning after means there was a night before that wasn't the terminal point for all yesterdays that preceded. But for many now alive this Autumn, there will never be another Spring.

Shererly you must be kidding

The fabled semi-scientific NBA preview Part I

By Todd Sherer

Atlantic Division

If Jon Koncak can just get in the way of the opposing center until the Magic get Shaq back, the Magic will win this division. This team has plenty of weapons. If they can win without Shaq, they will be tough to beat when he returns. Shaq's loss is significant in that they will not get home court advantage and will have to beat Chicago in their building to get to the Finals. In New York, Don Nelson replaces Pat Riley. His low key approach and wide open offense may be just what the doctor ordered. Last year New York struggled in its half-court offense. If Patrick Ewing had a bad night, it was over before it started. Can the Knicks play their trademark physically aggressive defense while opening up the offense? If the Magic flounder without Shaq, the Knicks will win the division.

Since the Knicks would not give Riley the stars to go with the moon, he went to Miami, where management gave him

Czar-like powers and their first born children for five generations. Miami will improve on defense with Riley. Not to belittle this accomplishment, but Miami would have improved on defense if someone would have just explained which basket they were defending. They make the playoffs but go nowhere. The 76ers are improving and will be exciting. Adding Jerry Stackhouse, Richard Dumas, and Vernon Maxwell should more than compensate for the loss of Dana Barros. If Shawn Bradley continues to improve and Vernon Maxwell proves he can play point guard, the Sixers will make the playoffs. Les Boulez, les Boulez, les Boulez [read: Golden State East], just when you think it safe to go the USAir Arena the carpet is wrenched from under them. This one is easy. If Mark Price and Chris Webber are out for the season the Bullets go nowhere, if not, they make the playoffs.

In the also-ran category are the Nets, Celtics and Raptors. New Jersey can't shoot, and Derrick Coleman is out indefi-

nitely. At least they have the Stanley Cup champion Devils in town. It gives me great pleasure to say the Boston Celtics will christen the Fleet Center by finishing last in the Atlantic Division. Reminder to Coach M.L. Carr: send the Toronto Raptors a Christmas present because without them the Celtics would finish last in the Eastern Conference.

Central Division

If Phil Jackson can figure out how to deal with Dennis Rodman, the Bulls will be able to hold pre-game lotteries among fans to see who will play center and still have the best record in the conference. If he can't, this team will be among the biggest busts in pro sports. Indiana will once again be a force. Adding dead-eyes Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson to Reggie Miller should improve their scoring and their wins. Charlotte reacquired Kendall Gill, the same man who said he didn't want to be the third wheel in the offense. Alonzo and Larry are still in Charlotte. I guess Gill didn't like being the fifth op-

tion in Seattle. Mourning turned down 70 million for 7 years; this squabble hurts the team but they still make the playoffs. The Pistons may get the last playoff spot in the East. Grant Hill is amazing and Joe Dumars will have his usual solid season. Otis Thorpe will add tough defense.

The rest of the division is full of also-rans. The Bucks have the best forward tandem in the league for the next ten years in Glenn Robinson and Vin Baker. They have four excellent long-range shooters, but no center. Message to GM: You can only play two guards at a time; trade someone. Cleveland added rookies Donny Marshall and Bob Sura and got Antonio Lang and Dan Majerle, but their center hasn't played in two years. In Atlanta, Lenny Wilkens has Stacey Augmon on the bench and traded for Spud Webb when they already have Mookie Blaylock. Go figure how this guy got to be the NBA's winningest coach. Won't add much distance to his pursuers this year. The Toronto Raptors will be even worse.

W&M Sports Roundup

Football suffers defeat; Soccer teams enter CAA tournaments

By Kristan Burch

Football

The Tribe's five-game winning streak was broken Oct. 21 when No. 18 W&M traveled to Amherst to take on Massachusetts. The Minutemen handed the Tribe a 20-9 loss in their homecoming game at Alumni Stadium. This is the second season in a row in which W&M has fallen to this Yankee Conference rival.

The weather definitely was a factor in the contest against UMass as both teams battled a slippery field and persistent rainfall. Despite the role of the elements, Tribe quarterback **Matt Byrne** completed 13 passes for a total of 129 yards against the Minutemen. The difficulty of compiling such statistics under the weather conditions was highlighted by the fact that UMass quarterback Anthony Catterton only completed one pass for nine yards in the contest.

The Minutemen took an early lead in the game when they scored on their opening possession. The Tribe quickly responded by setting the score at 7-3 when place-kicker **Brian Shallcross** completed a 29-yard field goal. Unfortunately, these were the only points that W&M was able to muster in the first half of the contest, causing them to trail 14-3 at intermission.

The Tribe rallied in the third quarter as it scored its only touchdown of the afternoon, raising the score to 14-9. Safety **Sean McDermott** recovered a UMass fumble made by all-Yankee Conference fullback Rene Ingoglia to give the Tribe the ball on the Minutemen's 23-yard line. Running back **Troy Keen** carried the ball for four straight plays to advance the Tribe to the one-yard line. The touchdown was completed by Byrne who ran the ball in for the score.

The Tribe was held scoreless in the fourth quarter by a UMass squad who managed to get six more points on the scoreboard. Catterton ran for 14 yards to score the Minutemen's last touchdown of the afternoon.

In its next contest, the Tribe rallied its level of play as the squad recorded a 18-15 victory against Villanova on Oct. 28. This win came at Zable Stadium in front of a Homecoming crowd of 13,925 fans. The Wildcats still have never beaten W&M in Williamsburg.

Villanova jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when quarterback Clint Park took the ball eight yards for the score. The Tribe responded in the second period with two field goals by Shallcross. The score was 7-6 at half-time, and neither team

scored in the third quarter.

Both sides played strong defense for the first three quarters of the contest, but the game was broken wide open in the fourth quarter as the Tribe and the Wildcats scored a combined 20 points.

The scoring explosion began in the fourth quarter when **Derek Fitzgerald** caught a pass from Byrne for the Tribe score. W&M went for the two-point conversion, but the pass was picked off by Wildcat cornerback Deon Jackson who ran 100 yards to net the defensive conversion. At this point, the Tribe led the contest 12-9.

The Wildcats were the next to score when Villanova flanker Josh Dolbin scored a 52-yard touchdown. After the Wildcats failed to hit the extra point, the score stood at 15-12.

With 1:40 left on the clock, Shallcross hit a 29-yard field goal to tie the game at 15-15. With less than a minute on the clock, W&M got the ball back, and Byrne was able to advance the Tribe to the Wildcat 30-yard line. Shallcross completed his fourth field goal of the day with two seconds on the clock to give the Tribe an 18-15 win against Villanova.

Fitzgerald finished the game with 126 yards on 32 carries. His

efforts against the Wildcats raised his career yards to a total of 3,582 as he moved into first place on the all-time Tribe rushing list.

Men's soccer

After having won seven straight games, the Tribe's streak was broken by a 1-0 loss to N.C. State at Busch Field. This was the Tribe's first home loss of the season. The Wolfpack outshot the Tribe 11-8 for the afternoon.

The Tribe rallied in its next outing as it downed Yankee Conference rival James Madison, 4-0. This match was critical for W&M's conference standing because the two squads were tied for first in the CAA going into this match. Back **Wade Barrett** scored two Tribe goals, and midfielders **Steve Jolley** and **David McGowan** both added a score of their own.

W&M netted another shut-out as it cruised by Howard, 3-0, in Washington, D.C. This was goalkeeper **Paul Grafer's** sixth shutout of the season. Back **David Schifrin**, forward **Waughn Hughes**, and Jolley all scored against the Bison. Unfortunately, the Tribe was not as successful against CAA rival Old Dominion as the Monarchs handed W&M a 2-1 loss at Busch Field.

The Tribe finished its regular season Nov. 4 with a home game

against Richmond. Despite its loss to ODU Oct. 28, the Tribe still finished atop the Yankee conference and will be the No. 1 seed in the CAA Championship Tournament Nov. 9-12 at JMU.

Women's Soccer

The No. 12 Tribe ended its regular season by winning its last three matches which were all played at home. W&M battled George Washington Oct. 21 and came away with a 5-2 overtime victory. During regulation, forwards **Natalie Neaton** and **Mary Totman** each scored for the Tribe.

After the 2-2 deadlock sent the game into overtime, the Tribe took the upper hand by scoring three goals. The first came from midfielder **Ann Cook** who shot the ball into the net from 18 yards out to give the Tribe a 3-2 advantage. This was Cook's first of two overtime goals. The other score came from forward **Whitney Cali** on a cross from back **Michelle Mason**.

The Tribe shut out Virginia Commonwealth on Oct. 25 with a 9-0 score. W&M continued its victory crusade Oct. 28 as it defeated JMU, 4-1, in overtime. The Dukes were the first to score, but Cali forced the game into overtime when she found the net in the second half. The game

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Amicus computer-like rankings

Beer Bellies know how to win where it counts

By Neil Lewis

1. Air Phallus (2-0), Men's B
2. Three (3-0), Co-rec
3. Team Efense (1-2), Men's B

The law school football tournament yielded the usual number of injuries, taunting, and poor sportsmanship one would expect from law students -- no disappointments there. And the winner was, as expected, **Fat, Drunk & Stupid**, led by the golden ear-ring boy, 2 1/2L Joan, oops, I mean John, Osborn.

1L powerhouse **The Hammer** was bumped by the **Beer Bellies** 28-0. The two man tandem of foul-mouthed QB 2L Derek "Domino" Dickinson and special auxiliary QB/tackle 3L Neil "use only in case of emergency" Lewis proved too much for the poor 1Ls, despite some aggressive play from 1L Ryan "Enlisted Men's" Barack and fine sideline cheerleading from 1L "Jazzy" Jeff Cohen, who was an early casualty.

FDS won by forfeit over 3L Sean "Standing" Overbey, and we had a double forfeit in a game involving 3L "At first" Lance Larsen's team and the 2Ls.

There was a close game however, between perennial 3L door-mats **Morning Wood** (remember, 3Ls, when Beavis and Butthead was cool?) and a 1L team with a clue, **High School Heroes**, **College Zeros**, with **Wood** prevailing 14-12 due to a late interception by 3L Chris "cross" Johnson. 3L Greg "the Big Ragu" Rougeau was a factor early, until the referees ruled that his jester hat was illegal.

HS Heroes went to the loser's bracket to face **Hammer**, and they totally destroyed the poor

guys 30-0, led by QB Nate Green "Jeans" three TD passes and TD run.

The **Wood** went on to the winner's bracket where they faced (this is what you get for winning?) fresh-smelling **FDS**, who had yet to play a game. No contest. **FDS** 28, **Wood** 0. **Beer Bellies** moved on to meet **FDS** in the championship of the winner's bracket.

Because of some horrendous kicking by Osborn, the **Bellies** had a chance to pull the game out. One minute left. 18-14 **FDS**. First and goal on the nine yard line. (On a side note, it was delightful to see **FDS** close to losing. They were running around screaming at each other like the world was going to end. You would think they would be used to losing. Despite having A League talent, they have labored in the B league for three years with no championship.) First play, incomplete pass to Rico "Heat" Misener. Second down, attempted double pass snuffed out by 3L transfer wunderkind Mark Miller. 20 seconds left. Third down -- the play of the game. The crack O line of "Tugboat" Dan McInerney, Lewis and Richard "Murder One" Cross keeps the pressure away from Dickinson for awhile, but Pete "strike while the" Schiron "is hot" sneaks through. Dickinson spots Steve King "of the Amicus" in the endzone and fires low -- a catchable pass. King reaches -- and pops the ball into the air into the waiting arms of **FDS's** Ryan McDougale. Ballgame.

Wood and **HS Heroes** were duking it out to see who got to play the **Bellies**. The **Heroes**

killed **Wood** 23-0. The 3L legs just can't keep up with these darn kids.

Heroes vs. Bellies. A clash they will talk about for years. It is widely believed that show-boating on the part of QB Green cost his team the win. Score at the time **Beer Bellies** 19, **HS Heroes** 14. While coasting for the go ahead score with about two minutes left, Green started high stepping for the corner of the endzone. King of the **Bellies** stunned him by snagging his flag at the one yard line. The call could have gone either way -- he looked in to me, but brand new ref McDougale called him down. No problem, right? Second and goal at the one with two minutes left. As Green had said earlier in the day, "if you can't gain one yard you shouldn't be playing this game." Indeed.

The **Bellies** were rumbling. They couldn't believe they were going to lose. Team composure went the way of the Edsel. An unplanned blitz on the first play caught the **Heroes** in a roll out for a loss of ten. Third and goal. A planned blitz on the next play caught Green going the other way for a loss of five. Fourth and goal, **Green** ran for the corner again -- no high stepping this time. He dove for the goal line, appeared to score -- but no! He stepped out on the two yard line. Ball and game to the **Bellies** 19-14.

In a rather anti-climactic finish **FDS** QB Pat "Roll the" Dyson hooked up with MVP Osborn three times on long bombs as they destroyed the sagging **Beer Bellies** 28-0.

The **Bellies** were not cowed

by their loss, and demanded t-shirts because, as Cross put it, "we beat the spread in both games, that's gotta count for something."

Many thanks to 2L Daniel "Endless" Summerlin and to all the volunteer refs who helped out so much. Raspberries to the teams who signed up and didn't show.

Football

Air Phallus continues their domination. The first week they crushed the Dumbo Kimbles 38-0 behind bombs from QB Larsen to 3Ls Dave "one knee" Dawson and 2L Jim "Country" Hicks.

In the second week **Phallus** decimated Sigma Phi Phi 39-0. Touchdowns were scored by everyone, but most notably by 3Ls Mark "Merry" Christiansen and Matt "turn your head and" Hoffman on passes from Larsen. **Phallus** suffered a loss as hard to catch QB Larsen hurt his knee and lost his shorts on the same play. He and his shorts will be ready for the playoffs.

Three continued their Co-rec roll through the law school racking up victories against **Peace Frog Something** and **Team Dicta**. 2L Monica Finch "an inch" scored thrice in the two games. In the **Dicta** game the only notable occurrence was that it was "Free Shots at the SBA President Night". **Dicta** team members took turns knocking down the already injured Prez and shoving mud in his face.

Team Efense sucks.

Indoor Soccer

Rec Sports censorship can't keep **Fuck the Draft** from using their real name in this paper. They finished the regular season

1-2-1, their sole win by forfeit. The **Fuck's** achieved their goal of finishing in the loser's bracket for the playoffs, but at what price? Uncharacteristic displays of temper have been the norm from such mild-mannered players as 3Ls Frank Lynch "Mob" and Chris "Helter Skelter" Leibig. At least Lynch used his anger productively and scored on a length-of-the-field shot to tie the **Fuck's** last game 6-6 against Some Undergrads or Something.

Steve King wanted me to tell you that he allowed only one goal in the first half before turning the keeping chores over to Misener and Dave "just an injury waiting to happen" Eberly, but I refuse.

Double Secret Probation went 1-1 in their first two co-rec games, aided in no small part by the two undergrad women soccer club members on their team. The entire male half of the team is composed of King and Leibig. Lynch refused to play because, as he so gently put it, "soccer's such a non-sport already, and then you're going to let women play? And they play better than me -- that's the worst part. I'd rather outline my courses and caulk my bathtub than play in the co-rec league."

Volleyball

Team Discontent repeated as B1 Champs with squad members Greg Dohrman "his name is a nickname", Todd Sherer "Energy", Paul "the Deli Man" Schroeder, Chris "don't let me drive the new car in the rain" Shea, and King. The team did not lose a single game in their entire playoff run.

BASEBALL from 9

achieve success as a singular protagonist in an egalitarian team-dominated milieu." Of course, George Will wouldn't make the cut at an MTV Rock 'n' Jock softball game, even if he and Kennedy were the last players available. Thus, we look elsewhere for some insight into the spitting enigma.

At the risk of sounding Will-esque ("dammit, the craft guilds of the 18th century didn't need workers' compensation, so there is no reason for government to intervene to protect the workers of today"), but from the opposite perspective, I would propose that baseball is perhaps the ultimate example of federalism gone awry.

Baseball lacks a central governing body. Each team and indeed each player behaves as a separate entity, answerable only to itself or himself. The consequences have been manifest in many recent imbroglions: Steve Howe, a *seven*

time drug offender, is still on the Yankee roster; Doc Gooden and Darryl Strawberry, the Marion Barry and Hunter Thompson of major league baseball, have been allowed to play together again on a New York team; Rob Dibble, the former Cincinnati reliever who could throw a baseball ninety-five miles per hour, beamed a *van* in a fit of anger and was allowed to play again; Vince Coleman, the bore and sometime outfielder who "accidentally" threw a *lit firecracker* at a young fan seeking an autograph, just played in a postseason series; Bobby Cox, the current manager of the National League champion Atlanta Braves, earlier this season admitted to drunkenly beating his wife after losing a game; and the World Series, baseball's showcase event which ran uninterrupted for nearly *ninety years* and which survived five wars and the Great Depression, was cancelled last year because of appalling greed and selfishness on the part of the game's caretakers.

Without a strong, centralized governing body to establish and enforce any policy other than unadulterated greed, baseball operates in a climate of moral ambivalence. Players, then, feel unconstrained by even the general rules of organized civilization, let alone by the subtle mores of sportsmanship and decorum. Each player subconsciously realizes that if the aforementioned abominable behavior is tolerated by major league baseball, nobody will give a frog's fat ass if the player spits on a national television.

Baseball isn't the only sport with problems. It isn't the only sport that occasionally allows uncivilized subhumanoids to pose as athletes. But why all the spitting? Maybe it's a Freudian thing, an oral fixation that is somehow linked to the notion of men swinging a big stick and trying to "get to first base" and to eventually "score" by "sliding into home." (This theory may actually explain the players' uncontrollable crotch-grabbing, but that, too, is a

story for another time.) Maybe it's a metaphor for the players' guilt that results from accumulating obscene wealth for playing a child's game. These men are so wealthy they can taste it and are desperately trying to rid themselves of the guilty taste by spitting it out.

No theory adequately explains the spitting syndrome. Perhaps baseball should just acknowledge and, for that matter, embrace the problem by handing out another post-season award: the MVS, for Most Voluminous Spitter.

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winning goal came from back **Susie Metzger** just seven minutes into the first overtime period.

The Tribe finished the regular season with a 12-5-1 record, winning all seven of its conference matches. Their consistent level of play won the Tribe the No. 1 seed in the CAA Tournament which was held Nov. 2 at JMU.

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