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Big snow buries the East coast and closes school

By Eliza Hutchinson

What might have been the dreaded first day back to classes for some law students not ready to end their relaxing break was not so on Jan. 8, 1996. In fact, the first week back saw classes only on Wednesday and Thursday as snow and freezing rain caused W&M to be closed for an unprecedented three days. Dean Connie Galloway noted that in her ten years here at the law school, the College has only officially closed for snow one other time.

Students and professors utilized their new found time in a variety of ways. Many were left stranded in places as far away as Seattle, Washington. 1L Rick Ensor reported that flying was time consuming and cost as much as $500. 1L Rob Sappington took his mammoth Suburban out for some unexpected four wheeling, which included “spinning a 360” just off Interstate 64. Taking a more quiet approach to things, her ten-year-old Sun Lee completed a cross-stitching project while 2L Allison Rosemengel rented movies and ruminated about the cable being out.

Reaction of professors to the snow days was mixed. While a few expressed great consternation for having to alter their syllabi, Professor Rodney Smolla revealed in the thought of snow days that reminded him of his youth in Chicago. He told his Civil Rights class not to worry over the lost days, as that would, “deprive you of the full benefit of your snow day.”

Visiting Associate Professor William Corbett actually came to school ready to teach class, but gave up by 4:00 p.m. when the snow began to fall again.

Snow made a simple walk walk to class a potential hazard of your snow day.

Raya convicted of honor code violation, issues public apology

By Stephen T. King

The SBA recently rejected Raymond Raya’s (2L) offer of resignation from the position of SBA representative. Raya tendered his resignation last December, but it was not voted on until last Monday, Jan. 22.

Last semester, Raya was convicted of an honor code violation for misrepresentations made while working as a volunteer for an Alumni Fund Phone-a-thon. In the wake of the Judicial Council hearing, Raya offered his resignation to the SBA.

Part of Raya’s sanction included a public apology to the student body. In a letter dropped by hanging file to law students, Raya wrote, “In my zeal to raise money, I wrote down that a few of the alumni had pledged hoping that they would send in a donation,” even though these alumni had made no such pledge.

“What is really important is not raising money, but what it means to be an honorable member of our profession,” said Raya. “What I did was inappropriate.”

Student opinion appears to be split on the subject of Raya’s conviction and sentence. Many students have expressed concern that the letter was not sufficiently apologetic, although Raya pointed out that Dean Krattenmaker approved the text and made specific changes to the letter itself. Many Raya supporters feel that the issue was too trivial even to have proceeded to the point of a Judicial Council hearing.

The incident surrounding Raya has resurrected comparisons to former SBA President Kyle Short’s public reprimand in the spring of 1994. Short was found guilty by the Judicial Council of lying in the financial aid office in his quest for student loans. Then acting Dean Paul Marcus overruled the Judicial Council’s decision. As an additional sanction, Short was not allowed to take classes in the Spring 1994.

Dan McNernery (3L) expressed his opinion that what Raya did was even worse than what Short did. Short was acting solely for himself, while Raya was a representative of the school and the students at the school. Consequently, the misrepresentations reflected poorly on the entire student body and the school, not just the individual who made the misrepresentations. Raya responded that he was simply trying to help, not hurt, the school, and realized no personal gain from his actions.

The SBA voted against accepting Raya’s resignation. SBA Treasurer Rick Cross (3L) said that he relied upon statements.
From the Editor's Desk

The most recent Judicial Council hearing and consequent sanctions have raised many questions about the law school’s honor system, where it succeeded, where it failed, and how it might be revised. The proposed unified honor system may make any such inquiry into the state of the law school’s current system irrelevant. Nonetheless, the hearing did raise substantial concerns at the Amicus concerning the role of the newspaper in reporting honor offenses.

There is supposed to be a cloak of secrecy about the Judicial Council proceedings and about the names of the individually accused and found guilty of honor code violations. Despite confidentiality, it did not take long before the substantial facts of the most recent trial came to the attention of the Amicus. This may have occurred in part because parties on both sides of the issue had a story that it wanted to tell to the public, to justify either the actions that led to the imposed sanctions or to justify the sanctions themselves.

Some individuals were concerned that the transgressions of the accused were going to be misunderstood and unappreciated by many law students, because confidentiality would prevent the true facts as revealed in the trial from coming to light. Defenders of the accused showed concern that his version of the story would not be known to the public.

Notwithstanding the alleged veil of confidentiality, the story was out in the public forum. Both sides scrambled to filter their version of the events into the debate.

An important function is served by drawing public attention to the alleged transgressions of members within our community. It helps better define the values of our community. Rather than simply rely on the judgment of a small council to dictate the scope of honor, the entire community should discuss the issue and judge the scope of honorable behavior. Hopefully knowledge of the crimes and the concrete example of an individual found guilty will serve as a catalyst for fruitful discussion. The role of the newspaper when reporting Judicial Council proceedings is not very clear. It is difficult simply to ignore a news story that monopolizes student dialogue at the school. It is not enough to simply be told, “you can’t print this.”

If we are told to ignore reliable information that falls into our possession, then we have to wonder if we are serving any meaningful role within the law school other than as a mouthpiece for the administration or some other organization in the school.

To the Editor:

A recent series of events at this school has given me great concern. Ray Raya (2L) was convicted of an honor offense.

As I understand it, one of his sanctions required him to write an apology to the student body. We all recently received an “apology” from Mr. Raya that looked more like a self-promoting campaign flyer than a sincere apology. In his apology Mr. Raya says that “the Judicial Council found that I did not act for personal gain and that I did not act with malice.” Mr. Raya never admits that he was found guilty of the offense charged. In fact, the just quoted excerpt makes it look like Mr. Raya was acquitted.

The whole tone of the letter seems less like an apology and more like an attempt to get a jumpstart on the upcoming SBA elections. This brings me to my second concern. I now understand that Mr. Raya is running for SBA President. I think in the interests of the law school and his fellow classmaters, Mr. Raya should withdraw his name for consideration for any SBA office. A student president convicted of an honor offense does not reflect well on the law school. I am embarrassed to think that law students would consider voting for Mr. Raya in the event he chooses to run.

Dear Amicus,

In the wake of Ray Raya’s public apology last week, I would like to take the opportunity to remind the student body of the many contributions Ray has made to this community, and to point out the last two years in his tenure as class representative and Legacy Committee chairman. Ray has selflessly contributed his time and energy on a consistent basis towards improving the quality of life here at Marshall-Wythe, and I challenge anyone to say that they have worked harder than he has in the service of the student body. In the past Ray has displayed a vitality and initiative that was refreshing to see within our community, and until this episode his track record has been exemplary of a student leader.

Raya was adjudicated by a jury of his peers and they allowed him to remain a law student despite the assumption of expulsion for an honor conviction. The decision to mitigate the sanction of expulsion against Raya is indicative of two things - the lack of perceived damage to the community of honor within the law school, and the extent to which the Judiciary Council believes his integrity to remain intact after his transgression. It would truly be a loss to our student body to have Raya expelled and I commend their efforts in accurately assessing Ray’s character. For those who would berate Ray for past indiscretions, I would have you consider the true remorse he has shown in the wake of this incident, and I would ask you to ask yourselves how much time YOU have devoted towards our student body as a whole, and what role YOU have sought to carve out for yourself in the realm of student affairs. Raya has faced his fire and paid his price, and I hope an incident such as this does not serve to eliminate an individual who in the past has exhibited so much initiative from taking part in the future affairs of the Marshall-Wythe community.

Anonymous

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to a recent incident that involved a member of the second year class and his supposed infraction of the school’s Honor Code during a volunteer fund-raising phone-a-thon sponsored by the Law School. While I am not intimately familiar with the details of this student’s “crime” against the Code, the essence of the charge was that during the course of his volunteering to help the school raise money, he attributed donations to alumni that had not unequivocally contributed money to William and Mary.

While intelligent minds can disagree about the alleged immorality of his actions, it is my belief that this conduct did not constitute a violation that should have survived the triviality stage of the Honor Code proceedings. My understanding of the Code is that any accusation is initially handled by a triviality committee, a body that presumes the guilt of the accused and then decides whether the presumed crime is severe enough to subject the accused to the rigors of an investigation and eventual trial of the matter.

I do not know if “triviality” has been defined and written down anywhere so that students are aware of the ramifications of a presumed offense being characterized as trivial or non-trivial. It seems to me that even if the student’s guilt is presumed, that he was overaggressive in attributing non-blinding donations to a few alumni during a volunteer fund-raising effort, that it is not a serious enough offense to require a full-blown “honor trial” that carries a presumption of expulsion if convicted. He had volunteered in an effort to help the school raise money, and was not “lying, cheating, or stealing” for any personal gain. Perhaps he exercised poor judgment in not ensuring that those alumni had in fact contributed, but is...
RFI grades changed to pass/fail by administration

By Sutton Saok

Upon returning to M-W this January, students in the fall Regulation of Financial Institutions class learned that grades had been changed from the regular letter grade to a pass/fail grade. Professor Heilig had developed macular degeneration, resulting in almost complete blindness, and was unable to read the exams. In late December, after exams, the administration, under the direction of Vice-Dean Jayne Barnard altered the grade standard. Students, however, expressed many concerns over the change.

Jen Liebrand (2L) studied tirelessly for the exam, forsaking valuable time that could have been spent on Criminal Law.

“They knew! They knew and we took an exam expecting it to be graded. The administration had the information and they sat on it.”

Leah Kahl (2L) expressed similar statements. She informed the Amicus that prior to the exam, the students were informed that there would be a graded exam.

They were not notified of the change in grading policy, however, until after their return from winter break by a note posted on the administrative bulletin board two days before the end of add/drop.

“The tragic thing is that this is the only banking course the school offers and it could be a good class.” She expressed disappointment that the class only met seven times throughout the semester, and did not meet at all from October through Thanksgiving, with the last class taught by an associate from Heilig’s firm. She complained, “We were cheated out of money and cheated out of a grade.”

Students also expressed concern over the effect of a pass/fail on their transcripts. School policy, however, which mirrors ABA requirements, states that a student may take no more than 45 credit hours as pass/fail. The Order of the Coif contains stricter criteria, requiring qualified students to take no more than 25 percent of their course load with a grade of C or better.

To date, students will not be surveyed about their job offers until April, so no statistics are yet available on how many offers and interviews have been received during the current hiring season. Kaplan said his sense was that more students were being invited for callback interviews this season. Statistics from the past two years, however, indicate that the job market is growing.

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Legal job market shows modest signs of improvement

By Ryan Ketchum

The legal job market is showing signs that it is improving, according to Dean Kaplan. Kaplan said he has noticed that more and more medium and large sized urban firms are contemplating hiring third year students.

In the past few years these firms have been conservative with the number of students they hired, preferring second year students for summer positions so they wouldn’t have to make a long-term commitment.

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Advice, entertainment, and information from Judge Johanna Fitzpatrick to you

By Cristina Zeisler

Virginia Court of Appeals Judge Johanna Fitzpatrick honored us with her visit as a Tidewater Title Judge on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The State General Assembly elected Judge Fitzpatrick to the Appellate bench in 1992 from her seat in the Nineteenth Circuit. Created in 1985, the Virginia Court of Appeals hears appeals as a matter of right over all cases involving domestic relations, administrative agencies, and worker compensation claims. The court has discretion over traffic cases and criminal cases not involving the death penalty. The workload is divided among ten Judges who sit in panels of three in Fairfax, Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke.

Judge Fitzpatrick extolled the virtues of her job, especially its flexibility, which enables her to find time for playing tennis, traveling around the country to see her youngest son play basketball with Campbell University, and being involved in the community.

Judge Fitzpatrick relishes opportunities to speak with students about the role of law in society. Also, because she was the sole woman on the Appellate bench until recently, she feels it is important for her to actively promote herself as a positive role model in the legal world.

At breakfast with several M-W students, she spoke in detail and with much enthusiasm about the importance of lawyers generating positive public images.

To that end, she emphasized the benefits of following the canon of judicial ethics and the need for "straight shooting" and visible involvement in both the legal and general communities—qualities that should be emulated by everyone, not just judges.

Although she was here for just one day, many students and faculty members had an opportunity to interact with Judge Fitzpatrick. In addition to eating breakfast and lunch with students, Judge Fitzpatrick attended Criminal Procedure and Product Liability classes, toured Courthouse 21, and was the guest of honor at a small reception.

Professors Lederer and LeBel were impressed with the energy she exhibited in their classes. Judge Fitzpatrick fielded questions from Criminal Procedure students and participated in an interactive hypothetical involving workers compensation in LeBel's class. Throughout her visit, Judge Fitzpatrick emphasized and embodied making the law "accessible."

Judge Fitzpatrick and her clerk try to come to work as often as possible in jeans. She treats her clerks like "family" and has remained friends with each of them.

Receiving over 300 applications for her one clerk position each year (and only hiring every two years), Judge Fitzpatrick understandably spends a lot of time choosing her clerks. Once a clerk is selected, he or she may expect to have a close relationship with the Judge and be in.

See FITZPATRICK on 5
Paul Marcus returns from semester leave

By Danielle Roeber

After completing his research leave and travelling to several countries last semester, Professor Paul Marcus has returned to W&M to continue his duties as the Haynes Professor of Law. Professors use research leave for either specific projects or for a general purpose and often enhance classroom material through their projects. Marcus took the fall 1995 semester off to complete his book The Entrapment Defense and to explore the legal restrictions on law enforcement undercover operations and entrapment.

For this project, Marcus and his wife relocated to Santa Barbara and moved into a beautiful home conducive to research. Having practiced law in California, Marcus knew many law experts in the area. With F.B.I. and D.E.A. stations located in Los Angeles and San Francisco respectively, the proximity of Santa Barbara to both cities proved extremely beneficial.

Marcus interviewed lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers while using local and university libraries. As he completed his project, Marcus "tried out" his research by presenting it to students at the Berkeley and U.S.C. law schools. With the assistance of two third year law students, Lorrie Sinclair and Wen Cheng, Marcus now has published The Entrapment Defense and will release an article in six months on undercover law enforcement operations.

The research leave also gave Professor Marcus time to pursue his interest in comparative law. Over the summer and during December, he delivered seminars in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Brazil. Marcus often fielded questions which provided a new perspective on the American system of law. For instance, Brazilian citizens attending his presentation asked Marcus why Americans do not make morality a legal duty. While unthinkable to impose moral legislation on the United States, laws in Brazil enforce duties such as aiding those in need. Marcus stated that other nations consider certain values more important than Americans do. Therefore, governments design the laws around those values. Malaysia and Brazil are growing economies, so neither country wants to do anything which will hinder progress, while in the United States, law enforcement officials spend a great amount of time prosecuting violators of white collar crime. When Marcus asked officials in Malaysia why they do not do the same, they responded that it would give the appearance that the government opposed economic growth. Although regulations exist to protect the environment, Brazil fails to prosecute environmental crimes. The Brazilian economy simply cannot afford the application of restrictions that post-industrial nations, like the United States, enforce.

As for Singapore, Marcus visited the country not long after the incident in which the Singapore governmentказан an American citizen for spray-painting cars. Marcus stated that the American citizen was tried out for spraying cars. Marcus stated that the American citizen was a slight shock after that beautiful, sunny California weather.

Moliterno to succeed Barnard as Vice Dean

By Danielle Berry

Predicting the future may be a dangerous hobby around a law school whose name seems to change more quickly than the career plans of its students, but Dean Moliterno recently took the prospective measure of appointing Professor James Moliterno to the position of Vice Dean — an appointment which will not become effective until July, 1997. Moliterno will replace current Vice Dean Jayne Barnard who will return full-time to the M-W teaching corps.

The timing of Krattenmaker's announcement, amid the rush of exam week and approximately one year earlier than would be expected, has given rise to a fair amount of speculation within the law school community. Speculation, which, according to Moliterno, is totally unfounded. The appointment reflects an established tradition of succession in which one faculty member serves as Vice Dean for an unspecified number of years (usually two) after which another faculty member assumes the position. Although she has already occupied the Vice Dean position for two years, Barnard will serve a third year in order to preserve an element of consistency within Krattenmaker's relatively young regime.

Moliterno also hopes to take advantage of the one year overlap between his and Barnard's tenure in order to develop a familiarity with the position. Ideally, this interim year will facilitate Moliterno's ascension to the administrative ranks as well as advance the goals of efficiency and consistency within the law school administration.

Notwithstanding the fact that he will play understudy for a year, Moliterno's enthusiasm about his appointment is evident. When asked to envision himself in the role of Vice Dean, Moliterno predicted a noticeable departure from the stereotypical, "paper pushing" perception of administrators held by many students. Instead, he hopes to work with various groups of people towards the actualization of goals beneficial to the entire community.

Moliterno hopes to entice the participation of as many students, faculty members, and administrators as possible. See MOLITERNO on 10.

Two heads are better than one -- Edelmans to speak at graduation

By Jennifer Vincent

This year's graduation speakers should fit Dean Krattenmaker's goals of a good graduation speaker perfectly — someone who can deliver an impressive commencement address, have agreed to speak jointly at this year's ceremony. Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman, both accomplished attorneys who would each in his and her own right deliver an impressive commencement address, have agreed to speak jointly at this year's ceremony. Marian Edelman is perhaps the better-known of the two, having written a best-seller and founded the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. Her husband, Peter Edelman, is counselor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Their credentials are obviously impressive. How did we land them? Peter Edelman was a member of the faculty at Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a colleague, friend, and neighbor of Krattenmaker. In addition to their close relationship with Krattenmaker, the Edelmans have a message to offer to both the graduates and their families. "They must understand we want them, but the centerpiece is the students," Krattenmaker said. "Their appeal should transcend the law community."

Since most families attending graduation are comprised of attorneys, the speaker needs to relate to everyone. Marian Edelman, in particular, is one with whom many families may already be familiar. As founder of the Children's Defense Fund, she serves as an advocate for poor, minority, and disabled children who historically do not have the power or representation to help themselves out of their disadvantaged state. The CDF's mission is to educate the nation about, and encourage participation in, the needs of children.

Marian Edelman has been in the spotlight recently with the release of her new book, Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children. This follows her best-seller The Measure of Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours. She was featured in Paradise Magazine three years ago, in which she stated something to which many law students can at least partially relate: "I hated every minute of [law school]. What kept me there was knowing I was needed in Mississippi."

A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, she was the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar. She directed the Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she served as counsel for the Poor People's March that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing in Washington, D.C.

She also previously served as Director of the Center for Law and Education. See SPEAKERS on 10.
Celebrating the dream: Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremonies

By Marissa Riley

In a program sponsored by BLSA, M-W celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by inviting both students and faculty to speak on the significance of the holiday, as well as King's significance in their lives.

A constant theme reiterated by most of the speakers was the global vision that King put forth. Encouraging people to have a "vision past their own lives," organizer Traci Ellis (3L) said that she hoped the program would bring together people of almost every background to share their common experiences.

Dean Krattenmaker remembered being a 3L when King was killed, saying that his most vivid memory of King was his protest of the Vietnam War and King's efforts toward ending the war. Comparing the racial strife of the 1960s to modern day Estonia, Krattenmaker emphasized King's attempts at peace and held King up as a model for all to emulate.

James Connell (3L) made comparisons between King's message and the rhetoric of the Christian Right. Connell said that the Right's version of Christian charity, with its communication of intolerance and hatred, was not in keeping with King's tradition of love and acceptance. Connell challenged the audience of nearly eighty people to reclaim American politics, saying the kind of changes that King envisioned would not take place until "faith meets passion for social justice."

Jimmy Carter (1L) drew modern parallels with King's teachings, citing the Oklahoma bombing and the train derailment in Odessa as tragic departures from the civil disobedience that King favored to protest government policies. Carter advocated a return to the peaceful demonstrations of the past by saying that "social tangents which cause civil unrest will never subside, but that which we use to fight them will change."

Other speakers continued to praise King's accomplishments, including his ability to honor differences while supporting unity and his commitment to change. Finally, the "miracles" he worked between the library and the students and faculty here at W&M.

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Law Library staff changes made over Christmas break

By Victoria Blakeway

Bill Cooper is the new Head of Research and Instructional Services. A graduate of Phillips Exeter and Dartmouth, he has worked in corporate law formany years. He had been a consulting firm in Michigan specializing in information management for law and accounting firms. He missed the public contact, however, so he went to work for the University of Toledo doing teaching and research. He likes W&M for the bucolic surroundings as well as the quality of education. He serves as a Senior Partner in a Legal Skills law firm, and also coordinates research projects.

Petra Klemmack was recently promoted to Circulation Supervisor. She credits her success in working with law students to her experience working with small children in a public library setting. She has worked a total of twelve years in libraries. She will be acting as a liaison between the library and the students and faculty here at W&M.

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challenging her ticket on the grounds that she was five months pregnant at the time and that her fetus, under California law, was considered a person. Two women in the mid-1980s won similar cases. The Department of Transportation is fighting back with the contention that Rios’ argument, if taken seriously, would seem to make it illegal for pregnant women to drive or travel by car. In California, it is illegal for two people to sit behind the wheel at the same time and for two people to share a single seatbelt.

An overly-sensitive metal detector in a Corpus Christi courthouse is causing quite a commotion. When it was realized that underwire bras were setting off the alarm, a compromise was made. This irredeemable Christmas as

**Meet Visiting LSU Professor William Corbett**

By Paul Walker

This semester a little bit of the Deep South has come to the law school in the presence of Visiting Professor William Corbett. Corbett, who is teaching Civil Procedure and Employment Discrimination law this semester, is visiting W&M from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He attended law school at Alabama (’89) and received his undergraduate degree from Auburn (’82) -- talk about your divided loyalties during football season! After graduating from law school, Corbett practiced labor and employment law with Burr & Forman in Birmingham, Alabama. In keeping with his law firm background, Corbett’s research is currently focused on the relationship between the employment at-will principle and federal discrimination laws. Corbett is filling in for Professor Susan Grover who is visiting at Chicago-Kent School of Law this spring and would normally be teaching employment discrimination.

Corbett knew even when he was in law school that he was interested in teaching. Apparently three-and-a-half years of teaching high school in Auburn before starting law school didn’t satisfy his urge to shape young minds. Plus, in law school he claims that he always wanted to be on the other side. Then he got there and found all the exams waiting to be graded. Corbett indicated that aspect of the job caught him a little off-guard, saying “Grading exams may be worse than preparing for and taking them.” At LSU, Corbett normally teaches Torts & IL Labor law, Employment law and Federal Civil Procedure. He teaches very little of the Civil Code at LSU (Louisiana follows the constitutional system), with only a smattering of it coming up in his Torts classes.

When approached about coming to W-M, Corbett didn’t know much about the law school other than it was a school “with a very good reputation.” Since then he has learned a lot more about W&M and the law school, including the fact that it is a state supported institution. Corbett is very enthusiastic about meeting the M-W faculty and student body this semester.

He feels that professors should have an opportunity to see how other law schools operate so that “you don’t get set in your ways and not have new experiences.”

Corbett’s hobbies include running and weightlifting, and through his participation in both of those activities has decreased with the arrival of a new baby son last month. It was a hectic Christmas as

**Law Watch**

By Alison Rosenstengel

I heard it through the grapevine.

Wendell Chestnut was an English teacher and squash coach at a prestigious Pennsylvania prep school until he resigned four years ago, citing excessive pressure and threats stemming from rumors that he had made sexual advances to male students. Chestnut denied the rumors and the school never investigated or made any formal accusations. However, the headmaster at the time confirmed the “truth” behind the rumors in speeches and conversations with students. A Philadelphia jury awarded Chestnut over $10 million on his defamation claim.

Hey my “Body” is an HOV.

Linda Rios received a ticket for allegedly driving alone in the carpool lane. Rios is driving a lone in the carpool lane. Rio’s is

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that lack of diligence worth forcing him to endure the consuming experience of a trial in which his “honor” was questioned? But putting any personal opinions about the offense aside, the student body should at least be aware of the difference between a trivial and a non-trivial offense.

I admit that I am biased, that I do not like an Honor Code that includes affirmative duties to report that, by definition, tends to be arbitrarily enforced. But even viewing the situation objectively, one who volunteered his free time to assist the school in raising money is punished for acting aggressively when such exuberance was not for his personal gain? If this is not trivial, I would like to know the difference between a trivial and a non-trivial offense.

Sincerely, Adam Walsh (2L)

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that Raya was willing just to serve out the rest of his term and not seek further office in the SBA election in making his decision to accept the resignation.

Raya’s term will be over in approximately four weeks. Other SBA members indicated that they felt Raya was treated unjustly and that he had done a fine job as SBA representative and thus saw no reason for Raya’s resignation.

Neil Lewis pointed out that there are clear policies and procedures for removing officers from the SBA. The sanctions handed down by the Judicial Council said nothing about Raya’s resigning his position.

As a further consequence of the incident, Cross drafted a proposed amendment to the SBA constitution. The amendment reads: “No student convicted of an honor and or disciplinary offense shall be eligible to hold an office within the Student Bar Association Board of Directors. Student Bar Association Board of Directors includes: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Class Representative, and SBA Representative to the Executive Council. Any student convicted of such an offense who holds one of the aforementioned positions shall be required to resign immediately.”

The amendment is designed not only to prevent anyone from seeking election to the SBA who has been convicted of a disciplinary or judicial council violation, but also to remove from office anyone who is subsequently found guilty of an offense by either body.

Cross felt that it reflected poorly on the school to have anyone with a conviction holding a position on the SBA. Raya responded to the amendment proposal by saying that the SBA constitution already contains provisions for dismissal of officers and election procedures.

Cross said it only took about ten or fifteen minutes to get the required fifty signatures for the proposal. A few students adamantly refused to sign, or said they did not want to get involved. The proposal is currently in a two week posting period, where students will be able to read, make comments, and engage in debate on the amendment.

After two weeks, but before four weeks from the posting of the amendment, it must be put to a vote. The amendment will probably be on the ballot at the general election in February. Fifty percent of the student body must vote on the proposal, and two thirds of those voting must vote in favor of the proposed amendment before it can officially become a part of the SBA constitution.
Team Makes it to Round of Sixteen in National Moot Court Competition

The moot court team of Wen Cheng, Courtney Collins, and Ann Davis recently competed in the National Moot Court Competition in New York City. They reached the round of sixteen. Look for a complete inside story in the next issue of the Amicus.

The Amicus extends a heartfelt apology to Wen Cheng for mistakenly attributing to her the phrase “forfeiture of the house was attractive booby for the government” at the regional tournament held last semester in Richmond. In fact it was the opponent who made the statement.

Avalon Volunteer Training

Avalon will be conducting spring volunteer training in February. Avalon’s objective is to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing shelter, a 24-hour helpline, advocacy, information, referrals, and support groups. Volunteers are needed to answer the helpline, provide childcare and transportation, act as court advocates, assist with office duties, and to facilitate outreach efforts.

For further information, contact Kate McCord at 258-5022.

Law Journal Receives Grant for Environmental Federalism Program

The law school and the Environmental Law and Policy Review have received as $8,000 matching grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to conduct a conference on “Environmental Federalism: Implications of the Implementation of the Clean Air Act, Public Health Service Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.”

The conference will take place at the law school in October, 1996, and will feature scholars, federal and state regulatory officials and interest group representatives. Articles arising from the proceedings will be published in the Review.

“THERE has been a great deal of discussion about whether the federal government or the states should take prime responsibility for environmental management,” said Dean Krattenmaker. “This program will encourage a thoughtful, non-politicized examination of this important issue.

Muscarelle Museum of Art presents Voyages and Visions: Nineteenth-Century European Images of the Middle East from the Victoria and Albert Museum

The exhibit is collection of watercolors and drawings collected by Rodney Searwright (1809-1991), an English businessman who frequently traveled to the Middle East. It is on display from Jan. 20 -March 3. The artists’ works on display show an interest in the exotic people, costume, architecture, and landscape they encountered in their travels to the Middle East.

National Trial Team Informational Meeting

The National Trial Team announced that it will be holding meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in room 120 for all 2Ls interested in competing in the 1996 National Trial Team intra-school tournament and all 1Ls interested in participating in the tournament as bailiffs and witnesses. Board and team members will be present at the meetings to answer questions about the team and the tournament.

Amicus Plans to Cut Back to Five Issues for Spring Semester

Editor Stephen King announced that the Amicus will only be printing five issues this semester. A combination of factors led to this decision. The blizzard that dumped 30 inches of snow on the King household in Harrisonburg, Virginia delayed his arrival in Williamsburg for most of the first week of classes. Consequently the first issue came out a week later than it normally would have.

The photography budget has also been a concern for the Amicus all year long. When the budget for the newspaper was submitted last year, the amount of money allocated for photography was simply underestimated.

Another concern of King’s and Production Editor Monica Thurmond’s was that the final issue would be coming out right before final exams.

“Last year putting that last issue out before exams was a real struggle,” said King. “No one wanted to bother writing stories, interviewing sources, or coming in and helping out with the production. Those precious days before exams breed a rather curious infatuation in law students that is not directed at the Amicus.”

10 Million Dollars to the College

Jack Borgenicht, a retired business executive, is donating $10 million to W&M. He is the oldest man to ascend the summit of Washington’s Mount Ranier.

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Beware -- Marshall-Wythe doesn’t love you anymore

Scott Boak

M-W is not your friend, I recently mused, as I sat bleeding and bruised during the course of an apparently routine administrative asskicking. This brutal loss of innocence occurred rather suddenly last week, following a disturbing incident surrounding the newly computerized “add/drop” system. In what may or may not have been human error, my timely attempt to drop a class during the designated “add/drop” period failed to register on the computers, leaving me registered for a class I thought I’d dropped.

Only after the period deadline, while checking a grade (always searching for that elusive HPD), did I discover the fatal mistake. “My God,” I stammered, instantaneously horrorized at the unexpected presence of the blinking “Admiralty” on the screen, I immediately rushed to notify Liz Jackson, but was transferred to the first in the chain of deans who firmly requested a written petition for a drop.

The administration, in a surprising show of sympathy, actually believed my believable account and subsequently proclaimed how “very sorry” they were for me. Full of justified self pity, I nodded in somber approval. Then in a sudden, unprovoked rush of administrative force, THEY proceeded to open a king-size regulatory can of whoop-ass on my head. “In order to protect the integrity of the new system,” thundered the dean, “we can allow no deviations from the rules, lest we open wide the floodgates to all sorts of these registration violations.”

I stumbled, speechless for a moment; I would not — I could not — believe that MY SCHOOL could be so callous, so rigid. Thus I pleaded. “But the class will interfere with my work schedule! ... But I haven’t been or even bought any of the books! ... But it’s not an ‘Add,’ just a ‘Drop’ for a class that isn’t even half full!”

“No Buts!” roared back the presence, as I fled from its terrible cave for the last time. The Horror, The Horror.

I am now just one among many who sincerely believes that, given the option, the M-W administration would rather turn belly up and die before it would bend one of its sacred policies to help a student. This fact raises a few questions:

1) Why have an “add/drop” petition process when there is no chance for altering a mis-registration? My situation, which was accepted as true by the deans, could be no more deserving of a change. What sort of mishap needs to happen before the deans will act?

2) Why punish students who opt to register through the computers instead of the overworked Liz Jackson? The upshot of the administration’s inflexible policy will be to encourage students to continually register with Liz Jackson, not with the new computers, for fear of a computer or computer-user error that could potentially screw a semester.

3) Why does the administration feel the need to implement a strict, no-exceptions policy when we have a working honor code that will ensure the existence of honest petitions? Nobody in their right mind would risk expulsion to lie on an add/drop petition.

4) Even if the administration does find it desirable to have a strict policy on post-deadline registration changes, why begin such a policy during the transition period, when virtually all students are just being introduced to the new, unfamiliar registration scheme? The situation is ripe for problems at this early stage, as the administration should well understand.

5) Shouldn’t a school administration attempt to help its students with conflicts, instead of constantly creating problems with my yielding policies? I would think that after all the time and money that I’ve put into this place, they would at least give me the benefit of the doubt.
The very real emergency posed by the Unified Honor Code

Letters from concerned students regarding the W&M administration's move to a unified honor system

Michael Friedman
Dear Law School Community:

This is not a test. This is an actual emergency. The leaders of our community, in conjunction with their mandates as community representatives, have joined together in order to organize immediate action in response to this emergency. I repeat, this is NOT a test.

The privileges we now enjoy as members of the Marshall-Wythe community are at risk of being eroded. We are at risk of losing control over both the rules that govern our conduct and the process by which those rules are enforced. You are now being called on to take action.

Your participation is essential. We MUST organize ourselves to speak out against the changes that are about to be forced upon us by President Sullivan and his appointed Unification Task Force. We must fight to preserve our system, which reflects the fundamental values that have shaped our community and our profession.

A year ago, when the concept was first proposed, we politely objected to the notion of unification. Our objections, however, fell on deaf ears. Over the last year, we have consistently voiced our opposition through representatives. We have repeatedly requested assurance that we would be able to maintain control over the basic rules that govern our conduct. In large part, however, our concerns have been dismissed.

With our views repeatedly overlooked and our opposition consistently disregarded, the "powers that be" have attempted to force the law school community into the status of spectator on future Honor Code decisions. All of us must now explicitly refuse to accept that role. We must inform ourselves and each other. We must organize a united opposition. We must speak out publicly.

If you care about your honor system, take advantage of this opportunity to act. It may be your last. (After all, it’s no accident that the public comment period has been announced only six (6) days before it is over. Ever heard of being "hustled"?) If we are to stop this process, we must do it NOW.

To find out what is so wrong and what you can do about it in the short time we have left, you can ask S.B.A. President Neil Lewis, the Judicial Council, or myself for information. In the meantime, get a copy of the proposed honor code. Copies will be made available to all interested students, on reserve in the library, and in the January 26 edition of the Flat Hat, which can be found in the law school lobby.

Get it. Read it. Talk about it. I, along with other students who have been active on this matter, will be available in the lobby of the law school from 4:00-5:30 p.m., today, Monday, to answer as many questions as possible and provide further information.

Also, we will be available and very willing to respond to the community all week. Please talk to us about your concerns, ideas, and views. Concerned, active, and well-informed voices of opposition at the February 1 public comment forum may be our only opportunity to halt, or at least slow, the process. Please plan to join us. I repeat: This is an ACTUAL emergency.

Neil Lewis
SBA President

Dear Law School Community:

While the students of Marshall-Wythe have been hard, paying little attention to the machinations of the new "unified student government" which was foisted upon us against our will by President Tim Sullivan, important rights which we currently take for granted are at risk of being lost.

In accordance with the "one campus, one school" approach of the President, a committee, chaired by our own Professor Williamson has been formulating a plan for a unified honor code. On January 24, the committee released a draft of the "Proposed Unified Honor Code" for the College of William and Mary, which covers both undergrads and all of the affiliated graduate schools. Since the inception of the process of creating a unified system, over one year ago, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law has consistently and vehemently opposed any attempt at unification.

We object because the proposed Unified Honor Code will differ drastically from the Honor Code that the students at Marshall-Wythe have developed and adopted.

The new proposal ignores the fundamental values that have shaped our community, like the duty to report and the inclusion of stealing. While stripping the law school community of its control over the process of honor adjudication and appeal, perhaps most offensively, the proposed unified code would allow amendments and dramatic changes to be made to the system without the approval and consent of the law school community.

It is a false premise that a 217-year-old student-administered honor system can be "improved" by presidential fiat. Notwithstanding the problems regarding amendment process, at least the students have a say in the matter, as future changes must meet with the approval of 4/6 of the Honor Councils at the University.

But, ironically, not a single vote of a regular student anywhere is needed to impose this flawed system. Such a proposal threatens the freedom and autonomy with which we govern our community and ignores the ethical responsibilities of our profession.

It is not too late, however, to mobilize and fight these changes. A forum for public comment has been scheduled for February 1st, at 7 p.m. at Millington Hall on main campus.

We must make a strong and organized showing of opposition at this event. I'm calling on all students to become involved. It is our collective responsibility to become informed and take a stand.

You've already voted overwhelmingly against the concept of unification, and the proposal that entails this commitment. Now you must ensure that your individual voices are heard. Copies of the proposed Unified System will be made available on main campus to all interested students. Get a copy. Read it. It will affect you!

Peter Owen
Member of Judicial Council

A Few Reasons Why I Oppose the New Honor Code

The proposed Unified Honor System, if adopted, will severely damage W&M's 217-year tradition of student-administered honor systems. It combines every school's honor system into a one-size-doesn't-fit-all mold. At best, this will cause most students to lose stake in the maintenance of honor in their own schools. At worst, this system could cause student, faculty, and administrators to lose hope entirely that breaches of their communities' trust can be fairly addressed.

The law school, which among the schools currently has the best honor system has the most to lose from this terrible experiment.

There are many, many technical problems with the proposal, which is bad for the entire College. However, space constraints limit me to discussing only ten major objections and their particular effects on the law school.

1) The system is unified. The law school is separate and apart from the rest of the College Community. We have a separate admissions system, student body, faculty, building, administration, registrar, eating facilities (that is, none), library, accreditation, graduation exercises, and endowment. We have a separate culture. We all have college degrees, we don't live in fraternities, and we all seek similar professional paths. Much as the president may wish us to be more unified, the tail cannot wag the dog. Until or unless we start to share the same values as the rest of the College, we cannot share their sense of honor, or the system that implements it.

2) The system will be adopted without the consent of the students. Though it would violate the most important possible premise of a student-run system, there is every indication that the President is prepared to impose this system upon us without a single vote of the student body. This undemocratic action will ensure apathy and resentment among the very students who are supposed to be the primary source of the system's moral force.

3) The new system imposes no duty to report violations. It has no sanction for those who fail to report an honor violation. In our 550-person community, students are understandably reluctant to report others for potential honor violations. A duty to report is essential to ensure that those who report their peers are perceived as upholding the community, rather than attacking an individual. Many law professors (some already questioning our capacity to self-police) have indicated that they will change the way they administer exams if the duty is eliminated. Unproctored exams will be a thing of the past. We will no longer train here for a self-governing profession.

4) Non-law school students will serve on law school trial panels. The unified system would create trials where 18-year-old judges 28-year olds and vice-versa. This eviscerates the very concept of peer review. It is no more appropriate to have a law student judged by a freshman for lying in a Legal Skills document than it is to have a law student judge a freshman for writing bad checks to his roommate. This, perhaps more than anything else, makes the system seem more like a foreign code imposed on law students, rather than a tool for a self-policing community of future lawyers.

5) Stealing is not an honor offense. Under the ridiculous premise that stealing is covered by the criminal law, the new code removes the taint of dishonesty from this offense. This is logically inconsistent (Lying, i.e. fraud, is a criminal act as well). More importantly, the benefit for an honor system is that it preserves a community of trust in which students call upon their status as students to induce reliability. This could well mean more locked doors, tighter controls at the library, and no more leaving book bags safely in the See OWEN on 10
Crossfire

What’s the real story behind Hillary and Whitewater?

For Congress, reality is just too hard to face

Crossfire

Christian Mastondrea

Am I the only one who sees the irony in all of this? It’s incredible what is going on in Congress. For starters, if anyone had told me just five short years ago that the junior pit bull from New York, Senato Alfons D’Amato [a.k.a. Demento] was going to be heading up an ethics investigation of the First Lady I would have laughed myself sick. This would be like putting Ted Kennedy in charge of an ethics class on marital fidelity. Let us go back to the heady days of the 1980s. Reagan was president, the Russians where still the bad guys, and Senator Demento was involved in some type of HUD scandal. Something like a lot. In 1987 he was already flying around that he was brother was milking the system the dry while the defender of national ethics and value system helped? All we need is the Keating Five and Speaker Jim Wright and these hearings could be almost surreal.

There he sits today leading the charge to get to the bottom of Whitewater so all the really nasty rumors and lies can be let loose some time around the Democratic Convention. Everything seems to settle around the fact that no one knows much of anything except that the First Lady and possibly the President could have just possibly broken a law of some kind on or about the time he was Governor of Arkansas, and then maybe tried to cover it all up while President.

The files show that the First Lady did less work for this land developer than the Republicans have been alleging and still are. It is true that the records show some involvement with these people, yet there is nothing to indicate that she did anything illegal. At every turn the Republican with her hunt has been frustrated by reality. For so long they wanted the President’s private notes so sure that he was dumb enough to write every illegal detail down. What did they expect to find a linking “today I cheated 15 people out of $50 million, killed Foster and covered it all up before dinner.” Of course again they got nothing. As everyone knows, only Nixon would keep those kinds of notes. Senator Demento latches on to one line and I quote “vacuum Rose Law files” and he starts raising the dead. 

Not only can this statement be interpreted both ways, it’s fairly moot now that the files that the Senate has been looking for have turned up. If the President was going to vacuum the files, I think he would have pulled an Ollie North, a great patron of the

“Icannot help getting the impression that Congress has slowed this whole factfinding process down to let the President twist in the breeze of Demento’s hot air for the election year.”

Sutton Snook

One of Hillary Clinton’s first experiences in politics occurred while she was working on the House Committee investigating President Richard Nixon (which, by the way, is where she met a hick from Arkansas whom she later married). Unfortunately, (besides marrying Bill) Hillary forgot the basic code of ethics and morality by which she was judging the President. On Friday, Jan. 19, as part of the continuing investigation into Whitewater and her attempts to obstruct justice and to cheat the taxpayers of millions of dollars, Hillary was served a subpoena from the Special Prosecutor to appear before the Grand Jury to answer for her crimes against the American people. Yet, despite several Senate subpoenas to produce documents, the American people have not heard the full story. But what do we know from the soon to be released Report of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters is that Hillary must answer some important questions regarding her involvement.

1. Hillary, why did it take you two years to supply subpoenaed Rose Law Firm documents? The White House maintains that these documents were mistakenly packed up last August, but were found on Jan. 4. However, records obtained from William Kendall, then White House Deputy Counsel, refer to “vacuum Rose Law files.” Interesting that these files were missing from the Rose Firm but were found in the Personal Residence two years later. Also interesting is that Maggie Williams, Chief of Staff for Hillary, was seen removing a box of files from Vince Foster’s office the night of his death.

These files shed new light on Hillary’s role in the Rose Law Firm’s representation of Madison Guaranty. More specifically, these files indicate that Hillary performed 60 hours of work on the project, including a telephonic conference she had with the Arkansas savings and loan regulator the day before Hillary and Madison pitched a novel plan to raise capital by issuing a series of preferred stock. Not surprisingly, Hillary and Madison were approved in their plan.

These records also indicate that Hillary represented Madison in connection with the Castle Grande land deal, which federal regulators later termed a “sham” and which resulted in a $4 million loss borne by the taxpayers as well as the indictments of Governor Jim Guy Tucker and Jim and Susan McDougal, partners of Bill and Hillary in Madison. Hillary stated under sworn testimony that her representation in this matter was “minimal,” but we now know otherwise.

2. Hillary, what was your involvement with Judge David Hale? As you may remember, Judge Hale is now serving a prison term for his involvement in this matter, but has admitted that Clinton pressured him into approving a $300,000 loan to the Clintons’ partner, Susan McDougal. Is this true, Hillary, or did Judge Hale admit to something that is false? And why would the Judge willingly serve a prison term for a crime which he did not commit?

3. Hillary, what was your role in the late-night search of the late Vince Foster’s office? Despite repeated requests of the law enforcement to seal the office, Nussbaum (also convicted of Rose Law Firm related crimes), Williams, and Thomason conducted a search of Foster’s office. Further, after agreeing to allow Justice Department officials to participate in the review of the files, Nussbaum reneged on the agreement and conducted the review himself. In the hours before he mysteriously decided to deny the Justice Department access to material evidence in the death, Susan Thomases, a close personal friend of Hillary’s, communicated frequently with both Hillary and Nussbaum. One of Nussbaum’s associates in the White House Counsel’s office testified before the Senate Special Committee that Hillary and Thomases were concerned about investigators having “unfettered access” to Foster’s office. Sorry Hillary, but as a potential crime scene, that is exactly what the law requires.

4. Travelgate? Soon after Slick Willy took office, the White House fired all Travel Office employees on the excuse of allegedly illegal activities of the Travel Office employees. All staff members have since been cleared of all charges, but recently, an ex-White House employee admitted that the firings occurred at the request of Hillary. Hillary, is this true? Did you interfere in official functions of the federal government?

5. Hillary, where are the rest of the subpoenaed documents? The Senate Special Committee and the Special Prosecutor have faced numerous obstacles in their attempts to enforce the subpoenas, including having to force a full Senate vote to obtain the notes of Kendall, White House Deputy Counsel, and an attendee at

NEXT AMICUS MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. at The Library

See HILLARY on 13
Fashion ever quits: all my hair secrets revealed

By Dart Jackson

A funny thing happened to me during my writing sabbatical—I had a vision, a wonderful vision. The spirit spoke to me and I have decided to turn my column into a religious column. Ain’t no stoppin’ me now, I’m in the groove and on the move. I’ll start with nightly revival meetings and soon there will be a themepark—Fashionland—where all of the employees will wear cheek revealing cotton skirts.

Fashionland—where all of the adoring public, big-budget, Cole lizze, excite, and create scandals ‘in this episode, and this was true long before I began writing. Acreric, grim-faced, and aloof, there is no group of people more in need of a laugh. This column, in the past, has done nothing more than attempt, in a humorous way, to reveal the sybaritic and abusive environment within our hallowed halls. Let’s kill the messenger. Let’s all take a page from the infamous “Santa Claus is Coming To Town” soundtrack: “If you give a little love, you’ll get a little back.” If we all pledge to do this, I’ll be forced to write happy thoughts.

That aside, I thought I’d let you in on why style/fashion is so important. I am sure many of you think as soon as I graduate, the fashion microscope will go with me. You’re dead wrong. Let me put style’s importance in terms many of you (improbably-challenged), grade-grubbers can understand. A recent New York Times article cited a study, conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research, of 2500 lawyers and their appearances. The attractive, well-dressed lawyers earned 14% more money than their less attractive peers. The study also revealed that there seemed to be a strong correlation between attractiveness and garnering early partnerships. So for all of you who figured your K-Mart ties, Faya pumps, and Chess King Parasote pants were irrelevant because you’re so bright—wait, heathen! IT’S AN ALARM! WAKE UP! It’s all about being the total package, baby!

I want to leave you with two announces. The first is quite exciting. I will be sponsoring a win a makeover contest with yours truly. Details will appear in the next Amicus. Stay tuned fashion victims.

OEVEN from 8 lounge
6) Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is no longer required. There are immense ramifications for a finding of guilt has on a law student. Even if a convicted student is allowed to stay in school, she may never be able to practice law.

4) Every single bizarro court case is an aberration. We have enough real life issues to deal with.

There is no bifurcation of innocence and mitigating circumstances at the same time ("I didn’t lie to the professor, but if I did, it was to stop her sexual harassment of me."). This denies students with any doubt about their own conduct that ability to get a fair hearing.

5) Only academic cheating is an honor offense. Furthermore, unlike stealing, academic cheating would not even be covered under the criminal law or an alternate code. Cheating on the review write-on or in the Bushed competition would go completely unpunished under the unified code. So would the use of steroids by those trying out for sports teams, or any similar breach of the community of trust.

9) The amendment process is cumbersome and undemocratic. The law school’s current system through frequent amendment, has undergone dramatic improvement in the last decades. The unified system, on imposed by presidential fiat, will be much more difficult to change.

The honor councils of four schools must approve any changes, as well as the Executive Council of the campus-wide government. Worse, the law school can be shut out if four out of the six other schools agree, for instance, to eliminate all “legalese” like “Relevant documentary and tangible evidence shall be considered to adequately authenticated with indicia of reliability.”

10) The dean of the law school has no role in the system whatsoever. Perhaps we could still have held that this presidentially-imposed, undergraduate-dominated, weak, unenforceable system would nevertheless somehow help to educate us for our unique profession. But the dean, the one person most affected by and informed about the integrity of our community and the extent of misconduct, is an uninvolved student, is prevented from so much as expressing an opinion about any given case. Instead, panel verdicts will be reviewed by the undergraduate dean of students, and then a faculty/administrator/student panel picked by the Vice President for Student Affairs (only the student need even be from the law school).

In summary, this system is bizarre. For instance, imagine a competitor in the National Trial Advocacy Team competition stole her opponent’s notes, in front of 15 other law students. And no one said a word. Of course such a situation would destroy our community of trust. But it wouldn’t represent an iota of honor misconduct under the proposed system. I oppose this terrible system. The Judicial Council opposes this system. The SBA opposes this system. The law school student body opposes this system. And, as far as we can tell on short notice, the faculty/administration opposes this system. This system is bad for the law school, bad for the College, bad for you. Put a stop to it.

Monday, January 29, 1996 THE AMICUS CURIAE
The Concert Corner
By Dave Minser

The next couple of weeks are pretty slow for concerts in the area, however, 96X is getting a bunch of local bands to play together on Sunday, Feb. 25. That is well worth attending, and should give concert-goers something for which to look forward. The Flood Zone has reopened under its original owner. The scoop is that they could not afford to pay Cheap Trick $4000 for a show that they played in December, so they were forced to shut down. All of the previously scheduled acts have been re-signed and they will play during this segment. The Flood Zone is located in downtown Richmond, as is The Mosque, a new venue. The Boat House is in Norfolk, the Hampton Coliseum is in Hampton, and the Abyss is in Virginia Beach. 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) 643-6906, 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.

Mon., Feb 5: Cypress Hill, 311, and The Far Side, The Boat House, 7 p.m., $22.50
Sun., Feb 18: Candlebox and Seaweed, The Boat House, 8 p.m., $12.50
Wed., Feb 21: Bush, Goo Goo Dolls, and No Doubt, Hampton Coliseum, 7:30 p.m., $17.50
Fri., Feb 23: Tesla and Pav, The Boat House, 9 p.m., $15
Sun., Feb 25: Everything, My Sister, Knuckles, Blunt, One Finger Salute and Mindset, The Abyss, 7:30 p.m., $9.96
Mon., Feb 26: Mighty Mighty Bosstones and The Dance Hall Crashers, The Abyss, 9 p.m., $10
Sat., Mar 2: K.D. Lang, The Mosque, 8 p.m., $35
Wed., Mar 12: Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, The Boat House, 8 p.m., $15

Music for the Masses
Whiny vocals and catchy tunes from Oasis; Little from Cypress Hill

By Tom Church
Oasis (What's the Story) Morning Glory?***1/2 (out of five)

First came Nirvana, with sarcastic, screamy, tuneful, punky songs from the American Northwest. Then came Pearl Jam, with earnest, bluesy, punky songs from the American Northwest. The combined power of these two groups spawned several sound-alike bands, the first wave including Stone Temple Pilots and Collective Soul, and the second, very recent wave including Foo Fighters, Silverchair, and William & Mary's own product, Seven Mary Three, among others. The undisputed outcome of this Seattle dominance is that America rules rock radio, both here and abroad. So where does that leave the Brits, those colonials that took us the Seattle sound (Bush, for example)?

Well, they either imitate the Seattle sound (Bush, for example) or they remember their Beatles/Rolling Stones/David Bowie heritage and create whiny pop songs. Oasis definitely falls into the latter category, with their penchant for elaborate, tuneful melodies and retro stylings. One of the most arrogant groups of all time, Oasis compares themselves to the greats, telling the British press that they are just as good as the Beatles, Stones, Kinks, et al. On their recent release, (What's the Story) Morning Glory?, they almost have the songs to back it up.

The album showcases their variety, with acoustic anthems ("Wonderwall", "Cast No Shadow"), power pop ("Morning Glory", "Some Might Say"), and counterpoint tunes ("She's Electric"). The common thread is the often complicated songwriting and strong musicianship of Noel Gallagher. The downside (almost) to his brilliance is the singing of his lead singer brother, Liam. He whines and whines, and his tone of voice pretty much doesn't change throughout the album, whether singing a ballad or a rocker. If you've heard "Wonderwall" on the radio or MTV (you probably have by now), and you think that you can endure the whine for a whole album, then you'll have no problem. Just be sure to set this fact out before you buy the whole thing.

The songs are amplified by strings, slide guitar, and piano. Each one follows the traditional song format of a verse and then a chorus that sticks in your brain. If you like songs that you can't get out of your head all day, you've come to the right place. They're definitely tuneful and hummable, almost irresistibly so.

The lyrics are fairly simple, as if Noel Gallagher is trying to be endearing like the Beatles. From "Roll With It": "You gotta roll with it, you gotta take your time, you gotta say what you want, don't let anybody get in your way." The basic images usually work, though, and the songs aren't easy to forget. If you appreciate good songs, whiny vocals, and don't mind being a little old-fashioned, (What's the Story) Morning Glory? is a strong listen. Oasis's first album, Definitely Maybe, was one of the best releases of '94, and this one picks up where that left off. And, in any case, it's always fun to hear people say the words "super nova" and "save" they end in an r.

Cypress Hill
III/Temper of Boom ***1/2 (out of five)

Cypress Hill's first self-titled release and their second, Black Sunday, brought rap a hardened, sophisticated, yet poppy sound of dark celebration. They tackled tough subjects, but they brought catchy, silly rhymes, amazingly complicated samples and mixes, and easy-going pot imagery to the party. This distinctive blend made their stuff interesting to listen to, and their sound was widely imitated in songs such as "Jump" by House of Pain.

Unfortunately, on their latest album, the Hill has decided to tackle the slow, dark side. They use some interesting samples, but it all ends up sounding just kind of spooky. On III/Temper of Boom, Cypress Hill has decided to slow down and become really dark, but they lose what made listening to their music fun.

Perhaps they wanted to provide jazzy, marimba-fortified competition for the mellow Long Beach sound. Perhaps they wanted to really attack some dark issues. Usually, though, the dire-like quality of the songs just seems like an excuse to stop innovating. A few of the songs, such as the jazzy "Illusions," "Throw Your Set in the Air," and "Boom Biddy Bye Bye" recall the interesting layers and catchiness of their previous work. However, most of the album lacks the distinctive sounds of Cypress Hill or Black Sunday. The lyrics extend the hardcore imagery of their first two albums. Gangs, death, and crime permeate the album. Strange to say, but it's too bad there aren't more songs about pot.

Cypress Hill still has an ear for pop. They continue to say phrases like "Wah-dadda-dang-dang" and "Boom biddy bye bye." Unfortunately, these phrases are now surrounded by slow, sorrowful, boring mixes. The deficiency in their music is shown by the fact that for their first release, "Throw Your Set in the Air," they had to remix it and add new rappers for the radio and MTV. Maybe they're trying to be more complicated. What results is more boredom.

The best bar-b-que in town -- it's not what you think

By Ian W. Siminoff

For those of you who are convinced that Pierce's has the best bar-b-que in town, I would like to introduce you to Queen Anne's Dairy-Snak, located on Second Street, about a half-mile past the Farm Fresh on the right. Sofos Takis (Greek for soft taco, not really, but it sure-que, you should try some of Sofos' seafood dishes, including the oyster sandwich at $2.65, fish fillet at $1.20 (the jumbo is $8.85 more), the scallop dinner at $5.30, or the crab cake at $4.60. There's also tuna and turkey, burgers and dogs, chickwagons and cheeseballs, apples and cups of ice ($2.50).

No matter what meat you choose, you have to get a shake to go along with it. They are especially the butter-scootch. Shake selections include: vanilla, butterscotch, coke, chocolate, strawberry, grape, cherry, sprite, pineapple, orange, root beer, banana, coffee, walnut and old fashion ($1.30, $1.80). Or, if you can see DAIRY-SNAK on 13
Honeymoon at the movies

Winter film and video synopsis

By Dave and Jennifer Eberly

TWELVE MONKEYS -- Starring Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt, this time-travelling film depicts Bruce Willis as a "volunteer" whose mission is to gather information on the virus that has forced the human race to live underground for a generation.

Dave says -- This movie is about insanity live underground for a generation. "You're going to be hard to like because there aren't many (or any) lovable characters. But, the acting of Pacino, DeNiro, and even Val Kilmer made it a worthwhile picture.

Jennifer says -- To say this movie is hard to swallow is a huge understatement as far as I'm concerned. I really did not like this movie. I like movies where there is a clear sense of right and wrong and you know for whom to root. In this film, you are never sure. Also, Heat is one of the most violent movies I've ever seen. And it's not fake blood and gore like Seven: it looks and feels a lot more real to me. A friend of mine put it best. "Watching Heat was like watching a really long episode of 'Miami Vice' only without the good music." Amen, sister!

AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT -- Rob Reiner's mythical vision of a morals, decent, lovable President and his date. Michael Douglas plays the President and Annette Benning is the date. The plot is both an optimistic look at the presidency and a smartly crafted love story.

Dave says -- It certainly was refreshing to have an image of a president with unshrinkable moral character for change. Michael Douglas has been nominated for several awards for his performance, but it is the picture as a whole, not any individual performance, which succeeds. It is that image of the President as a regular, normal, yet highly capable person who has real life emotions which makes this movie so appealing, especially to a nation which is hungry for a good guy in politics.

Jennifer says -- This movie is so much fun to watch. It is an interesting look at what it would be like if the President were available and tried to start dating again. The plot thickens because the woman he intends to date, despite the fact that this is an election year, is a lobbyist for a group who is challenging the president's positions. An American President is sure to get a bid for this year's best picture.

REAR TO THE FUTURE -- (1985) Starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd. This Mid-80's blockbuster is now old enough to be remembered fondly. Even if you never liked it, it is worth it to see the Diet Pepsi-Frees, Huey Lewis and the News, Red-Swoosh Canvas Nikes, and a real-life DeLorean.


DON JUAN DEMARCO -- (1995) Starring Marlon Brando, Faye Dunaway, and Johnny Depp. This movie is not so much about insanity as it is about whose reality is more convincing. Brando plays Depp's shrink, who gets caught up in Don Juan's world. Also, this movie reminded you that Brando is really fat.

EXOTICA -- (1997) Starring nobody we recognized. Siskel and Ebert gave it two thumbs up. We think they may have subsequently put them up each others recants.

LOVE AFFAIR -- (1995) Starring real-life mates Warren Beatty and Annette Benning. To say this movie has been done before is literally the truth -- once in the '30's and once in the '50's, the latter version of which inspired Sleepless in Seattle. Jennifer says the '50's version, An Affair to Remember, is the best of the bunch. It is a good remake, but it is still just a remake.

NINE MONTHS -- (1995) Starring Hugh Grant, with a cameo by Robin Williams. Hugh Grant plays a hapless child psychologist whose world falls apart as he falls into fatherhood. Jennifer liked this movie more than Dave, not because Dave thought the movie was bad, but because Dave hates Hugh Grant.


SBA Update

Swinging into Spring semester with a full calendar

By Carey Lee and Michele Bresnick

Social

The semester may have begun with a vicious snowstorm, but we've also had quite a blizzard of social activity! The Student Bar Association continues to provide as many distractions as possible to keep everyone away from the book!

The season opening Bar Review was held on Jan. 11 at Pichié's in the Marriott. This out-of-the-way watering hole has the potential to be a law student haven, with its multitude of drinks and "personal pitchers" of beer. There are fooz ball and pool tables (cheep!), a putting machine, dart, basketball, and a trivia whiz -- not to mention a big-screen TV. The fried food smorgasbord kept everyone's vulture instincts sharp, as they after tray of chicken wings, fried cheese, and jalapeno poppers disappeared. There was one ugly incident where a LL reported demanded a frightened I.L. turn over his fried cheese, but other than that, everyone appeared well behaved.

At the next bar review, at J. M. Breddall's son Longhill Road, the "fill your own mug" special made the drive well worth it. Some folks felt the need to head out at 6:00 to watch the disappointing lesbian wedding on "Friends," but those who stayed enjoyed cheap perogies and the big screen trivia game. It was disconcerting to play the game in a smoke-free atmosphere (i.e., not the Library Tavern), and Dan McNemey's (3L) proficiency made everyone wonder how often he must be "trivia-ing it."

The next big social event was one short day later, a '70s party sponsored by BLSA and PDP (okay, technically not an SBA event, but they used our cooler!) at the University Center. It was a sight to behold. The DJs pumped out '70s disco and funk (a little too much "Macho Man," a little to little ABBA, in my opinion) until the evil U-Center managers shut the party down at 12:45. Most of the crowd appeared in various '70s styles, and the authenticity of some of the apparel was downright chilling. Although there were no Shaft impersonators, there was plenty of homage to Marcia Brady.

Charlie's Angels and Shaun Cassidy, Scott Book (2L), the winner of the costume contest, sponsored a handlebar mustache, a curly wig, skin tight leather pants, and a fake fur jacket. Brenda Oliver (2L), who came in second, wore her hair in pom poms and donned an outfit reminiscent of Earth, Wind & Fire while she lit up the dance floor. The third place contestant, Daryl Taylor (3L), epitomized cool with his hat, cane, and strut to match. (It's a shame there were only three awards to give, because there were many others who deserve mention.) Andy Sway (3L) appeared as Kerun from "What's Happening," complete with the jive dance moves. Alex Stiles (2L) brought Tony Minero to Williamsburg with his sweet white suit and smooth "Night Fever." Michele Bresnick (3L) and Robin Dusik (1L) glittered in the disco-trash mode. Steve Grocki (2L) and Kim Welch (1L) only needed a short bracelet named Janet to qualify for "Aire's Company" reunion show. Kudos also to Lorrie Sinclair (3L), Mick Moore (3L), to see SBA on 13
Monday, January 29
Carter O. Lowance Fellowship: Fred Patterson Graham, legal reporter and chief anchor/manager of the Courtroom TV Network, will be in residence until Feb. 1.
Bartending Is Good: Deadline for signing up to attend a career program in Richmond about Alternative Careers in the Law in March, see OCPF for more info.
Chanticleer: Classical vocal ensemble at PBK Hall, 8:00 p.m., $20.
Men's Basketball: vs. East Carolina at W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30
Chamber...Music?: The Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio at PBK Hall, 8:00 p.m., $20.

Wednesday, January 31
Town Meeting: With Fred Graham about the OJ trial, law students are encouraged to attend and bring questions, at 4 p.m. in Room 120.
Secret Agent Man: FBI Special Agent Hays holds an information session about careers in the FBI at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Room 239.
Dancin' Matilda: Veryovka Ukrainian National Dance Company at PBK Hall, 8:00 p.m., $15.
Men's Basketball: vs. JMU, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m. (Hey, Danielle, is the marching band coming - we want to know so that we can get out of the way for the buses.)
Charter Day: "Voices for the Future" by W&M Student Groups, 8:00 p.m., University Center, Chesapeake Room, $5.

Thursday, February 1
Charter Day: Swen Savories, tastings from the area's best restaurants to benefit the library, 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt Gallery, $25.
Charter Day: Haydn, Chopin, Bartok, and Brahms on the cello, 8:00 p.m., PBK Hall, free.

Friday, February 2
Georgia: Jennifer Jason Leigh's critically acclaimed tour-de-force at DOG Street Theater, 6:35 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
What about GenXers?: The Doom Generation at DOG Street Theater, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 3
Definitely Not Milwaukee's Best: The SBA is sponsoring a wine tasting for law students at the Williamsburg Winery 4:30-6:00 p.m., $5 per person (a FAT discount, says Jimmy), please sign up by Thursday, Feb. 1 on the SBA door.
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 6:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
The Doom Generation: at DOG Street Theater, 11:15 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.

HILLARY from 9 a meeting where Madison was discussed.
While the White House attempted to hide behind a legally dubious claim of attorney-client privilege, the Senate voted to require the notes and the White House finally agreed to produce them.
But there are many more files that have yet to be produced. Have these fallen into the Rose Law Firm shredder, which we know from testimony has been quite active lately. Time to unpack a few more boxes.
Hillary, as an attorney you are required to abide by the Model Rules of Ethics. You clearly haven't done so, and may even be guilty of federal crimes, including, but not limited to, obstruction of justice and perjury.
Yet you have earned your title as First Lady — you are the first First Lady to be subpoenaed by a grand jury, and you will be the first First Lady to be indicted.
Congratulations, you are now a footnote in high school American history textbooks.

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Diane Price (3L), Allison Tuley (2L), Camille Bennett (2L), Mark Van Deusen (1L), Audra Dial (1L), and Anne Mayer (1L). You really had to see these outfits to believe them. Fact of the day: twenty year old pleather jackets smell really bad.
On Friday, Jan. 26, the law students once againstormed Rockin' Robin. Although the drink specials ended at 9:00 p.m., savvy law students realized that the dancing didn't start until that time and arrived late. In fact, "King of the Bar Reviews" Dan McNerney (3L) almost had his streak for consecutive attendance broken, but he rushed in at just under the hour. Rani Russell Shea (3L), Kathleen Killen (3L), and Hillary Womack (3L) were such stars on the dance floor that they attracted a virtual posse of local admirers. Birthday boy Shaun Rose (2L) never lost his smile or his cool as his great friends piled him with shots. Though the DJ rejected the pleas for "Summer Lovin'" and veered into techno-pop as the evening wore on, Rockin' Robin remains the most successful bar review locale.
Upcoming social activities include Bar Reviews on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 8:00 p.m. at UNO's and Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corner Pocket. UNO's is a new spot for the roving law school crowds, but with food specials and happy hour prices, it's sure to be a hit. The Corner Pocket has always been a hot bar to "review." Bring your cues and get ready to hustle your way up the co-ed pool tournament. Although the SBA generally does not like to foster a competitive atmosphere at bar reviews, Neil Lewis is still trying to win an Inn championship t-shirt, so he has insisted on the tournament.
If you're looking for a little culture (Williamsburg style), the SBA is sponsoring A Mission From God: The Blues Brothers at DOG Street Theater, 11:00 p.m.

Charter Day: Charter Day ceremony at 10:00 a.m. in PBK Hall.
Men's Basketball: at 2 p.m., W&M Hall, $8.
Charter Day: The Lord Botetourt Auction cocktail/buffet to benefit W&M Athletics, in the Botetourt Gallery in Swem Library, 7:00 p.m., $75.
More Charter Day: W&M and UVa Choirs, 8:00 p.m., PBK Hall, free.

Sunday, February 4
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 3:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5
Calling All War Stories: Deadline for responses to NALP's request for written statements about the hiring practices of its member law firms.
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 6:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 9:00 p.m.
007 Strikes Again: Goldeneye at DOG Street Theater, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 9:00 p.m.
007 Strikes Again: Goldeneye at DOG Street Theater, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 8
Georgia: at DOG Street Theater, 9:00 p.m.
007 Strikes Again: Goldeneye at DOG Street Theater, 6:45 p.m.

Friday, February 9
Suble, Anyone?: Deadline for submitting forms to list your apartment with the NALP National Apartment Exchange to Dean Thrasher in OCPF.
Only For Charity: PSF Dinner/Dance Auction.
Shanghai Triad: at DOG Street Theater at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
We're On A Mission From God: The Blues Brothers at DOG Street Theater, 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10
Shanghai Triad: at DOG Street Theater at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
We're On A Mission From God: The Blues Brothers at DOG Street Theater, 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11
Coffee, Tea, or?: Muscarelle Museum of Art hosts Winter Tea at the Museum 3:00-5:00 p.m., $3 for students.

PSF Dinner Date Auction
Friday, February 9
Come and meet your destiny (just ask the "fairytale couple")
Shererly you must be kidding
Take a ride on the magic puck

By Todd Sherer

The NHL All-Star game showed exactly how technology can both aid and totally ruin a game at the same time. "Magic Puck". The Magic Puck contains infrared devices which sent light received by sensors strategically placed around the arena. The upshot of this technology is that a blue hue is created around the puck to allow fans to see it more clearly and between players where it was often obscured due to its size and the camera angles at various arenas. Additionally, when the puck was shot quickly, the technology created a red comet complete with a tail to further aid viewers in following the puck. The comet effect lasted until the puck speed fell below 70 miles per hour, and we know this because FOX could also tell us how fast the puck was moving during the comet stage. Is this good for the sport?

The good. After talking with people who know little about the sport, one of their main complaints about hockey was their inability to find and follow the puck. This ultra-scientific Amicus study of three people uncovered that the blue hue actually added to their enjoyment of the game. In this regard, three cheers to the NHL and FOX for inventing technology that makes hockey more enjoyable for new or casual fans.

The bad. The red comet tail. Among the five viewers spanning the spectrum of hockey knowledge and experience, the red comet tail received failing marks. Among the comments received: it was too distracting and remained on the screen too long. To the more serious hockey fans the comet skewed the game. Additionally, they felt that the comet tail, which only occurred with slap shots over seventy miles per hour, extended too much significance to hard shots. For instance, Mario Lemieux, Sergei Fedorov, Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier, etc., might never shoot the puck over seventy miles an hour all year.

Yet these men who are regarded as the best players in hockey would not be "good" enough to reap these video-game-like rewards. This would create a misplaced emphasis among those learning to watch the game as well as play it. The ugly. Some experienced viewers disliked even the blue hue. People who understand the game found it difficult to watch other aspects of the game because the hue focused too much attention on the puck. The glow made it difficult to follow the offense and the subtleties of the game. In combination with the undesirable video game aspects, hockey runs the risk of alienating some of their more experienced and hardcore fans.

On the positive side, the glow around the puck is only visible on television. So hardcore fans who pay to go to the arena are not tormented by the radioactive glow on the puck. However, there is also a downside to this. New fans that have been lured by watching the "magic puck" on television, may upon attending a game be unable to follow the puck. Consequently they may not enjoy the live game as much. Maybe I'm just getting old and grumpy, but I hate technology in sports. No instant replay in football, no magic puck in hockey, and get rid of astroturf in all sports.

While we're at it remove the ban on zone defenses in the NBA, get rid of the designated hitter, and inter-league play in baseball.

W&M Sports Roundup
Basketball gets underway

By Kristan Burch

Men's Basketball

Having graduated from W&M in 1962, Charlie Wool lum returned to Williamsburg last season to assume the role of head coach. Under his guidance, the Tribe was able to double its number of wins from the previous year, finishing the 1994-95 season with a 8-19 record over­all. For this season, Wool lum has even higher expectations as he continues to bring more life to the Tribe program.

The Tribe still suffered from a slow start this season, losing six of its first eight contests. The squad fell to Loyola-Balti­more County, 75-72, at home before getting powered by Virginia, 87-58, on the road at University Hall.

Its first win of the season came against Marymount, but the Tribe was not able to capture a win against a Division I team until it squeaked by Air Force, 64-60, Dec. 30. The win against the Falcons gave W&M a third place finish in the MVP Holiday Classic in Toledo, Ohio, where captain Carl Parker was named to the all-tournament team.

In its first game of the new year, the Tribe continued to struggle, getting shut down by a strong VCU squad, 70-47. This was the Rams' first game in the CAA conference, and the victory was a result of strong defensive efforts and the Rams' ability to overpower W&M on the boards, pulling down 11 more rebounds than the Tribe.

Despite its slow start, the Tribe picked up its game in January, clinching victories in four of its next five outings. W&M recorded two consecutive road wins against CAA competitors, rolling past James Madison, 96-71, and edging out Richmond, 79-78. With the victory against the Dukes, the Tribe broke a 18 game losing streak against JMU and captured its first win in JMU's Convocation Center since 1983. The Tribe only led JMU by three at half time, but it stepped up the tempo in the second half, shooting 70 percent from the floor after intermission. Guard Matt Verkey was one of four W&M players in double figures as he led the team in with 25 points against the Dukes.

The match against the Richmond Spi­ders Jan. 10 proved more emotional, as forward Bobby Fitzgerald bopped the ball in at the buzzer to give the Tribe a one point win. With 3:40 left in regulation, W&M was losing 78-66, but the squad held Richmond scoreless for the rest of the contest as it went on a 13 point run.

The Tribe returned home to W&M Hall Jan. 13 where it fell to American, 91-80. W&M led 24-6 with 11:53 left in the first half, but the door was left open for the Eagles who regrouped and stormed ahead to take a 41-39 lead by intermission. American's efforts were led by Tim Fudd and Darryl Franklin who scored 35 and 26 points respectively.

W&M won its next two games at home, overpowering Navy and VMI. With the 90-49 crouching of the Keydets, the Tribe recorded its most commanding victory against a Division I team since the 1973-74 season. VMI was plagued by poor shooting all night, finishing 19.7-percent from the field. The Keydets missed 18 of their first 20 shots of the game and continued to struggle at the open of the second half when they missed 15 of their first 17 shots. The Tribe offense was led by Verkey who ended the game with 23 points.

Despite its two consecutive home wins, the Tribe continued to be plagued by inconsistencies as it fell to North Carolina Wilmington, 67-54, on the road. W&M led 23-17 at half, but UNCW went on a 20-1 tear in the second half and never relinquished its control of the game.

Women's Basketball

Batting with inexperience last season, the Tribe does not face such woes this year but instead returns an experienced core of players to the floor, having seven veterans who have seen some time as starters. The Tribe finished last season with a losing record but worked hard this season to mix its returning players with its five freshmen players. So far,
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Amicus computer-like rankings

By Nathan Green

Last week March Madness
found itself a rival as tens 1st,
and less thrilling, 2nd, and 3rd year
teams vied for the
greatness of all law school basketball
championship. January JCou­
tuarity began on Monday as the
teams faced the highights
and also made strong
showings early on.
The early favorites consisted of
the upset 1st year Wildcats, the
nothing if not well dressed 3rd
team Eastern State All Stars, and
the defending champ 2nd year
team Get Well Billy.

The first round games were
expected as expected with the three top
teams winning easily. 1st year
team Marry with Children, 2nd year Fat Drunk and Stupid
also made strong showings early on.
The game of the night however,
occurred in the losers bracket between the
overachieving 3rd year Touch­
down and Eastern State The
Plex. Both teams came out
looking to stay alive and move on
for the next game. It appeared
that the honor of Lettie Pette Whitehead Evans would be
upheld as the Plex lead by 1 with
less than 30 seconds to play.
However, Touchdown would not
quit. With a team confidence
and discipline not seen since the
days of John Wooden and the
UCLA dynasty, Touchdown per­
fectly executed a set play which
led to the winning game.

The championship was ev­
From the 13
soring a Wine Tasting on Saturday, Feb.
made the long road trip from the
county courthouse to the
William Street Winery. There is a sign-up sheet on the SBA office door; see Jimmy Carter (1L) for details.

Now for the real buzz: Barrister's Ball is
less than three weeks away! The dance is
scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17, from
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the William Street Winery
You are signed up and ready. An
excellent five-piece party band will
perform. For the uninitiated, Barrister's is a
(formal) dance that the SBA sponsors
every spring. Men generally wear tux­
ed or dark suits, and women get away
with anything from old bridesmaid gowns
to cocktail dresses. There will be an open bar
stocked with prime brands and bottled beer,
and quality Lodge-prepared hors d'oeuvres. This is always an elegant,
exciting evening: the prom of a lifetime.

To help everyone get in the mood to
hit the dance floor at the Lodge's ballroom,
the SBA is sponsoring dance les­
sions on Wednesday, Feb. 7. You can sign up
for lessons when you purchase your
Barrister's Ball tickets. See Marqui
Parkerson (1L) for more information.

The Tribe dropped another game
when it matched up against George Mason Jan.
16. Guard Nekisa Cooper scored 19
points, but the point spread was 66-58 at
W&M Hall. Two of most recent wins
was against UNC Wilmington. The Tribe
outplayed the Seahawks, 61-50, at home Jan. 19. In another home contest,
W&M overwhelmed the Spiders, 68-46.
The Tribe led by 11 points at half
and made a 22-5 run late in the second half
to put Richmond out of contention.

The SBA recently received a thank
letter from Avalon for last semester's contributions.
For anyone who doesn't
know, Avalon is committed to helping
women and children who are the victims of
violence. The Student Bar Association
is committed to donating a portion of
its profits from every event to help out
these women in our community. If you are
interested in volunteering for Avalon in
class, please talk to a member of
the SBA.

There will be a meeting on
Thursday, Feb. 1 to discuss proposed changes to the
Honor Code.

Elections for next year's Student Bar Association are Tuesday, Feb. 6 for presi­
dent, and Tuesday, Feb. 13 for all other offices. That way any unsuccessful presi­
dential candidate can re-throw his or her
hat into the ring for another position. The
SBA encourages all 2LS and 1LS who are
interested in making a difference with the
school to consider running for an office:
we will be electing a president, vice­
president, secretary, treasurer, represen­
tative to the main campus, and two representatives from each
class.

All of these positions carry a great
degree of responsibility, as the SBA is re­
sponsible for allocating funding for most
student groups and representing the students' interests to the administration.

The next SBA meetings will be
night at 7:00 p.m. in the SBA office, and
next Monday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Please
come out if you're interested. We have
a lot going on and need all the help we can
get!
Mark your calendar

- Thurs. Feb 8th
  Bagel Day
  9am Student Lounge

- Wed. Feb 21st
  Outline Distribution Day
  9am-2pm Lobby