Justice and Mr. Ginsburg accept award

By Cristin Zeisler
Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her husband, Marty, accepted the Marshall-Wythe Medallion on Saturday, Feb. 10, at a private reception at Kingsmill. The Ginsburgs spent two days in Williamsburg, meeting and speaking with students and faculty of the Law School and College.

Several lucky students were treated to lunch with the Justice on Friday. Ginsburg enthralled them for over two hours as she told stories of how she got to where she is and how much she enjoyed getting there. Although she deftly avoided commenting on “hot” cases still awaiting the Court’s decision (most notably the VMI case), the Justice was forthright with her views regarding capital punishment and family law. Reminding her audience that the Court is not a legislature, Ginsburg opined that it is likely that each of her colleagues is personally against the death penalty, but that the Court as an institution would continue to uphold it as the law of the land. *Stare decisis*, she said with gratitude, at least makes such tough decisions a bit easier.

When not performing her official duties, Ginsburg has been known to perform on stage — most recently in a D.C. Shakespeare production along with Justice O’Connor and Chief Justice Rehnquist. The justices often go out together socially, and they have lunch together each day that they are in conference. Justice Scalia has influenced Ginsburg in at least one important area — travel. Taking her cues from his adventuresome ways, Ginsburg has visited many countries as both a tourist and as a sort of judicial ambassador.

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See GINSBURG on 8

Proposed Honor Code blasted from all sides

By Paul Walker
“This is the Titanic of [Honors] Codes.” With that statement sophomore representative to the Executive Council Pepin Tuma neatly summed up the sentiments of all those present at Millington Hall last week. In an overwhelming show of force, law students were well over half of the nearly one hundred graduate and undergraduate students who turned out on a chilly week-night to comment on the proposed Unified Honor Code.

Professor Richard Williamson and Dean Carol Disque listened impassively and took notes as, one after another, a stream of students — mostly M-W students — expressed their disapproval of the Code.

Jonas Geissler, President of the Executive Council, presented a strong case for a student-wide referendum, including independent approval by the five graduate schools. Geissler stated, “Students have the right to self-determination. A referendum will be the closest we can get to the matriculation [provided for in the Student Handbook].”

This sentiment was echoed by every student leader who followed Geissler, including M-W’s very own SBA President, Neil Lewis. “Any system imposed is illegitimate,” Lewis told the audience.

Mike Friedman (2L) pointed to the proposal’s own language that the Code “is an agreement among all students,” as requiring some sort of formal student approval process. There appeared to be a widespread perception that President Sullivan is prepared to impose the Unified Code on the students.

Sullivan declined to be interviewed on the Unified Code until he had a chance to consider all inputs from the comment period.

The effort to present the law school’s concerns to Williamson and Disque was well-orchestrated by 3L Peter Owen. A stream of law students presented a point by point breakdown of all the Code’s flaws, bringing to mind an old adage: Hell hath no fury like fifty fired-up and finely focused law students.

Some of the issues discussed were the removal of stealing from the honor code (“Incomprehensible” according to 3L Rick Giovannelli); the duty to report; the reduced evidentiary standard.

See HONOR CODE on 16

Rose wins SBA presidential election by wide margin

By Marissa Riley
Overwhelming his nearest competitor by nearly a hundred votes, Shaun Rose (2L) was elected SBA president for the 1996-1997 academic year. Modest in his victory, Rose attributed his win to his “attitude,” having the best interests of the M-W community, and the advice of his campaign managers, Ray Raya (2L) and Ken Greenspan (2L).

Rose did not mention the flag that Dart Jackson (2L) printed, giving his “personal endorsement” to Michael Friedman (2L), as well as including the endorsements of other students, all of whom supported Friedman as well.

Though the numbers made Rose’s victory seem effortless, it could not be as easy as first year Patrick Muldoon’s campaign. Muldoon, known better for his perfect class attendance record, placed a green La-Z-Boy in front of the law school, alternated between rocking and asking passers-by if they had voted him for SBA President. Muldoon said in his candidate statement that he wanted to expose M-W to “manifold experiences.”

Rose said that he might make some additions to the types of activities planned for the next school year, though he had countries as both a tourist and as a sort of judicial ambassador.

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From the Editor's Desk...

The proposed unified honor system is the latest topic to grip the law school. The debate is reaching a saturation point. President Sullivan’s office is not prepared to comment on the future of the proposal. The Amicus wishes merely to focus on what we feel to be the most important aspect of the whole debate surrounding the honor system — whose authority will the system be adopted.

There has been considerable criticism of the particulars of the revised honor system: whether stealing is an honor offense, whether undergraduates will be called upon to judge the actions of graduate students and vice versa. Any honor system, no matter how crafted, is illegitimate and unwelcome if it is not authorized by the students who must submit to the system. No changes should be made without a vote of approval by the student body. The administration can construct the most ethereal designs out of thin air, fragile fantasies to be shattered by the most casual breeze, or the administration may design a system so absurd and illogical to warrant the label of “hairbrained,” but if we students approve the administration’s proposal through a student referendum then we would abide by our decision willingly.

Any honor system is subject to potential revision. Immutable and eternal truths are not the foundation of values; rather, it is the consensus of a community that legitimates the procedures by which we live. The fact that an honor system has been in existence for ten, fifty, or two hundred years does not give it legitimacy, nor does the fact that an honor system is handed down from “Mount Sinai” legitimize it. Only by communication among individuals, leading to some semblance of consensus, do we live by legitimate procedures.

We simply call on the administration to submit any honor system, whether the one currently under proposal or any that it might devise in the future, to a vote of the student body.

Attention: Editorial policy clarified

As editor of the Amicus I would like to announce a change in the interpretation of our editorial policy. In the past, we have adopted a very liberal attitude towards the printing of anonymous letters submitted to the paper. While we knew who wrote the letters, the name was withheld from the reading public upon the author’s request. The attitude of the newspaper has been more or less, if you write it, we’ll print it.

As our editorial policy states: we are “dedicated to all student opinion regardless of form or content.” If we are truly dedicated to “all” student opinion, then the opinions expressed in anonymous letters (at least where we know the identity of the author and therefore know that the author is a student,) should be freely aired. I understand the critique being that the position of editor is one that comes with responsibility, and that we should exercise discretion. But whose standard of discretion? If it is only the discretion of Stephen King, then it seems to be a rather presumptuous, overbearing, and arbitrary standard.

The current staff of the Amicus received no guidance as to what the parameters of the editorial policy should be with regard to letters whose author’s request anonymity, except that there is no prohibition against publishing such letters. We fumbled our way through the year much as we have with respect to letters to the editor.

Letters

To the editor:

I am writing to express to you my feelings about the recent Honor Code violation by Ray Raya. I want to let the student body know of my personal feelings about the incident as well as my official response as the President-elect of the SBA to his treatment since his conviction.

I have worked very closely with Ray Raya over the past two years in the SBA. His dedication and commitment to our class and our school has earned him not only my deep respect and admiration, but also my friendship. I know of no one else who has given as much as he has to our school and community. Working with him for the past two years has made me appreciate what it means to be a public servant and representative of this community. I have tried to emulate his dedication and commitment as well as his energy and spirit.

When I learned of Ray’s Honor Code conviction, I was deeply saddened. I have been in student government for over five years and in that time I have never met anyone who has been as dedicated to it as Ray. Personally, I cannot believe that what he did was for anything else than what he thought was in the best interests of the school. In his conviction, the judicial panel concluded that what he did was not done in malice or for personal gain and that no irreparable injury occurred to the school and community.

We simply call on the administration to submit any honor system, whether the one currently under proposal or any that it might devise in the future, to a vote of the student body.
Fred Graham visits W&M; discusses Nixon and O.J.

By Sutton Snook

During the week of Jan. 29, Fred Graham visited W&M as a Carter O. Lowance Visiting Fellow. Graham attended classes, gave lectures, and toured Court­room 21. Graham was an attorney and reporter for the New York Times as the Supreme Court correspondent from 1965-72. He then worked for CBS News from 1973-82, and since he has worked with Court TV as a senior anchor and Managing Editor.

Graham attended Professor Rod Smolla’s first year Civil Rights Law class on Thursday, Feb. 1 and spoke of his involvement covering the Nixon trials.

The class was treated to a boot­legged copy of the actual Nixon tapes in which Nixon’s paranoia was a focal point.

He did not reveal the source of the tape, he did say it was illegal because Nixon’s estate has continued its litigation against the federal government to obtain exclusive possession of the tapes. Hence the tapes are sequestered in the National Archives. He stated that during the trial, the tapes were played over headphones to the judge, jury, attorneys, and audience so there was an eerie silence in the courtroom.

Graham added that he was disappointed with the movie Nixon as it inaccurately portrayed Nixon as a drunk. He also stated that Nixon became increasingly paranoid during the scandal and had even ordered the bombing of the Brookings Institute and the assassination of syndicated columnist Jack Anderson.

On Wednesday, Graham delivered a lecture on the O.J. Simpson case, describing the case as an “aberration.” Bankered in “Camp O.J.,” Graham noted his description as a great deal of “ambivalence” by Judge Lance Ito toward the media. After a Court TV camera caught the head of a juror, Graham had to “grovel before Judge Ito, and [he] discovered before the trial was over that this was a part of [his] job.”

Later in the case, the camera caught a close­up of Simpson scribbling a note to his counsel, Ito pulled the plug on the cameras, but later reinstated them.

“Here was a judge so tolerant of attorney conduct, which in many situations was deplorable,” said Graham. “Yet on this matter of T.V. coverage he had a hair trigger.

“California has a long, well­documented history of having intermittent trials,” noted Graham. Consequently, the view

Fred Graham (left) and Sutton Snook.

SA Presidential hopefuls looking for the vote from law students

By Mario A. Pacella

On Feb. 20, undergraduate and graduate candidates presented their campaign platforms to the new student body president.

Many law students do not realize that the SA President is also their President, and they have a say in the election of the candidate. This is only the second year that the president will represent the entire student body. In this campaign, four undergraduates are seeking office.

The candidates include Catherine Young, Pepin Tuma, Brian McCann, and Elyce Morris.

Catherine Young is a rising senior who has worked with student government at W&M for the past three years. Most notably, she occupied the position of Vice­president of the SA for Student Services. Her campaign will focus on increased technology, campus safety, and increased frequency of campus events.

Young stated that with the new fiber optics hook up early next fall, there will be many new capabilities. However, she said, “Not a great deal has been planned on how to use this technology.” Young proposes to find out how students can be involved in deciding how the ten closed circuit stations can be used when it is installed this fall. Young also hopes to educate students about the campus crime statistics released two weeks ago. She emphasized the need for increased social and cultural events that emphasized student traditions. With these events, Young hopes to increase the opportunities between the undergraduate and graduate schools.

However, Young emphasized that you can not force the mixing of the different schools. Young stated, “If students are informed of the opportunities, they will do what makes them happy.”

Pepin Tuma is a rising junior who has worked with student government for the past two years serving this year as the undergraduate at­large representative. Tuma is a member of Kappa Alpha and is an outsider to the campus image. Tuma also hopes to work with Colonial Williamsburg to get students discounted rates as they begin to charge for parking on at least one of their lots. Tuma also plans to have more concerts and social events. Tuma stated that he will “ask important questions to find out where we stand.” From this information he hopes to increase the campus image. An example, McCann stated, “We have one of the top 15 Athletic Department’s in the country and yet few students are aware of this achievement.”

McCann said he will work for increased communication between students and hopes to work for increased funding for higher education.

See SA PRESIDENT on 15
Law Watch

By Alison Rosenstengal

An End to All the Silliness

The town council of Southington, Connecticut will vote this week on a law to ban Silly String in all public areas during festivals.

The law was relaxed from a complete ban on the product, but it still provides for a complete prohibition of the substance on school grounds. The town cited cleanup costs, including the cost of ruined uniforms, and traffic/parade safety issues.

Bellwether over Donuts

Truck driver David Howard was cruising an Oklahoma highway, eating donuts and drinking coffee, when he began to choke on a chunk of the pastry. Then he began coughing and sneezing. A particularly strong sneeze caused a lot of pain in his lower back which turned out to be a herniated disk. He applied for disability benefits, as was awarded $18,452 in permanent partial disability benefits.

Don't Give Up Your Day Job II

Miss New York, Helen Goldsby, complained that pageant officials didn't schedule any public appearances for her to promote her position and didn't provide enough money for her to live on, so she took a second job as a Broadway understudy.

Pageant officials said that she is unable to fulfill her duties because of her employment, but Goldsby responded, "There are no duties for Miss New York." She also said that she will not voluntarily surrender the crown and is threatening a $2 million lawsuit against pageant officials if they further attempt to remove her.

Crime hits law school, valuables stolen in library

By Danielle Berry and Sutton Snook

Barely one week after the College administration announced its plans to remove stealing from the Honor Code, a rash of thefts hit M-W, leaving shocked students in its wake. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, between 11:30 a.m. and 5:25 p.m., an unknown subject entered the library and stole several wallets, purses, and a laptop computer.

Could this be a political statement by students opposed to the new Honor Code or by those against laptop use in the classroom? Not likely, stated the W&M police. "We have no reason to believe that the situation was anything other than a crime. We believe that the only people who had any interest in the situation were the students themselves."

Conventional wisdom believes that the string of thefts was masterminded by an individual or individuals outside the law school community, traveling from one law school to the next.

Victoria Blakeway (LL) left her belongings in a second floor carrel during her Legal Skills library tour. While the group was downstairs, a student found the portable laptop computer. She immediately asked Ramona Sein (2L) if she had seen anyone looking through her bag, and while Sein had not, Sein noticed that someone had taken her wallet and Oakley sunglasses.

"I was shocked for a second that because I always saw the library as really safe," lamented Blakeway. Fortunately, her THEFTS on 19

UVa Law School tuition increases: the rich get richer

By Paul Walker

A recent article in The Virginia Pilot (Norfolk) had some good news for M-W students who thought about attending the University of Virginia Law School — next year there is likely to be a tuition "surcharge" of $3,000 on top of the base tuition. In addition, there is likely to be a total of $5,000 in 1997. Currently, incoming law students from Virginia pay $1,500 more than other in-state students at UVa.

According to the article, the in-state surcharge is "needed to keep [UVa Law] competitive."

In the 1995 U.S. News & World Report rankings, UVa finished seventh in the country and was the top-ranked public school (W&M was twenty-eighth and eleventh, respectively). Dean Krattenmaker, when asked about the surcharge at UVa, described the concept as "a strategy."

"The administration at UVa wouldn't put it this way, but they are going private," said Krattenmaker. Krattenmaker pointed out that right now UVa Law School gets less than five percent of its operating budget from the Commonwealth. According to Krattenmaker, "closing the gap in in-state tuition is the first step" for UVa to become even less dependent on the Commonwealth and possibly put it in a position to compete with the top-ranked private schools.

By way of comparison, Krattenmaker indicated that twenty-five percent of M-W funding comes from the Commonwealth with the rest from tuition (sixty percent) and alumni/private support (fifteen percent). The size of the endowment at M-W isn't even in the same league with UVa Law's endowment.

According to Krattenmaker, "Really is sort of a miracle that we have the size endowment we do given the number of alumni we have. I'm really very grateful for those alumni who do contribute."

M-W has an approximately 4,300 alumni, only 600 of whom graduated before 1970. UVa on the other hand, with a student body size of more than 1,100 can turn out that many alumni every 10 to 12 years.

A tuition increase at UVa raises some interesting possibilities for M-W. This year there is already a difference of over $4,000 in first-year in-state tuition between the two schools (UVa: $10,234; M-W: $6,076).

As the tuition increase rapidly rises, the opportunity to raise tuition here while remaining a relatively in-state "bargain" becomes even more attractive. When asked, Krattenmaker indicated he was thinking about just such an increase. "We should think very seriously about a modest increase in in-state tuition that will go to support our programs and facilities."

"I think that it's a question of priorities. Some of the priorities would be to fund a local area network (LANS), funding research assistants at a higher hourly rate, and, of course, the expansion in the size of the physical plant with the new addition to the library.

As to M-W's place in law school rankings, Krattenmaker asserted that "what is keeping us down is resources." By giving more weight to financial matters (professor salaries, size of library, endowments, etc.) over other measuring criteria, U.S. News & World Report tends to reward those schools that can generate more money, whether through a large endowment (as at UVa) or with a larger student body.

M-W is a prime example. See VIRGINIA LAW on 10.
SBA candidates state their positions, solicit your votes

Vice-President
Dave Mincer

In the past 2 years, I have represented the students' interests at William and Mary School of Law in many ways. I am the President of Phi Delta Phi, I am a Prosecutor for the Office of School Advocate, I am on the Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Policy Review, and the Moot Court Team. I have also gained insight into the inner workings of SBA from my experience as an SBA Social Chair. These experiences have given me the opportunity to get to know the wishes of the Law School community and to act upon them. If you would like me to represent you in the governmental process of our Law School, please vote for me, Dave Mincer.

Secretary
Deb Bentley

When deciding who to vote for, it is important to know something about who a person is and what he or she stands for. Since many of you don't know me, I will try, briefly, to tell you something about myself.

As a 2L, I have experience in dealing with faculty and the administration. I have been involved in the Christian Legal Society and have worked as a Graduate Research Fellow. I played co-rec and women's flag football and am now playing co-rec basketball and women's floor hockey. I have also just been sworn in as a CASA volunteer.

This limited number of activities is intentional. I take school seriously and have chosen to only take part in those things that are important to me. By not overburdening myself with activities, I am able to give myself wholeheartedly to the things that are important to me. Such as being a part of the student government at Marshall-Wythe.

Marshall-Wythe School should in all respects be a preparation for the practice of law; we must learn to take that responsibility now. Law school should demonstrate the special position of lawyers in society. By maintaining our own honor system, we will hold ourselves to higher standards than others have suggested.

Those who know me know that I work hard and am committed to my faith; that I am willing to serve when someone needs me. When I have a job to do, I get it done. I am a person of my word. I listen to people and pay attention to details. Even though it is impossible to know someone from a short article in the paper, I hope that this gives you a better idea of who I am. So on Tuesday, vote for Deb Bentley for S.B.A. Secretary.

Eliza Hutchinson
Hi there! I am running for the position of S.B.A. Secretary because I am committed to offering consistent, quality services to our community. I believe I have the requisite organizational skills and creativity necessary for the job. Far more importantly, though, I am dedicated to giving the position the diligent and thoughtful attention it deserves. Our community here is one based on trust and open channels of communication. I believe that only those with fundamental values to be nurtured over time, and I would welcome the opportunity to do whatever I can to foster them. Know that your vote is appreciated.

Crystal Roberts
As S.B.A. publicity chair this year I am aware of the responsibilities of the secretary, having had to work closely with this year's officers to perform my job. As such I have observed that each class has different concerns and interests. It is important that the executive board, attempt to honor these all as best as possible. Therefore, I would like to make the minutes of each meeting available to all students through hanging files or posting them in the lounge. I would also like to have a special suggestion box for the sole purpose of getting student feedback on what is being discussed. The S.B.A.'s role should be a reflection of what all of its members believe it should be and not just what those who serve on the executive board believe.

2L Representative
Kenneth Greenspan

Please remember to vote on Tuesday for your class officer. Both Steve Grocki and myself, Kenneth Greenspan, are running for the position of Class Representative. I would like to let you know I am very interested in serving you and helping our school. In my time at Marshall-Wythe I have been involved in many things. One that is important to me is the Journal of Environmental Law and Policy Review, and the Moot Court Team. I have also gained insight into the inner workings of SBA from my experience as an SBA Social Chair. These experiences have given me the opportunity to get to know the wishes of the Law School community and to act upon them. If you would like me to represent you in the governmental process of our Law School, please vote for me, Dave Mincer.

Executive Council
Ryan Barack

Recent events have made it clear that as much as we may wish to the contrary, we (as law students) are part of a larger institution. It is very important that our voice to the rest of the College be heard, not only on the honor counsel issue, but in other areas as well.

I believe that the social opportunities of our community, and I will bring the ideas of the rest of the College to the Law school. In seeking to serve the entire community, I plan to promote law school involvement with the College.

Dave Copas
I will not promise to change policy, because I do not believe that is the role of the Representative to the Executive Council. Rather, I see the position as that of envoy - committed to vigorously advocating our interests before the Council.

Therefore, I promise you this: If you have concerns, I’ll listen; if something threatens our interests, I’ll resist; and if you have ideas, I’ll promote them.

The reaction to the unified Honor Code underscores our need for effective representation on the Executive Council. I believe I can provide you with that kind of representation, and hope that you’ll give me that chance.

Jimmy F. Robinson, Jr.
My name is Jimmy F. Robinson, Jr. I am running for SBA representative to the Student Executive Council.

For those of you who do not know me, I am a confident, See STATEMENTS on 17
Classes Canceled Again  
On Friday, Feb. 2 classes at the law school were canceled for the fourth time this semester. The groundhog did not see his shadow, and there was much sledding, snowballs, and fun.

Commencement Speaker Competition  
The Commencement Committee has announced the competition to select the Student Speaker for Commencement this year. The person chosen will represent all graduates at the Commencement by delivering an address on a topic of his or her choosing. Any person, graduate or undergraduate, receiving a degree in May is eligible to apply. By Monday, March 4, applicants must submit to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office: (1) a 2-page personal statement describing why the candidate wishes to be the Commencement Speaker and any other information pertinent to the student’s candidacy for this honor, (2) a 5-page sample of creative writing (the subject should not be the one on which the applicant intends to speak), and (3) at least one recommendation from a faculty member. By March 15, three to five finalists will be selected and asked to give a 5-minute oral presentation. The selected speaker will be announced on April 5, 1996, and a member of the faculty will assist the speaker with final development and preparation of the speech. For more details and guidelines, please contact the Student Affairs Office at 221-1236.

Judicial Council Sanctions Revisited  
It has been a busy two weeks for the Judicial Council since the last issue of the Amicus. Pursuant to the law school’s Honor Code, notice of an Honor Code violation was posted on the administrative bulletin board explaining that a violation occurred. The notice was posted without the name of the guilty party, as is required by the Honor Code.

The accused was charged with lying to a college official. As a penalty, the accused was publicly reprimanded by Dean of the Law School, wrote a public letter of apology, wrote private letters of apology to third parties affected by the lies, and must perform 50 hours of community service.

In a separate incident, an anonymous accusation was submitted to the Judicial Council, causing a second posting on the administrative bulletin board from the Judicial Council. Accusations of Honor Code violations will not be pursued by the Judicial Council if submitted anonymously. According to the notice from Chief Justice Daryl Taylor (3L) the accuser had “not properly confronted the alleged accused.”

Dean Thomas Krattenmaker issued a letter to the student body concerning an Honor Code offense by Ray Raya (2L). Krattenmaker, in his letter dated Feb. 6, 1996, wrote that he believed Raya’s “offense was grave, irresponsible, and unforgivable. I am appalled to learn of such behavior occurring in our school.”

Moot Court Advocates Selected for Bill of Rights Symposium  
The Institute of Bill of Rights Student Division announced the names of the eight first year students who have been selected for the March, 14, Bill of Rights Symposium. For petitioner, principal advocates are Colleen Kotyk and Eric Marion, with Renee Esfandiary and Chandra Thompson as alternates. For the respondent, principal advocates are Eliza Hutchinson and Ryan Ketchum, with David Christian and Ann Eirich as alternates.

1996-97 Moot Court Board Announced  
The current Moot Court Board announced the Board for next year: Krysa Kubiak, Chief Justice; Monica Finch, Bushrod Tournament Justice; Christy Mosley, Spong Tournament Justice; Martha Mensean, Business Justice; Alex Stiles, Bushrod Research Justice; Alejandra Bird-Lopez, Spong Research Justice; Joni McCray, Emily Jenkins, Charles Ramsey and Tim Hughes, Administrative Justices.

Law Review Editorial Board Chosen  
The William and Mary Law Review announced its editorial board for 1996-97: Sara L. Gottovi, Editor-in-Chief; Cristin M. Zeisler, Managing Editor; Charles C. Sweedler, Publication Editor; Susan E. Bruce, Senior Articles Editor; Matthew R. Johnson, Student Notes Editor; Michael G. Grable, Topics and Research Editor; Anne Norris Graham and John Garfet Oshorn, Articles Editors; Glenn Walberg, Business Editor; Derek Dickinson, Edward B. Glennon, Anjanette Lea Pichota, Jonathan T. Reavill, Sarah L. Seager, and Ky Tran-Trong, Board Editors; Derek Dickinson, Candidates’ Program Director.

William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review Adds to Staff  
Natalie Wilhelmi (2L) and Dan Summerlin (2L) are serving as article editors for the Winter and Spring issues of the Environmental Law and Policy Review. Several first year students were also added to the editorial staff: Coby Beck, Dan Cody, Michelle Coiltas, Deanna Hathaway, Lydia Hoover, Kim Welsh, Christopher Wierken, and Derek Yeo.

Law school enters on-ramp to the information superhighway  
By Frank T. Sabia  
As future members of a profession that is constantly exploring new ways to use cutting-edge technology, students at M-W now, more than ever, need to learn how to master good computer skills. But even those students who do use computers in their daily lives sometimes find it difficult to function at an institution that may be slightly lagging in computer technology. This is why you may have noticed some changes around the law school campus recently.

The first (and probably most significant) change is the installation of a local area network (LAN) here at M-W. The current construction in and around the administration offices is the beginning phase of installing the wiring for this network. According to Dean Connie Galloway, the LAN network will connect all computers in the law school. The benefits to this are better communication and the ability to share software. “Although the price-tag for the LAN is quite large, it will be financed through the Prower,” said Galloway. “This will not come out of the M-W budget; it is one of the arrangements Dean Krattenmaker made when he was hired.” Galloway then went on to say that the law school is committed to having a LAN and we have identified the funds to do that.”

Dean Galloway also stated that a goal of the M-W administration is to “make available to our students as much information as possible.”

Chair of the LAN committee, Professor Trottter Hardy, stated that the new system will come in two phases. First, in the next few months, M-W will begin to have better connections between the internal and the rest of the campus. This would manifest itself in better e-mail and Internet access.

Second, is the LAN itself. We would connect to a central computer server. It would function much as the student lab in the library which is a LAN all its own. When you load software there, it comes from a main server.” Hardy explained that the M-W LAN would function in a similar way, but on a much larger scale. This phase is scheduled to begin next fall, although Hardy stated that funds need to be allocated to hire a person to run the network. Another factor that might delay implementing the system is security. “The Computer Center wants to implement it in a way that would minimize security risks associated with the transfer of large portions of data,” said Hardy.

The next major changes that the campus has been undergoing in order to get up to date in the computer world are taking place internally and ultimately in the lab. Mary Grace Hume, Head of Computer and Audio/Visual Resources at the library has identified three ways in which the library is working to help law students enhance their legal skills with the help of computers.

First, the new library catalogue system, which can be Windows or text based, is being placed on the World Wide Web as a graphical site. M-W will be the only second law school (Rice University being the other) to have its library catalogue on the Web. This is still being implemented because of problems with data conversion from the old system.

Hume stated, “We are in a ‘clean-up’ mode for the rest of the year. The problem was incompatibility between the two systems.” But Hume promised that once the system is fully operational, it will be a great advantage to students. Second has been the distribution of “Student Office” and “Law Students On-Line” software to all I.L.s. The library has also provided training for these students to learn how to use this software. Next year, according to Hume, this training will be mandatory. Some Legal Skills materials will be online and the students will have to use computers to access it. Hume claimed that “the technology is pushing us to take advantage of these types of programs.” Finally, Hume stated that as part of the LAN backbone to the main campus, “I am hoping that by the fall we will be able to do full graphical browsing on the Internet in the lab.”

Even students who live in the graduate housing on campus should have hope for some cyber-celebration. M-W plans to bring the Gradplex onto the LAN backbone in the fall. This may come as a shock or relief to many students in the grad housing who are unable to make full use of their computer resources from home. It is no secret that students living off campus enjoy more on-line usage and services than those in the Flex.

Another major change that all students should be familiar with by now is the new Student Information System (SIS). See COMPUTERS on 20
**What's Going On**

**PSF Dinner Date Auction: Shameless good times for all**

By Christian Mastondrea

While last year's event was delayed by the number of people lined up to get in, this year's event was delayed because few people showed up on time, most noticeably Neil Lewis (3L), who was off having dinner with some Supreme Court Justice.

The auctioning began at eight, about half an hour late. Thankfully, there were several legs of beer on hand to keep the people who were there on time happy. Cristin Zeisler (2L) also provided some food to keep the angry small horde at bay.

Once the auctioning did begin it was quickly apparent that the bidding this year was going to be lower. The lovely Susan Ludi (2L) went for a mere ninety bucks and the dinner alone was worth something close to that.

This will unfortunately mean that there will be fewer PSF stipends for students. Sue McCue (2L) added that given the current fiscal shape of IOLTA of Virginia, money for stipends will be at a premium.

Last year the Date Auction made a little over fourteen thousand dollars after expenses, this year the Auction made only just over ten thousand before expenses.

Some people, however, brought their check books with them. John Valdivieso (2L) spent seven hundred dollars on the West bar review course (and his wife didn't pass out). Not bad considering I had never heard of this one before. Kim Welsh (1L) was the high for individuals at two hundred and forty dollars.

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The evening had its lighter side as well. Neil Lewis, Alex Stiles (2L), and I served as MCs for the evening. All dressed in tuxes and feeling like we had just been dumped by our prom dates, we began to battle the microphone. This is the most technologically advanced law school in the world, and we can't get one to work? With the microphone sort of fixed the evening really began.

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Hampton Roads' most destitute citizens. Working with the five staff attorneys and a system of specialization in different areas of the law (e.g., domestic, contract, employment, and insurance/social security), every one of them had to be prepared to fill in for one of the others on a moment's notice.

The attorneys and paralegal have learned to make crucial time-management decisions based on the merits and urgency of each client's situation. Time is extremely precious, and only the most promising of litigation matters will be pursued.

Personally, I was assigned a broad array of research issues. I analyzed whether the purchaser of a cemetery at auction was liable for all of the terms of the sale. I was lucky to be operating in a legal vacuum.

I looked into whether a separation agreement retained its validity if the couple reconciled and then separated again (it does). I researched whether an insurer could deny coverage of an insured's stroke by claiming that his hypertension amounted to a preexisting condition (the bastards can't). Because Peninsula Legal Aid has the most basic of libraries, I did most of my research work here at the law school. This worked reasonably well, except for the inconvenience of having to wait in the Amicus office for phone calls, or having to drive to the Williamsburg Legal Aid office to exchange faxes with Hampton. I was lucky to be hired by an office willing to give a large amount of substantive work to a summer clerk.

I especially enjoyed the opportunity to work in so many different areas of the law in such a short time. I now know some areas of the law that I find interesting (such as contractual disputes), and others that I would prefer not to revisit (domestic disputes and divorce litigation).

At this writing, no one is sure at what level Congress will fund the Legal Services Corporation for next year, assuming the Republicans do not kill it entirely. Only the Members of Congress could sit in on an afternoon of client interviews at a Legal Aid office, and see the number of people with meritorious claims but nowhere to turn other than to their local Legal Aid office, so I do not doubt that LSC would have all its funding needs.

Public defense in Bergen County, New Jersey

By Peter M. Bouton

This past summer I worked for the Bergen County Public Defender's office in Bergen County, New Jersey. It was a great experience during which I not only had the opportunity to research internal legal memos, but was able to assist atorneys during jury selection, interview new clients, investigate crime scenes, prepare motions and subpoenas for submission to the court, conduct background investigations of testifying witnesses, advise clients during probation interviews, and much more.

Without the help of the Public Service Fund, however, I would have been unable to accept the internship offer. Public Defender's Offices are notoriously underfunded and the attorneys are often overworked representing indigent clients who can't afford to hire other representation. As a result, my superiors were extremely appreciative of being able to me around to assist them, even if I meant distracting them through a "trial by fire." My first hour on the job I was sent down to the county jail annex to interview three clients who had just been arrested on various drug, theft, and assault charges. Having only interviewed "witnesses" in Legal Skills, I had no idea what to do. I was shown in by several Sheriff deputies to a small, concrete, poorly lit interview room and prayed that I would appear somewhat competent. As it turns out, I just let each client tell me his version of what transpired and attempted to allay any fears regarding the next few steps in the criminal process.

After the first several times, I slowly got the hang of what to be looking for, and what the likely disposition of a particular client's case would be. Though I'm sure the first several defendants were more worried about what trouble I'd get them into through inexperience than what the prosecutors or Sheriff's deputies might do to them. During the summer I was also able to draft and submit to the court numerous written motions, present oral bail applications to magistrates, as well as accompany attorneys to court on a regular basis. The practical exposure was invaluable, as was the opportunity to meet many judges and prosecutors in an area of the country where I would like to return to work following graduation. I was exposed to almost every facet of the New Jersey criminal justice system, and confirmed my desire of pursuing a career in criminal law. Thanks to the Public Service Fund, I had a great summer experience, and was able to help make a difference with an organization that is committed to preserving the fairness and integrity of the criminal justice system.

POLICY from 2
gard to everything to do with the paper.
There has been a considerable increase in the number of people offering letters or threatening to write letters anonymously. I have been both puzzled and disturbed by this trend, especially where the content of the letters concerns other students and is not directed at criticizing administration in the number of people offering letters or not directed at criticizing administration policy where the fear of retribution is that the cameras contributed to the campaign to remove cameras there beating the drums. [But] any legislative changes to be proportioned to the number of cameras installed in courtrooms.

A Malays, except in extreme circumstances. I could not tell you what those will be incumbent upon the letter writer to convince the editor-in-chief that the circumstances warrant the extreme measure of printing a letter anonymously.

I extend an apology to those who are offended by this new policy, as well as to those who have been offended by our former policy. If students have any comments or opinions about our new policy please feel free to write to us. We would like to print these opinions in the next issue of the Amicus.

GRABHAM from 3
that the cameras contributed to the length of the case is unfounded. However, he did note his disappointment that the attorneys played to the TV audience. He added that Court TV covered over 300 trials prior to the O.J. case, and had never seen any attorneys play to the camera.

Graham stated that since the decision, California Governor Pete Wilson has spearheaded a campaign to remove cameras from courtrooms. "Wilson knows a hot issue when he sees one," said Graham. "He's out there beating the drums. [But] any legislative changes to be propelled by the O.J. Simpson case are a mistake." He added that "it may be that some people in our legal profession are concerned with the public seeing our wars. For so long, we had our little world and mystical ways of doing things. I think it is a little unnerving that some . . . are alarmed at seeing the public is interested in what we do." Graham also added that Ronald Goldman's father is heading a fund-raising drive to abandon the infamous jury verdict system in criminal trials. Graham commented that it is "dangerous" and "inconsistent with our basic system to advocate for these changes."

Looking forward to the civil proceedings in the Simpson case, Graham predicted "a fascinating experience." He added that the judge will allow some evidence not seen in the criminal case, including the testimony of a jailhouse guard who allegedly overheard O.J. admit to Rosie Grier that he murdered his estranged wife Ronnie Goldman; blood in the sink at O.J.'s Brentwood mansion; and tissue that had blood had been wiped from inside of O.J.'s now infamous white Bronco.

Barrister's Ball

This Saturday, February 17, from 9 p.m. to 1:30! The tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. The Ball is held at the Williamsburg Lodge and features a five piece dance band, fancy hors d'oeuvres, and a deluxe open bar. There will be a photographer present to capture all the fun! This is THE gala event of the school year, and possibly your only chance to see your classmates in formal attire.

DON'T MISS IT! Tickets will be sold in the lobby this week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Racial harmony: Still a dream in the 90s

Dart Jackson

It’s February, the shortest month of the year. It is also Black History month. The ending to the highly successful NBC drama Law and Order got me to thinking. I decided I wanted to take the opportunity, in this column, to offer my own musings on what it is like today for a person of color — in particular, what it is like for a black man.

I know many of you who know me are thinking — what could Dart possibly have to tell us about his struggles? Many of you know my background, and many assume that it has totally insulated me from prejudice and hatred.

Let’s clear something up first. While to some of you, this concept may seem quite simple, I want to reiterate it for the masses: People of color come in all shapes and sizes, rich and poor, smart and smarter.

Having successful, well-educated, black parents does not garner the Klan’s respect, nor does it make you any less cognizant of being black. Being black is, to me, about more than words, style, and self-segregation; it doesn’t make me any less black because most of my friends are white people.

Unfortunately, almost every day people make the decision as to whether you “are black enough” to discuss issues that affect the black community. Every time I attempt to educate my friends on a finer point of black history and there is laughter (because — “how would I know”?) that decision is made for me. Every time I walk past a group of my people and there is snickering, scowls, or averted eyes (because, apparently, for many of my people, I am not “down”), that decision is made for me.

The reason I can share stories with you of a black man’s struggle, is because prejudice and jealousy are the scissors to economic’s paper.

It doesn’t matter what kind of house my parents have, or what covenants are in my neighborhood, or where I went to school, or how much my clothes cost — hatred is blind to money.

Granted, it probably shields you from some辛苦, but I would argue it just opens you up to different kinds. Sure, I don’t know what it must be like to live in Compton, but simply by being black, I can relate, on some level, to the oppressive environment surrounding folks who live there.

In the three years I have been here, some in our community have expressed, in one way or another, their ethnic/racial prejudices. Some sociologists believe all people have them to some degree. I have spent my entire life attempting to debunk the myths and stereotypes consistently applied to black people, hoping to change prejudices. Many times I feel like I am fighting a losing battle.

Let me tell you a story. Unfortunately, it is a very true story and I know it to be a fact. (You can attempt to guess what period in this country’s history this happened.) An attractive, well-dressed couple emerges from a theater.

They witness a car accident. A woman, in her late 40s, in a big Lexus, with a Northwestern Alumni sticker on the window looks injured. The man goes over to help her. She screams, “get this ni— away from me. Help! Help!” If you guessed the 1950s, you’d be three decades too early.

A woman, apparently with money and an excellent education, gives such a horrifying reaction when a man, in a very expensive suit and tie comes rushing to her aid. She screams, “get this ni— away from me. Help! Help!” If you guessed the 1950s, you’d be three decades too early.

Giving arguments, but most of them are crippled with a fatal flaw — the racism in each story is subtle. It’s a look or a scowl. So many Doubting Thomases, defensive about ethnic/racial tensions, proudly sing from rooftops on high — “there is no more racism, or at least it is not very widespread, you’re just too sensitive.”

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under some significant disadvantages in terms of alumni and student numbers. These are disadvantages which can only be overcome by making good use of the opportunities which come our way.

I believe that the example of in-state tuition increase at UVa law school is just such an opportunity. As in-state tuition at UVa rises to the level of out-of-state tuition, M-W can raise tuition (or charge "surcharges" on in-state residents, if it amounts to the same thing) in smaller increments and still remain a good "bargain." For instance, in the 1997-98 school year, first-year in-state tuition at UVa could be as high as $13,734. With a $1,000 increase this year, M-W in-state tuition for the class entering in the fall of 1997 would be $14,734, for a difference of almost $6,000. M-W can raise tuition and be a better bargain than ever before if UVa is, indeed, taking itself private.

I point out elsewhere in this issue (see article on UVa tuition increase, p. 4), this law school operates

Why we need an increase in in-state tuition

Paul Walker

I believe the administration should add a surcharge of at least $1,000 to Virginia students in next year’s 1L class. I will admit that, personally, I am willing to accept an increase as well, but since that will not go over well with everyone else, my proposal is limited to the class of 1999 and subsequent years. There is one reason why I think such a charge is necessary: Money. As in, we need it.

In the next five to ten years, this school has the opportunity to break into the top twenty law schools. It will not happen without the financial resources. There are so many things that could be done at this school to increase the quality of the education and further improve our already excellent reputation. A common example is the space problem. Everyone is aware of it, but it won’t get solved without money. As I point out elsewhere in this issue (see article on UVa tuition increase, p. 4), this law school operates

continue to be concerned about what goes on here after graduation. Alumni support is critical to the success we enjoy currently and to any success the school will have in the future. As I indicated earlier, I am willing to put my money where my pen is on the issue of tuition, and I am willing to do so here as well. For that reason, I hereby pledge that upon graduation I will donate between $500 and $1,000 (depending on the circumstances) from my first year’s salary.Anyone care to join me?
Crossfire

Using computers for exams: users or abusers?

Intel's typology - or why typing tests is the way to go

Ramsey Taylor

Neo-Luddite is a word of recent vogue that might apply to Mr. Lewis. Luddites, weavers participating in Ludd's Rebellion in Northern England in the early 19th century, smashed the looms that were making their jobs obsolete.

Modern "Neo-Luddites" include the Una Bomber, the Amish, and perhaps those at W&M who blindly object to exams taken on laptops. Mr. Lewis states that the key objections to laptop use on exams is that (1) they give advantages in speed, organization and mistake correction; (2) they make it too easy to cheat; and (3) only the school's wealthy students can afford them.

I address the issues and put forth the view that laptops are not inherently evil and rather than an outright ban, concerns should be addressed by modifying current policy.

Computers are only accessible to the wealthier students: Mr. Lewis' uncharacteristically egalitarian argument should not be accepted because it takes us down a slippery-slope. Wealthy students are always able to afford better commercial aids than other students. Where should the line be drawn between the wealthier students and those struggling to make it? If economic differences between students must be eliminated from tests then we must ban students from buying commercial outlines and using exam preparation courses: nobody should be allowed a Bar-Bri course. Furthermore, Mr. Lewis is wrong about laptops being expensive: laptops are not so expensive as to be unattainable - for a fifth of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition, around $2000, students may buy good lap-top computers and portable printers. Furthermore, students may rent laptops for $150 - $300 per semester or $20-$30 per day for use on an exam - hardly out of reach.

Computers give advantages in speed, organization and mistake correction: Some people naturally write quicker and neater than others, yet they are not handicapped on exams.

The computer simply allows slow and/or sloppy writers to compensate for their physical disadvantages. Speed writing is not necessarily the big advantage. Mr. Lewis assumes. Professors say that shorter well-reasoned answers get more points than huge 'kitchen-sink' responses.

Neil Lewis

Let's start with an analogy. We've made every effort to make a race between us even. The course is so designed that while traversing the same surface, the wind will not affect us differently, and we have to go the exact same distance. As the race starts you hop on a bicycle and run. Fair? Not very. But this is what happens every exam period as some students use laptops and other computers to answer exams while other students must write their answers.

Especially in our first year, an emphasis in grading is put upon fairness. Anonymous grading ensures no advantages for "teacher's pet." Professors teaching courses common to all students coordinate their curves and every effort is made to ensure equal testing conditions. The use of computers by some and not all students renders this effort impotent. Advantages are realized by computer users in speed, organizational possibilities, and mistake correction. Use of a computer makes it entirely too easy to cheat. Another thing which causes me distress is that wealthy students are more likely to be able to afford a computer while other students may not. I will address each point in turn.

Only bad typists can say that they write by hand as fast as they type. I can type about 45 words per minute while I write by hand much slower. Computer users may say that this advantage is not a big deal — it is the legal analysis that takes the most time when answering a question. But first year students — and even third years if you can remember back that far — will attest that when hand writing an exam there is no time to change a word, and drafting is an all-out sprint to the finish. Remember Con Law? How would you like to not have to re-write Constitution every time you wanted to put it down. It sure would be easier to copy it and then paste it where you want it.

I've never taken an exam by computer but computer users may either crank out more volume than hand writers, or they may take extra time for their analyses, or for fixing mistakes, reorganizing paragraphs, or searching their memory for an obscure case that supports one of their points — unfair advantages over students who must hand write their exams.

I draw on my experience not because

"Advantages are realized by computer users in speed, organizational possibilities, and mistake correction. Use of a computer makes it entirely too easy to cheat."

I'm bitten but because hopefully my illustrations help explain my point. In Evidence my second year, the exam was number-bered rather strangely and I ended up answering two questions from the wrong fact pattern — a mistake shared by more than a few of my classmates. One definitely had to be re-written, costing valuable time. The other was close enough so I had to turn in, some exam was turned in as a mess. An entire page was crossed out and there were numerous notes, "answer continued on the back." It is not difficult to realize that if I had a computer my presentation would have been flawless, even after my stupid mistake. Computer users may manipulate paragraph structure, which allows better organization and later insertion of ideas. The "spell-check" feature cannot be underestimated either. It must be nice to turn in a clean, neat exam, free from smudges and errors.

A problem which I am hesitant to address needs to be faced. While using a laptop or other computer it is entirely too easy for a student to cheat. "Honor Code! Honor Code!!" people will scream. I am a strong advocate of our Honor Code, but I am not stupid either. Despite our Honor Code, we do not give students their exams at the beginning of the exam period to take at their leisure, on their word not to use more than three hours to answer the questions.

It would be very easy for a computer abuser to push a couple of buttons and call up his or her outline, using cut and paste to create the perfect exam.

Because of all the advantages which may be realized by a computer-user, I oppose the use of computers on exams because they are not available to everyone. For the same reason Professor Butler does not allow students to use commercial outlines on exams. Some students and I had to turn in exams that were turned in as a mess or that were turned in without doing the work.

The use of a computer on an exam provides advantages which may not be realized by one who hand writes his answers; therefore, they should not be allowed unless everyone has access to one.

In fact, all 10 public schools ahead of M-W in the U.S. News rankings have larger student bodies, averaging over 900 students compared to the 545 here. All in all, M-W is in a very good position to move up in the rankings, despite small enrollment and its public school status. However, it may take a rise in tuition for new in-state students to jump start the process.
In LayMass Terms

The intelligent path to good lawyering and bad puns

By Jeff Reiser

Every year, law school students taking legal skills courses struggle to "represent their clients." While exceedingly bright individuals, these students simply do not express themselves well in the fairly regimented oral arguments and legal writing that are required. As a result, they begin to doubt their own abilities.

But, you need not despair. Howard Gardner, a Harvard cognitive psychologist, contends that there actually exist at least seven types of intelligence. Gardner's work has spurred much discussion regarding the nature of intelligence. Personally, I not only embrace Gardner's theory, I kiss it full on the lips.

Applying Gardner's theories, you all have the aptitude necessary to practice law effectively — it's just a matter of finding where your true aptitude lies. Herein follows a scholarly discussion of Gardner's seven intelligences as they pertain to law school students.

Linguistic Intelligence

Linguistic intelligence pertains to the ability to express yourself using words, either orally or in writing. Presently, this is truly the only aptitude that you employ. Even this area is not used to its fullest potential. Personally, I can think of no good reason not to present your case through haiku, one-act plays, recipes, etc. Here's but one example of what it could look like, using free-verse:

Attorney: So much depends upon a red wheelbarrow. So much, your honor, / that I move for a mistrial.

Musical Intelligence

I would guess that growing up, many of you learned to play a musical instrument. Well, I suggest that you think about performing, during legal proceedings. Example: Attorney: My client pleads the fifth. He will not take the stand; however, he will be portrayed by the bassoon.

One additional note — here at LayMass, rap is considered as pure a form of music as any other. Old school, new school... both have their place in the courtroom (and that's whether you're a prosecutor or a public defender).

Why present a timeline on a conventional chart, when you can do so on a Flavor Flav oversize watch? Of course, if you are to be successful, you must truly adopt the persona. It is not enough to be Coolio-esque. You must be Coolio, Esq.

Logical-Mathematical Intelligence

This aptitude concerns both numerical and critical reasoning ability. I'd like to say that employing logical-mathematical skills proves an effective way to sway the jury's decision. But legal decisions are not always based on logic. In fact, winning courtroom logic often strays far from the syllogism. Example: Attorney: The prosecution has presented their case and we have presented ours. You have heard two very different accounts of what happened. Two different accounts... that right there is enough for reasonable doubt. Furthermore, the prosecutor is nothing but a filthy, lying son of a bitch.

Spatial Intelligence

This aptitude concerns artistic ability. Many of you have not, at this point in the article, shed your old ideas about intelligence. Take note, however. People have been known to express the idea that art is among the things that makes life worth living. Has anyone ever said this about a legal brief?

You don't have to be Cezanne in order to utilize artistic ability in legal proceedings. There are numerous other mediums through which to express yourself. Among them, the diorama. Just find a shoe box, and strategically place some Legos, little green army men, and miscellaneous other stuff inside. I may be a layperson, but I contend that you will receive the judgement in your favor.

Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence

This aptitude involves the ability to move one's body to achieve some end valued by society. Presenting arguments in court, attorneys tend to stand relatively still. At best, they pace back and forth a little. And in hearings, they often sit. Such a static approach tends to bore judges and juries. As any student knows, when you're bored, you have difficulty paying attention. A more dynamic approach could lead to greater success. It's true that the way in which you present a fact pattern and good questioning of witnesses is fundamental. Still, there's no reason not to be slick. Simply stated: Put some motion in your motion.

The combination of graceful movement and body contortions may be especially effective when discussing ERISA.

Intrapersonal Intelligence

This aptitude pertains to one's knowledge of self. Before you can represent anyone else, you must first understand yourself. This calls for you to discover your own personal raison d'etre. For most people, this is not a problem. I mean, who doesn't love raisins. After all, they're nature's candy. And if you're going to take the path less traveled and feel or engage upon an existential journey, you'll want to bring some trail mix.

Interpersonal Intelligence

Experts often mention the importance of openness and honesty in interpersonal relationships. For many future lawyers, that would mean announcing that they lack any sense of compassion and that they are motivated solely by the prospect of personal gain. Now while people may respect such candor, this is surely no way to curry favor. Or, for that matter, to curry chicken.

Perhaps the most important interpersonal question to answer as an attorney may be "Is it better to be loved or to be feared?" Machiavelli in The Prince argues that it is better to be feared. The Little Prince, however, conveys that it is better to be loved. The artist formerly known as Prince could not be reached for comment.

To succeed as a law school student and later as an attorney, you must determine the aptitude in which you excel. If you act upon the advice provided in this article, some people may label you an idiot... but remember, you're simply showing how intelligent you really are.

Overheard:

"There are millions of ways people get off." — Paul Marcus

"Maybe everyone just doesn't have as much experience as I do." — Danielle Rodder

"I like to confine all my sports to the bathroom." — Tim Reising

"Bull! This is the best I've felt all day." — Chris Lethig, after his first few sips of beer on any given night

"You guys must be pretty nervous since you're just about to go in to your trial." — Jason Aldrich, a concerned "Client C"

"Why? It's your ass that's going to jail." Jason's Legal Skills attorney Chuck Ramsey responds

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

This week: Top dollar dates at the PSF Auction

Cynthia Greene

Dave Christian

Anne Mayer

Kimberly Welsh
Ask Smarter Guy

Dear Smarter Guy,

When I came to law school I heard that the administration was concerned that students operating on a "level playing field" and that the administration has acted in the past whenever there were inequities that might affect classroom/ exam performance. As a student with already strained resources I am dismayed by the growing use of laptop computers both for taking notes in class and for taking exams. I find the constant clattering of keys to be both distracting and annoying as painstakingly listen to the professor while trying to jot down anything that might be important. I also fear that professors, being only human, will tend to look more favorably upon well-organized, typewritten exams, especially when compared to my own chicken-scratchings.

What if anything can I do?

Signed,

Not My Type

Dear Not My Type,

Being a non-laptop user myself I am inclined to feel your pain although not quite as intensely. If the clattering keys in the classroom bother you, move to another seat. In the future avoid sitting next to those with laptops and sit as far away from outlets as possible. If you still have difficulty hearing or getting it all down, consider using a micro-cassette recorder and/or developing a shorthand of your own for note-taking. If this fails, don't get mad, get even! Many laptop users plug into strip outlets and surge protectors. "Trip" over the wires and sue, sue, sue! In case you have not yet completely mastered baseless litigation, use them to recharge your electric razor or warm up your curling iron. Imagine how many fans you could plug into a strip outlet for those hot April classes in room 119. Find and suggest highly addictive video games for laptop users to play during class.

As for the use of laptops on exams it is time that can be done. Your letter presumes first that professors are human and second that they would ever allow such a superficial feature as typing to affect their grading. We all know that grades are not subjective and that professors are truly concerned with substance and seek answers that are directly responsive to the questions they ask. Once again, however, there is a great opportunity to get even. Being allowed to type your exam is not synonymous with the term "laptops." The way I see it, typing means typing. You may have a portable typewriter, either manual or electric or if not you can probably find one at a garage sale which is probably the best since they usually have bells that "ding" at the end of each line. Once you have secured such a typewriter, use it in Spring on exams in the "typing room." This will not affect laptop users in the library but should make for great type your exam. At least now you will not affect laptop users in the exams in the library but should make for great use.

Signed,

Bambi

Dear Bambi,

It never ceases to amaze me that people with high undergraduate GPAs and LSATs well into the 90th percentile still lack basic common sense. Maybe the law school should schedule a visit by McGruff the crime dog to help cover the basics of personal safety and crime prevention. Remember, don't take candy from suspicious undergrads lurking about the library in search of wallets, purses, and Corporations notes.

I am not totally insensitive to your plight and it is unfortunate that we cannot trust people but we need to face this sad reality. W&M as a whole has the highest per-capita crime rate of schools in Virginia. We do not live in some small town in Iowa where people can still leave their doors open. Most of these crimes are crimes of opportunity. You wouldn't just leave a wallet or purse on the table in most places, why do it here? It can't be that heavy, you're in law school! If you need to go away for a few minutes, ask a friend or some other member of our caring community if he/she wouldn't mind keeping an eye on your stuff.

Nobody knows who the thief is or are. Flyer's posted throughout the library are warning us to keep our eyes peeled for suspicious persons. I wonder what they mean by that? The bottom line is that it could be an outsider, it could be a undergrad, or yes horror of horrors, it could even be one of us. If it is one of us I can only hope and assume that he/she is doing it "for the good of the school" and is donating the proceeds to PSF. Please do so and come forward, I'm sure all will be forgiven by our caring nurturing community.

Dear Smarter Guy,

I just won Ray Raya at the date auction and have a couple of questions. First, does his day of involuntary servitude count toward his 50-hour sentence of community service? Second, what the hell should I have done?

Signed,

Big Winner

Dear Big Winner,

I honestly don't know the answer to your first question although I'm sure Mr. Raya would like the idea. Since he so loves to serve our community I would encourage Ray to "think pres-tige," suck it up and do 50 hours of community service beyond his day of service to you. As for your second question, I can think of several suggestions, but as always feel free to come up with your own:

1. Put him in the stocks and have him sit there and watch while you do your thing.
2. Continuing with our CW theme, have him clean up after the horses with his bare hands.
3. Put him to work as your employment officer for a day. Have him "accept" jobs that you haven't even offered yet.
4. Hold your own date auction, let Ray write down the bids.
5. Let Ray form a committee completely devoted to letting the rest of the world know how wonderful you are.
6. Do Nothing. If you're one of those who view his antics as trivial, just have him sit around with you all day while you drink beer and watch basketball. Try to count it towards his 50 hours. Begin an exciting career as a ball bondsman.

Note to Readers: A number of you commented about the absence of this column in the last issue yet failed to write in about anything concerning you. Last fall's contributions were great, please keep them coming. After all, I can't write about Ray Raya and Dart Jackson every week. S.G.

Public Service Announcement:

One must have a mind of winter
To regard the frost and the houghs
Of the pine trees crusted with snow;
And have been cold a long time
To behold the juniors shagged with ice.

--Wallace Stevens

TRADING CARDS: Top Dollar Dates at the PSF Auction

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<td>Earning the distinction of &quot;most expensive date&quot; at M-W, the demure yet sophisticated look captured the hearts of the drunken masses who were raising hands to bid as soon as Kim paraded onto stage. We just can't figure out what was up with that cat woman prop that followed her around like she was a saucer of milk.</td>
<td>Had the lusty bidders seen the dance she did with Kim Welsh later in the evening, Anne could have gone for an even higher price. Little did her dad know when he sent her to alma mater that his little girl would be offered to the masses for sale.</td>
<td>Dressed in his kit, &quot;Sister Christian&quot; lost both his boxers and his Jim Beam over the course of the evening. Muttering accusations of police brutality and soliciting group bids, this first year student was the only one among the men of M-W who had the legs to break the two hundred dollar barrier.</td>
<td>Law review hasn't spoiled Cynthia's ability to bring top dollar for charity. She also preserved the pride of the third year class, bustling up the first year monopoly on most expensive dates. It must have been the fringed jacket, reminiscent of country music jukebox bars in the hinterland.</td>
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Humans are from Earth; Lawyers are from Uranus

By Chris Ambrosio

Undoubtedly, every profession has its own distinctive language. Indeed, one of the major hurdles in entering any calling is simply learning the lingo. As with medicine, the law features a language with a Frankenstein-like combination of various elements, including Latin, Greek, French, Old English, Middle English, and even some normal English. In medicine, though, the Latin and Greek words mean what they say. The words are simply names for things that otherwise would not have names. "Humerus," for example, means "bone in the upper arm." Doctors had to call it something, and Latin and Greek were the only languages available to them at the time.

In the legal lexicon, however, Latin words are usually vestiges from an earlier era whose context is no longer relevant. Thus, lawyers use Latin for only two purposes, often simultaneously: (1) to bail themselves out when they don't know what the hell they're talking about, and (2) to sound arrogant when they want to impress "lay" (read "less worthy") people. "Res gestae," for instance, literally means "things done," but lawyers often shout it out pompously as a last-ditch and futile attempt to avoid the hearsay rule. "Res judicata" is another nebulous term that can be molded to mean several different things, or nothing at all. In fact, any phrase that contains "res" is suspect in this regard. (The same is true of phrases containing the word "estoppel.")

The lawyers' clients, upon hearing "res gestae" or any other "res" term, immediately think that the lawyers are calling upon their sophisticated knowledge and training in the centuries-old art of legal advocacy and, thus, are worth the $250 an hour they are being paid. The sad thing is that many lawyers believe this as well.

If lawyers have mastered the art of anything, it is the art of the euphemism. In fact, the legal profession may have the United States military as its only rival when it comes to absurd double-speak (see, e.g., "target servicing," "collateral damage," and "sweep and clear"). For common examples of important-sounding legal euphemisms, just take a look at the chart.

Although the chart is not a complete glossary, this chart should serve to illustrate some of the more egregious examples of legal chicanery.

I would try to think of more examples, but then, of course, I would have to bill you for it and I see that you are out of money, so I'll just have to get back to you on that. . . .

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Music for the Masses

Best rock and rap albums of the first half the '90s, come 1996, I thought it might one of the best five-year period in the history of music. The list is totally subjective, and its members are listed in no particular order.

U2 Achtung Baby — The Irish conquerors of the world totally reinvented themselves with this release, an innovative, noisy arrangement of songs about man's journey in love.

Pavement Slanted and Enchanted — These heroes of independent rock created an almost perfect album with their first LP. The songs are bathed in attitude, with noisy guitars and pointed, often random, lyrics.

Nirvana Nevermind — Thanks to this record, the radio finally started playing loud, great pop songs. The lyrics sometimes don't make much sense, but each song is an example of superior basic post-punk songwriting.

Nirvana In Utero — Kurt Cobain finally started making sense on this one with his evocative sarcasm. Louder, harsher, and more poetic than their first disc, but probably less consistent.

Pearl Jam Ten — Eddy Vedder's unabashed sincerity and conversational phrasing made this LP so great. Loud, emotional, modern album-rock anthems.

Soundgarden Superunknown — More than just metal. Chris Cornell sings his striking lyrics with dark, growing lows and screaming highs. The most guitars around, with innovative rhythms, riffs, and song structures.

Seal Seal (1991) — A compelling blend of techno-dance, acoustic riffs, sophisticated writing, and Seal's breathy vocal strokes. Too bad his second album was so earthy and wimpy.

REM Automatic for the People — This amazing album convinced me that REM should stick to the acoustic arena. Complicated arrangements, crisp playing, and lyrics that speak to the heart.

The Stone Roses The Stone Roses — A disc full of perfect British pop songs, with whispering vocals and jazz, blues, and funk elements thrown in.

Smashing Pumpkins Gish — Billy Corgan screeches and sings lullabies, and the band rocks hard and whispers generally. Fresh, innovative jams with a certain gypsy quality.

Cypress Hill Black Sunday — The best mixes around, with snarling, yet fun vocals.

Dr. Dre The Chronic — This album represents Dre's ascent to the rap production throne. Introduced Snoop Doggy Dogg and an easygoing, mellow, 70s-esque sound that the world is still blatantly imitating.

Tribe Called Quest People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm — Brought a jazzy mellowness to rap with no gangsta posing.

Sonny Youth Dirty — These guitar noise pioneers finally started writing great songs. Packed with a variety of sounds and plenty of swagger. Not always easy to listen to, but always worth it.

Jane's Addiction Ritual de lo Habitual — Art-rock punk bolstered by Perry Farrell's spectral voice and talky poetry.

Red Hot Chili Peppers Blood Sugar Sex Magik — Light years beyond their previous work, this album is packed with variety and excellent songwriting. Rick Rubin’s stripped-down production focuses attention on some great musicianship while further creating the Peppers' already hard-edge.

Hole Live Through This — It's too bad Courtney Love is such a media hound, because this album is fantastic. Tons of attitude, power-packed music, and distinctive commentary on women's issues, brought to you by the hardest-rocking woman in show business.

Until the End of the World Soundtrack — Acoustic-electric dreamscapes from U2, Talking Heads, Elvis Costello, REM, Nick Cave, Lou Reed, and friends.

Dave Matthews Band Under the Table and Dreaming — I still can't believe this album is selling.

Great songs with strange musical choices, distinctive instrumentation, and sophisticated arrangements.

Metallica Metallica — No one rips it harder than these guys. Unlike their other stuff, this album has songs, rather than extended meanderings, and the recording somehow manages to capture the band's raw power.

Depeche Mode Violator — British wimps channel despair into fantastic songs with inventive, original sounds. The best song-oriented electronic album that I've had the pleasure to listen to.

Dinosaur Jr. Where You Been? — Noisy, scratchy, whiny. J. Mascis can't sing, but he writes some wicked songs.

Guns n' Roses Use Your Illusion II — A great hard rock album with some epic songs, but they sound genuine and reek of quality.

They're going to miss Izzy; that is, of course, if they ever make another album.

Fugazi Thirteen Songs — Intense post-punk songs with lyrics that mean something. Unlike Green Day, Rancid, and the Offspring, these guys don't copy punk music, they outdo it. The rest of their work is just as good.

Pet Shop Boys Very — Even though they're wimpy British guys, this album of sensitive, poppy techno/electronic songs has a lot more "oomph" and stronger songwriting than their previous stuff. Neil Tennant's vocals sound effortless.

The Concert Corner

By Dave Mincer

The Flood Zone was recently bought by a group of new investors from New Jersey. They are renovating it and the sound system has been improved from a 3000 Watt system to a 14,000 Watt system. Hopefully, they will be able to attract big names back to the Richmond area.

A bunch of us are going to the concerts on Feb. 23 and Feb. 25, so expect a review.

Prices given for shows are advance ticket purchase prices. All tickets can be purchased by charge at 671-8100, the Miller Concert Line at 622-6395, the Cellar Door Concert Line at 643-1117, the Boat House at 622-3679, or the Cellar Door Concert Line at 643-1117.

Here is a calendar of upcoming shows:

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., $12.50
Mon., Feb. 26: Mighty Mighty Bosstones and The Dance Hall Crashers, The Abyss, 9 p.m., $10
Tues., Feb. 27: Spacehog, Mr. Marenga and God Lives Underwater, The Baitshack
Sat., Mar. 2: K.D. Lang, The Mosque, 8 p.m., $35/$25
Thur., Mar. 7: The Rentals, The Boat House
Wed., Mar. 20: Ziggy Marley and The Melody Makers, The Boat House, 8 p.m., $15
**Food for Thought**

**Italian food worth the effort: Prosciutto di Parma**

By Ian Siminoff

Let’s face it. There aren’t many good restaurants in Williamsburg, and when it comes to Italian food, Chef Boyardee is the best chef you’ll find. The owner of Giuseppe’s seems to think that chicken parmesan comes in strips and is grilled instead of fried. Ristorante Primo’s owner, who used to be married to the owner of Giuseppe’s, responded to my question by saying, “Why? That’s the best way to cook chicken was on the menu at an Italian restaurant with a perfectly nasty reply of, “It’s my restaurant, I can serve whatever I want.”

That’s right, but we don’t have to pay you to eat it. Salt (by Victor) is inconsistent: one day, your calzone or stomatoli is great; the next day your meatball is undercooked. And if you frequent any of the all-you-can-eat Italian restaurants on Richmond Road, well, then, all I can say, is to quote from Billy Madison, “May God have mercy on your soul.”

Anyway, if don’t take the time to cook, some of us think of it as a hassle, others don’t feel like they have to. There are even those of us who, having been completely warped by the law school experience, look at eating as something that interrupts the homework schedule (what a shame). Really, though, food is one of the greatest pleasures in the world. Whether it is the smell of garlic briefing in oil, a loaf of french bread being removed from a hot oven, or a homemade apple pie bursting with cinnamon and nutmeg right out of the box, it is Italian ham, slightly salty and mellow in flavor. Parma, located between Milan and Florence, is the center of all prosciutto-making in Italy. Where there is Parma, there is prosciutto, and vice-versa. In Parma, there is a commission that inspects all the hams in the city that desire to carry the label Prosciutto di Parma. If the ham is deemed of enough quality to merit such a label, it is branded as such and sent off to over the world, including to the United States, where it sells for about $25 a pound. The price is steep but the quality is impeccable. I have to admit that I rarely buy Prosciutto di Parma as it is simply too expensive. There are many cheaper prosciuttos that sell in Williamsburg for about $11 a pound, a much more manageable figure. Citterio is the brand most easily found at any of the supermarkets in town, including Fresh Market. Let me tell you, it is very, very fresh. It is good. Tell them to trim off the excess fat and to slice it thin.

**Prosciutto is one of the most adored delicacies in Italy.** Often accompanied with melon as an appetizer, it is Italian ham, slightly salty and mellow in flavor. Parma, located between Milan and Florence, is the center of all prosciutto-making in Italy. Where there is Parma, there is prosciutto, and vice-versa. In Parma, there is a commission that inspects all the hams in the city that desire to carry the label Prosciutto di Parma. If the ham is deemed of enough quality to merit such a label, it is branded as such and sent off to over the world, including to the United States, where it sells for about $25 a pound. The price is steep but the quality is impeccable. I have to admit that I rarely buy Prosciutto di Parma as it is simply too expensive. There are many cheaper prosciuttos that sell in Williamsburg for about $11 a pound, a much more manageable figure. Citterio is the brand most easily found at any of the supermarkets in town, including Fresh Market. Let me tell you, it is very, very fresh. It is good. Tell them to trim off the excess fat and to slice it thin.

**Pasta alla Carbonara**

1 tsp. butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1/4 lb. thinly sliced prosciutto, chopped coarsely
3 eggs
1/3 cup heavy cream
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
black pepper to taste
1 cup freshly chopped parsley
1 lb. linguine

Bring 4 quarts of water to near boiling.
In a large skillet, melt butter and add onion. Once butter is bubbly and hot, add onion. Stainless steel is a must for this recipe.

Cook one minute, turning frequently. Add prosciutto. Meanwhile, boil the water. Once it reaches boiling, add salt and a drop of olive oil, stir, and then add your pasta. The pasta will take 9-11 minutes to cook and you should stir it frequently.

Continue to cook the onion and prosciutto over medium-low heat for 6-9 minutes, until onions are slightly browned and prosciutto is dark red and crispy. While these two things are cooking, in a large bowl beat three eggs until scrambled.

Add cream, cheese, parley, and black pepper (coat the surface of the mixture with black pepper). Stir. Set aside.

When the pasta is al dente (the tooth test), drain it. (Note: do not pour all of the pasta, as this will diminish the pasta’s flavor).

Pour the pasta into the bowl over the wet ingredients, quickly pour the onion and prosciutto over medium heat.

Serve immediately with plenty of fresh Parmesan cheese on the table.

**Local Italian Wine & Cheese**

Pour a medium-bodied red wine such as an Abruzzo (go to Pottery Wine & Cheese and ask them for it). Light a candle, put on Vivaldi, and you will make 3-4 people very, very happy.

Enjoy and Bon Appetiti!!
Weekend wine warriors and the New York bar; Dazzling legal skills start at the bottom of a glass

By Doug Osley

For those of us adrift in the primate stage of culinary evolution, lawyer! a little demystification.

Hastrich typifies the unpretentious wine community in the lovely glacier-curbed Finger Lakes region, where the wineries range from the touristy Swiss chalet at Castel Grisch Estates to the weird frogzarella statues guarding the entrance to the Squaw Point Winery.

New York wines are often overlooked outside of the Empire State, even though it is the second-largest wine producing state in the country.

I drink them because they are delicious, well-balanced wines that most wine snob attorneys know nothing about, so chosen phrase like, the upstate New York, you’ll enjoy stunning views of Seneca Lake while sampling wines christened with peculiar names such as “Leon & Friends” and “Moonglow.”

The best sipping wine I tried on my tour was “Morning Mist,” Squaw Point’s semi-sweet blend of chardonnay, Cayuga and Cuyagua grapes. It starts sweet, but the chardonnay pulls the sugar out of the fruity grapes for a clean finish. It makes an awesome dessert wine.

HONOR CODE from 1 and the lack of a role for the Dean of the law school. (The most important man in my life right now,” said Yvonne Jones).

As the night wore on, however, it became quite clear that the opposition to the plan, though deep in both the graduate and undergraduate ranks, was based on two distinctly different rationales.

The undergraduates decried the increased harshness of the new Code compared to the present system, while the graduate students (not just the law students) were most agitated at the decrease in standards of the new Code.

This division is most easily exemplified in the duty to report known violations. The new Code has language to the effect that anyone with knowledge of an Honor Code violation “must turn in the offender, yet at the same time the failure to report is not one of the listed offenses.

Dean Rick Overly was quick to point out the need for such a duty because of the moral strength it gives an accuser to say “I have a duty to report you.” Because of this, Overly thinks it is “critical that the duty to report be included, certainly at the law school, and also at the undergraduate level.”

Unmollified, the undergraduates still insist on the deletion of any such language in the new Code. They are also very upset that the new Code makes owning a fake I.D. card an honor violation.

Apparently under the current undergraduate Honor Code, they can own a fake I.D. but will only commit an honor offense by presenting it on campus (no honor offense at the Delis).

A freshman summed up the differences in value systems quite succinctly when he stated that he and his friends did not want the obligation to turn each other in while “the law students are trips over one another to do it.”

Over the course of a two hour period, many flaws in the proposed unified honor Code were pointed out, but it is this difference in values that is the biggest flaw of all.

Jimmy Carter (1L) put it best, saying the different value systems mean the plan is “fraught with disharmony and doomed to fail.”

Lakewood Vineyards: Long Stem Red (Hungarian oak fermentation lends a smoky quality to elderberries and currents, perfect with any red meat); Glaciovimov (sweet “ice” wine made out of Delaware grapes pressed frozen, with pear, melon and banana aromas); White Catawba (tropical nose with a palate-cleansing citrus finish).

Fulkerson’s Winery and Juice Plant: Cayuga (a fruity cheese- and-crackers wine that sits on the semi-dry/sweet breakpoint); Reserve Red (exotic blend, barrel fermented without “that bighty aftertaste that makes you feel you should’ve brushed your teeth,” according to salesman Jack McCormack).

Glenora Wine Cellars: ’93 Chardonnay (complex dry chardonnay fermented in stainless steel, then aged up to three months in French oak, great with lobster and fresh fish); Finger Lakes Dry Riesling (guests will gush over any hors d’oeuvre if you serve this fruity wine with its grapefruit and nectarine character).

New Land Vineyard: Sauvignon Blanc (the only s.b. grown in the Finger Lakes area, this wine has a dry, grassy tone); Aperitif (bitter orange, spices and vanilla combine with brandy and sugar, reminds you of cookie dough).
Monday, February 12
Avalon: Training begins today. Contact Kate McCord (254-5022) if you are interested.

"Let's Dance:" Purchase those Barrister's Ball tickets in the lobby. Remember, they're cheaper than at the door.

Intro to Step: A workshop for those exercise-inclined at noon at the Rec Center. Register at least a week in advance of the date on which you want to attend by calling 221-3131 or by stopping at the front desk of the W&M Rec Center.

The Espy's: For those bored people who watch too much ESPN, the Sports Channel will be show-casing its awards tonight. Watch and find out the plays and players of the year.

Tuesday, February 13
SBA Elections: Select your representatives and officers for next year in the law school lobby.

Wednesday, February 14
Valentine's Day: Roses are red, violet are blue, today's V-Day, so get a clue!

Thursday, February 15
Dean's Luncheon: Join Dean K and area alumni for a free lunch, noon, at the W&M Peninsula Center in Newport News. Students and Faculty are welcome. RSVP by Feb. 12 to Judy Caldwell (221-3795).

You must watch this: Friends should be awesome. Last time I heard, Ross and Rachel will celebrate Valentine's Day together. As if last week's "public display of affection" wasn't enough!

Friday, February 16
Don't miss out: Last chance to purchase those Barrister's Ball tickets for the reduced price of $20!

"Totally Awesome:" Check out Fast Times at Ridgemont High. The DOG Street Theater will show the Sean Penn classic tonight and tomorrow at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17
Co-Counsel Reception: Enjoy a nice afternoon with your Co-Counsel at the Eveleigh's home in Virginia Beach. RSVP to Judy Caldwell (221-3795). Do you dance to a different drummer?: If you do, strut your stuff at the Barrister's Ball at the Williamsburg Lodge from 9-1. Don't worry if you don't have a ticket because you can still buy at the door. Of course, they were cheaper yesterday!

Monday, February 19
Casino: The final chapter of Martin Scorsese's trilogy, which includes Mean Streets and GoodFellas, stars Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and Golden Globe winner Sharon Stone. DOG Street theater will show this movie through Feb. 22. 6:45 p.m. only.

Wednesday, February 21
SBA Meeting: Swear in the new officers at this meeting. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22
The Cherry Orchard: Performances of this play will be presented by the W&M Theatre tonight through Sunday.

Friday, February 23
Restoration: This Robert Downey Jr. movie takes a unique look at the life of King Charles II. Also stars Sam Neill, Siiri Mikkelsen, Hugh Grant, and Meg Ryan. 7:00 p.m. at the DOG Street Theater through Thursday, Feb. 29.

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

Sherry you must be kidding

Puncturing the UMass myth: Kentucky is the best in hoops

By Todd Sherer

I can’t be happier that college basketball has a tournament to decide who the best team is, because I am going to let you in on a little secret: UMass is not the best team in America.

Over the years, games against Pitt and Xavier, and a five point win at Fordham (the Rams are 2-16 and 0-for-the-Atlantic-Ten Conference) attest to this fact. UMass should be blowing these teams out.

While UMass may finish the season undefeated, they are not the country’s best hoops team. Kentucky is the best team in America. They go two deep with star quality at every position. Come March, when Padilla and Travisoe have played every minute of every game, a fresher Kentucky squad will beat them.

You would think that people who are sports-oriented and who have graduated from MIT could figure out a more accurate method to rank the strength of the various college basketball conferences.

They do not, however, seem to be able to accomplish this feat, making Conference Power rankings the latest statistical force. As an example of this, the Big East in the RPI power ratings is sixth, behind such powers as the Big Ten. The Big East has three teams in the top ten and five in the top twenty-five.

The main problem with the rankings is the latest “super-conference” find. The school in creating the extra-large conferences have created large gaps in talent between the best teams in the conference and the worst. For instance in the Big East, additions like Notre Dame and Rutgers further skewed the lack of talent at the bottom of the league. To remedy the situation, conference rankings should only consider teams in the top halves of their respective conferences.

Instead of having your conference weighted by the worst five teams, rating the only the best teams would give you a better indication of the true power of conferences.

In the NBA, the Chicago Bulls, who just last week looked like they would never lose another game, dropped two in a row. This points to the fact that no one will ever be able to equal the Los Angeles Lakers record for most wins in a season.

The parity in the NBA is too great and long road trips show how even a great team can fatigue on the road. The Bulls losses occurred at the end of a six game West Coast road trip.

Okay so I am not the only one who noticed this fact but it is worth repeating: How could Dennis Rodman have been left off the All-Star Roster? This just shows the prejudice the NBA feels towards Rodman. During games he is called for cheap fouls that would not be called against most players and picks up the quickest technical fouls of anyone in the entire league.

The NBA needs to wake up and realize that it needs Dennis Rodman and people like him. He is instantly recognizable, speaks what he feels, and may be the hardest working player in the league.

Most important Rodman can more than adequately defend the opposing teams quick small forwards, big power forwards, or even their centers. This is incredibly important to the Bulls, allowing Phil Jackson to play his versatile players without worrying about defensive liabilities.

The Bulls do need to worry about one team though and it isn’t the Orlando Magic. The Phoenix Suns are all that stands between the Bulls and another championship, not simply because of their recent victory over the Bulls, but because Barkley is healthy, Danny Manning has returned, and Cotton Fitzsimmons is back on the bench. The Suns are the best team in the West and should be at their best by the finals.

W&M Sports Roundup

Men’s basketball ends losing streak, women continue to win

By Kristan Burch

Men’s Basketball

The Tribe struggled during the second half of January, as it dropped four consecutive contests against CAA conference opponents. In all four of these games, the Tribe led at half-time but was unable to keep the momentum going during the second half.

This skid left W&M’s record at 6-11 overall and 2-6 in the conference. The struggle began with UNC-Wilmington. Despite W&M winning by a 35-31 second half lead, eventually falling 67-54 to the Seahawks. In the contest, forward Carl Parker was the only W&M player to score more than 10 points.

The Tribe’s problems continued when it traveled to the Patriot Center to battle George Mason Jan. 24. Despite several chances in the last minute of the contest to take the lead, W&M was unable to get control of the game, losing a close 95-92 decision. The Tribe scoring was led by guard Matt Verkey who scored 28 points while forward Carl Parker and guard Randy Bracy contributed 18 and 16 respectively. Center David Cully, who averages 10.2 points a game, did not compete in this contest because he had the flu.

The next two Tribe losses came at W&M Hall against Old Dominion and East Carolina. The 86-82 loss to the Monarchs was the 10th consecutive defeat that the Tribe has suffered at the hands of ODU! The contest was close throughout, but the Monarchs’ tough play in the last five minutes of the contest earned them the victory. ODU went on a 10-2 run to take a 80-70 advantage and never looked back, while the Tribe struggled from the floor, missing six field goal attempts.

The last of these losses in January came in a 71-65 decision against ECU. As against ODU, the Tribe led the Pirates before half time but failed to play consistently down the stretch. With less than 14 minutes left in the contest, W&M led by 11 points, and the squad still led with five minutes left on the clock. But then the Pirates went on a 12-0 run to which the Tribe had no answer. W&M was only 32 percent from the field in the contest, making 19 of the 59 shots they attempted.

The Tribe finally broke out of this losing funk when it captured wins in its next two contests at home. W&M dominated JMU for the second time this season, Jan. 31, when it notched a 68-51 victory. This was the first time that the Tribe had beaten the Dukes in Williamsburg since 1988 and the first time that had swept them in a season since 1985. This loss left JMU’s conference record at 1-8 for the season.

The Tribe went on a 20-3 run in the second half to take a 48-33 advantage with nine minutes left in the contest. Parker led the Tribe in scoring with 20 points against JMU.

The second home victory came as W&M also swept its series against Richmond, coming away with a 81-64 triumph.

The Tribe shot well from the floor against the Spiders, making 70 percent of its shots in the second half and 58.3 percent in the game overall. Forward Bobby FitzGibbons was 9-of-15 from the floor, recording career high 28 points. He hit six of the nine three-point shots that he attempted against Richmond. Cully added 21 points for the Tribe.

Despite the momentum that W&M gathered as it steam-rolled over JMU and Richmond, it was not enough to help the Tribe when it took on CAA Conference leader VCU Feb. 7. The Tribe fell to the Rams, 83-68, which set their record at 8-12 overall.

After that contest, the Rams advanced to 10-1 in the CAA and had won 10 of their last 11 matches. The Rams out-rebounded the Tribe, 45-30, at the Richmond Coliseum, using their size to overpower the Tribe all evening.

Women’s Basketball

With two home contest wins at the end of January, W&M compiled a four-game winning streak which raised its record to 11-5 overall. The Tribe already has won three more games in the 1995-96 season than it did during all of last season. The later two victories of this spree came against conference rivals East Carolina and James Madison.

Against the Pirates Jan. 26, W&M led the contest from the get-go and allowed ECU a score just 18 points in the first half. The Tribe’s strong efforts on the boards caused them to out-rebound the Pirates, 47-32, and capture a convincing 66-53 victory at W&M Hall.

Two nights later, the Tribe took to the court again, as they squeaked by JMU, 58-48. This was the first time that the squad has beaten the Dukes since the 1993 CAA Tournament, with W&M dropping both of its contests to the in-state rival last year by more than a 15-point margin in each. The Dukes recorded a 51.7 field goal percentage in the first half and amassed a 32-27 lead by half-time. But the Tribe came out of the locker room fired up and forced ten JMU turnovers in the second half. With only 1:11 left in regulation, guard Yolanda Settles sunk a three-pointer to give W&M a four point lead. The Tribe victory was sealed by six free throws from forward Julie Sommer.

The Tribe’s winning streak was halted abruptly by a then-No. 11 Old Dominion squad who powered the Tribe, 105-50, in Norfolk. Settles posted 13 points in the contest, and Sommer scored nine.

With a 67-43 triumph at UNC-Wilmington, the Tribe managed to secure its fifth conference win and its second victory against the Seahawks this season. W&M led the entire contest and went into the locker room at halftime with a 31-22 advantage. Forward Julie Hamiel led the Tribe in scoring with 18, hitting seven-of-eight from the field and four-of-four from the line. Guard Katie Avery added 12 points of her own.

HAPPY PRESIDENT’S DAY!
Law school basketball teams off to a shaky start

By Nathan Green

The 1996 W&M Intramural Basketball season tipped-off last week with the law school making another strong athletic showing. Proving once again that M-W students are not all the combative, win at all costs, take no prisoners, never admit lawyers to be, some of us are the proverbial rented mule: This year's undergrads to beat up on us like a lone representative in the generation of the law school entrants have come a far cry from those glory days of the 1990s, which many feel is a training ground for future CBA's, and a lone representative in the gender mixing CoRec division. To date, the legal hounds have combined for a record of 8-13, a far cry from those glory days when the balls were small and soft, and men were allowed to carry bats.

Mannequin's Merciless, the only law school team which refuses to go "skins" (maybe more should), opened the CoRec league with a disappointing loss to the Ringers. Amy Mang "Your Battle Stations" and Monica "2 For Fighting" played well, but in the end the poor play of Neil "I Don't Deserve A Nickname For This Game" Lewis was too much to overcome.

The cream of the law school crop, tournament champions Get Well Bill, showed they meant business by turning their cutsey creative team name, and went to the no-nonsense straightforward 2Ls. Nothing but business for this group of well-protected 2Ls. 2Ls 2-9 on the season, began their quest for a second championship by facing off with fellow law schoolies High School Heroes College Zeroes. HSHCZ, 0-2 on the year, have been zeros in college but they seem to have lost a little bit in coming to law school. This group of 1Ls, which finished third in the law school tournament, could not match the fire power of 2Ls' guard threesome consisting of Jeff "the 2meida", Just "Joshin" Stump, and "Pitchin a" Trent Williams. The game was tight until midway through the second half when Almeida became, dare I say, En Fuigo, and lit up the HSHCZ defense like a cheap cigar. In their second game the 2Ls faced an evil undefeated by any law school unbeaten, Frat Guys!!! However, the obnoxious yet annoying team of 2Ls/PKA was no match for the sharp shooting 2Ls. With Almeida struggling, Trent "Call Me Troy" entered that fabled place as the zone and lead the team to an easy victory. I'm pretty sure he even made a Pika pledge cry. Oh yes, HSHCZ lost their second game by 20 but that's not all that important.

In the Men's B division, Fat Drunk and Stupid continued their winning ways as they've jumped out to a division leading 2-0 mark. Team captain Put "Silicon And" Dylan lead his team back from the disappointing 7-6 blow out that ended their law school tournament hopes, and have thier eyes set on a college championship, as well as the beginning of floor hockey where 6 points is a little more respectable.

On the opposite end of the win-loss spectrum are; the Hoopless team, captained by that jolly Patrick "Saint" Nix, Noto-riously Mediocre, lead by Justin "Time For Dinner" Gillman; and the always entertaining 2.0 Rangers, whose leader Patrick "Death Before Attendance" Muldoon has his squad primed for their first victory. Stuck in the middle of the pack with records of 1-1 are; Ken "It's Not Easy Being" Green's House of Guin, Juice III, captained by Shawn "Nothing It" Overby "Nothing"; and Touchdown, thrown by David Eberly "And Ivy."

AC Official Rankings:

1. 2L (2-0)
2. Fat, Drunk, and Stupid (2-0)
3. Eastern State (1-0)
4. Ken's House of Guin (1-1)
5. Juice III (1-1)
6. Touchdown (1-1)
7. HSHCZ (0-2)
8. Notoriuously Mediocre (0-2)
9. Hoopless (0-2)
10. Mang The Merciless (0-2)
11. 2.0 Rangers (0-2)
LETTERS from 2 school. Therefore, I must conclude that he violated the Code by being overzealous in his duties.

As the elected student representative of the student body, I want to say that I agree with Dean Krattenmaker’s recent letter to the school in some respects. We must honor the decision of our student-run judicial council. They have a duty to investigate, prosecute, try, and give sanctions for Honor violations. We should not condemn them for doing their jobs and we must respect the outcome which it yields. If we do not believe the outcome to be ultimately just, we have the power to amend the Code and our system. This is where we should spend our energy, not in giving the students who are doing their jobs a hard time.

However, here is where I must depart from Dean Krattenmaker’s letter. The Dean said that Ray’s offense was “unforgivable”, “not tolerable”, “inexcusable”, and that students did not understand the “nature and gravity of the offense.” He said that it was “thoughtless fantasy” to suggest that Ray’s actions were motivated by a “desire to help the law school.” However, Ray did not act out of greed or for personal gain and did no irreparable injury to the school.

I do not think it is appropriate for the Dean to tell the students how they must feel about Ray’s conviction and how they should treat him for his actions. It is one thing when it is a recommendation, but it is entirely different if we, as a community, do not feel the way that he dictates, he will end the student implementation of the Honor Code. This type of threat is wholly inappropiate. We are an adult community, and as such, we should be able to treat offenses to our student created and student-run CODE as we see fit. If we must do as the Dean says, then this self determination is merely illusory. The point of a student-run Honor Code is that it reflect the standards of the community. If the community believes that an offense is serious, it has the right to treat it seriously. However, if the community believes that an offense is trivial, it has the right to treat it trivially. I am shocked that the Dean would threaten to take this right away.

In conclusion, I want to reiterate that as a community, we must honor the decision of our fellow students concerning Ray’s infraction. I know it was difficult for all involved and I commend them for their commitment to our Honor Code. If we, as a community, don’t like the outcome, we have the power to change the true power of review, but offenses aren’t included. This is the power of a student created and student-run Code. If this power is taken away from us by the Dean, then there will be no more Code at all at this school because, as a community, we will not take a code seriously that does not reflect our community’s standards. This is the same force which drives our resistance to the unification of Honor Codes with the undergads, as a unified code also will not reflect the standards of our community at M-W.

You may not agree with what I have said here, but my point is that you don’t have to. It is your right to think whatever you want. I am aware that as a school representative, I am responsible for repre­senting the entire school and not just my opinion. However, I believe that I am representing the entire school when I say that our student-run Honor Code should not be threatened for expressing our opinions.

Sincerely,
Shaun Rose, SBA President-elect

To the Editor:

In the smaller debate over whether the Honor Code should be unified, the larger issue has been lost. Honor Codes are a sham and have no place in school. They come from within, not from arbitrary standards set by an outside group. The punishment of cheating is a disci­plinary issue; despite all the pontification of the Honor Council, their power is illusory and given to them by the school administration. The Dean has the true power of review, which is good; rather have the Dean decide disciplinary issues than the Hitler’s Youth who so eagerly volunteer to hold the power to ruin people’s lives while pretending that they simply care more about honor than everybody else, a.k.a the "Honor Council.”

No matter what ethical codes have been artificially set up, the law is still not very honorable profession in some ways. Distorting the truth (e.g. by suggesting witness phrase their testimony in certain ways) in the name of zealous advocacy is not honorable, no matter what the Model Code or the ABA says. Telling lies and calling them “immaterial” or “puffery” that’s expected in negotiations” is dis­honest.

For that matter all phoneathons, in which by their nature people are disturbed in their homes in the hope of pressuring them into giving more money than they would from receiving a letter, are not very honorable, notto mention extremely rude. Writing anonymous letters to a news­paper that attack others, when there’s no legitimate fear of bodily harm from leaving your name, is not honorable.

If you disagree with these as examples of dishonor, then you’ve proven that honor is a relative concept, and not one to be decided by the current moment, self-righteous “Honor Council” that disregards the concept of honor.

Sincerely,
Craig Welter, 3L

To the Editor:

I read with great dismay the incidents of thefty that have occurred in the library. I remind every student that is our school and we must protect each other. If you see someone who you do not recognize or who appears not to belong here ask for their I.D. or report them to the appropriate authorities. It is clearly not a law school who is responsible for this.

Neil Lewis, 3L

COMPUTERS from 6 it is used to give information to students such as their grades and their exam codes. It can also be accessed by students off campus through a modem to learn information such as their first day attendance and book lists. According to Liz Jackson, her role as registrar has changed somewhat - with the increased use of computers. “The SIS system hasn’t removed my role of being here for the student; it has just allowed students to access more things themselves. Where it used to take a week to enter all the data from registration, it now takes two days, and students can more easily see which classes are open when they are registering. It also saves a lot of leg work if you are taking undergraduate courses: you can now do it all from here.” Jackson also said that in previous years, students would not know what their schedules would be until she mailed them out in the num­ber. Now it is almost instantane­ous. “In all,” said Jackson, “[the SIS] helps students make more informed decisions regarding their classes. The SIS hasn’t been designed to remove me from the students.” To the contrary, Jack­son felt that SIS has made her more available to the students. She believes that the computer is as important a tool for law stu­dents as their organizer.

Peter Owen (3L) agreed with Jackson. Owen, who chairs the SBA Computer Committee, feels that “day to day functioning in the law school now requires the use of computers. Two years ago, when I first joined the faculty, it was quite possible for someone to graduate without ever touching a computer. Just as someone in 1986 could have, but should have graduated with a full understanding of EXE/NSLEXIS, students in 1996 can, but should not, graduate without a full un­derstanding of how to use computers to their advantage, including time management.

Owen takes his class notes and writes his exams on his laptop. When asked about comments that laptop users may disrupt other students, Owen replied, “Since the technology is capable of being unintrusive, we should force it to be so. Just as we should not allow a stenogra­pher or interpreter into the class­room so as to not disrupt others, computer users should be accommodated in a way which will not interfere with the rights of others to receive an education.”

Hardy believes that laptop users should use a battery and a silent keyboard to avoid physical ob­structions and audible dis­turbances, but otherwise has no objections to the use of computers in the law classroom.

Hardy is making the students in his “Cyber-law” course find all of their reading materials on the Internet and delivers assign­ments to an information base. Owen and Hardy both stated that professors are accepting short assignments through e-mail now.

Hardy went on to say that with the new LAN system in place, it will be easier for two people who are not geograph­i­cally close to one another to work together and review each other’s efforts (such as two professors from different law schools collaborating on a book). Hardy also sees in the future the use of computers on one-line discussion groups and on-line journals. Hardy is already involved with both of these activities, and be­lieves that the new LAN network will make it easier for more faculty to get involved with these types of activities. Other ideas that Hardy has involving com­puters are: 1) the use of an icon, “perhaps a photo,” for each stu­dent that would allow a profes­sor or an administrator to communicate with a student by simply “double-clicking” on their name. (This perhaps would reduce some resource waste associated with the hanging files we all know and love); and 2) students could submit papers by e-mail and “I could make voice comments about them and e-mail them back for revision. Right now that would be impossible given the current state of our e-mail technology.”

What nearly all students, fac­ulty, and administrators seem to agree upon is that those persons who refuse to learn how to use this new technology are going to be at a severe disadvantage in the immediate future. From the courtroom to the law library to the way we will entertain our­selves in the future, computers will play a large role in our daily lives and those of us who do not know how to travel the “information superhighway” will be stuck in a traffic jam chocking on the electronic dust of those who do.

Home Brew Contest

All homebrewers: be alert to the Amicus’ 2nd Annual Home Brew Contest in late March. Start your sassy batches today!

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