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Gerhardt appointed dean of Case Western Law School

By Eliza Hutchison

Professor Mike Gerhardt will be leaving the William and Mary community this summer to accept the position of dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Although Professor Gerhardt is excited about the move, he expressed how much he will miss the faculty, students, and community of the law school here. "I have been very happy at W&M, and would have been happy to have stayed here. The congenial faculty, good students, and wonderful programs will be difficult to leave. The school has been extremely supportive of my scholarship; there are so many reasons to stay."

Gerhardt stated his decision to leave was a difficult one, and that he never truly expected he would have to make the choice. Although he accepted an interview for the deanship, he never took his chances at being offered the position seriously. "I went to the interview thinking it would help me to learn more about whether becoming a dean would be something I might want to try to do at some time in the future. I have yet to recover fully from the shock of being offered the position."

Several reasons compelled Gerhardt to pursue the deanship. Among them he noted, "the challenge of helping to build, shape, and give energy and direction to an institution with a noble purpose." He pointed to the unique combination of assets at Case Western awaiting its next leader.

Another laptop stolen from library; suspect described

By Sutton Snook

On Monday April 1, another laptop was stolen from the law library. Approximately 7:50 p.m., Jim Scott (IL) left his carrel on the first floor and returned five minutes later to find his computer gone. Thinking it was a practical joke, Scott searched the library for the prankster and any "suspicious individuals." When he realized the theft was genuine, Scott phoned the police to report the crime.

"I thought maybe someone was playing a joke on me because it seemed more credible than it being stolen," lamented Scott, who phoned the campus police at 8:05. "In my carrel there was a library book where there wasn't one before — from a shelf close to my carrel. Whoever it was, it was casing the library."

Lisa Bray (IL) was sitting in the next carrel and heard the computer beep while being turned off but did not look up because "you hear sounds like that all the time. I am angry now that I didn't look up three feet away," recounted Bray. "It's a little scary that someone was watching us."

Several students saw the suspicious individual, including Bray and Scott. "The guy looked respectable; you wouldn't expect him to be a thief," stated Scott. One student described the suspect as tall, thin, and greying, wearing a dark button-down shirt with a blue and grey sleeveless sweater. "Others students saw the individual walking around the library "reading" law books."

With this information, the Campus Police have identified a suspicious individual, but refuse to release his identity. However, they have supplied the library staff with his picture and description so that they may call the police should the individual return. Detective Hibbard stated that the individual was a black male, in his forties, over 200 pounds with salt and pepper hair, glasses, and slightly balding. Hibbard added that the individual fits the description of the many recent computer thefts, but stressed that he is not yet a suspect.

Status report: unified Honor Code proposal under scrutiny

By Victoria Blakeway

Vice President Sam Sadler and President Tim Sullivan called a hasty "informational meeting" of a newly formed committee to discuss the proposed uniform Honor Code on Thursday, April 4, the latest in a series of efforts to unify the separate honor codes of the schools in the College. Two Judicial Council members each from the undergraduate school, the School of Education, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Marine Science, the School of Business Administration, and the M-W School of Law were invited to attend. Donald Scirentino (2L), Chief Justice-select of the Honor Council, and Lynn Whippley (2L), Associate Justice of the Honor Council, were invited to represent the law school.

Scirentino was contacted about the meeting by Sadler earlier in the week, but Sadler's office denied any knowledge of the meeting on Wednesday, April 3. Whippley described the event as follows.

Attendees were told only that Sadler would attend from the administration but the meeting was delayed until Sullivan arrived. They stated that they wanted to continue the dialogue and not lose the momentum that had already been gained in the discussions about the proposed uniform Honor Code. However, this committee is the second convened to discuss this issue, the first being the Honor and Judicial Task Force, a faculty and student committee which has now apparently been disbanded. Possibly this is due to the organized, vocal and aggressive dissent of the student body at all five schools and the fact that the faculty was upset when Sullivan insisted that the students would not be allowed to ratify or defeat the proposal in a public referendum. Shaun Rose (2L), SBA President-elect, who spoke to Sullivan about the issue of a student referendum before Spring Break, was shocked at statements Sullivan made about how he does not need to get student support and that there is no legislative history indicating that a student vote would be needed.

Sullivan and Sadler told the committee that they want them to meet several times over the next 3½ weeks (coincidently during the last two weeks of classes and exams) to discuss the differences in the honor codes of each school and submit a report stating the differences and which schools objected to each item as proposed in the current draft. Topics they want addressed are: the process of representation for counsel for the accused and special advocates for the school; the process...
From the Editor's Desk

Open Letter to Untainted and the community

Two weeks ago, I received an anonymous note alleging widespread Honor Code violations. The individual’s ("Untainted") note was actually very Woodward and Bernstein-esque—it alleged that a large number of students and several faculty members were engaging in conduct in violation of our Honor Code.

While they provided several names, they stated that should I want the rest for an article, to post a large OK above the hanging files. Ever in search of the big scoop, I did so, but asked that they contact me because I don’t play the "anonymous game." He/She refused, for reasons beyond my grasp, but in their second letter detailed even more Honor Code offenses. They did ask, however, that I respond to them in a similar manner to notify them whether I was planning to write the article. So, Untainted, here is your answer: NO.

I thought about whether to write the article for quite some time, and I must thank Untainted for forcing me to solidify my journalistic ethics, not to mention my dedication to Honor Code ethics. The Amicus no longer prints anonymous letters, except under extraordinary circumstances, and only if the Editor knows the individual’s identity. I believe sources for articles should follow the same guideline—I was willing to go forward with the anonymous source, but I would not do so unless I knew who these students are. For this reason, I will not repeat the allegations here. Yet a number of things struck me in the process of my decision.

Untainted, I read very carefully every word of the Honor Code. I do not believe that the first alleged offense violates the Honor Code at all. True, these students and faculty violated two Virginia criminal statutes, but a violation of state law is not an Honor Code offense per se. In fact, the only Honor Code offense that I could possibly see was one committed by yourself—no confronting the individual you named. It is what the Judicial Council told you, it is what the administration told you, and it is what the Amicus is telling you. If you believe in good faith that there is an Honor Code violation, then you have a duty to confront the individuals who you believe have violated the Honor Code.

You argue in your letter that the Honor Code does not require a face-to-face confrontation. I believe you are incorrect in this conclusion. The Honor Code states that the accuser must "personally confront the individual(s)." This has been consistently interpreted by the Judicial Council as a direct, face-to-face confrontation. Consider this your notice.

The second group of offenses is another matter. I believe they are Honor Code offenses, although I believe they are trivial and hence not justiciable. However, I believe that you have a larger duty upon you to confront those involved. May I suggest that you begin by speaking with the professors in whose class the offenses were committed? They both know of the alleged incidents, and do not believe they violated their test procedures. In any case, you do have an obligation to report these offenses.

Notwithstanding my evaluation of your claims, I could not help but wonder why a student would remain so adamant about remaining anonymous while complaining so loudly. I can only think of two explanations. First, it could be that you wish to take revenge upon another. If this is the case, Untainted, then I am disgusted. I do not allow you to use this publication to further any such goal. However, I find it unfathomable that a student here would go to such lengths to take revenge upon another member of this community.

Dear Amicus,

I would like to thank the law school faculty and student body for its active participation in the effort to quash the proposed Unified Honor Code. In large part because of your efforts, the President has delayed implementation of the code pending further deliberation. Now we have some breathing room.

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In either case, students (and other students) continue to pressure the President during this period of further discussion, we will eventually prevail. A poorly-conceived unified code can still be defeated. We need to exercise further vigilance and remain active and involved. Fortunately, we can do this.

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Public Service Announcement:

If you’re old enough to smoke, you’re old enough to throw your cigarette butts away.
Warner speaks to students; and runs for the U.S. Senate

By Danielle Roeber

Virginia Democrats are hoping that Senator Warner will represent the state next January, Mark Warner that is. Approximately seven years ago, Mark Warner, founder of Columbia Capital Corporation, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Warner began working for the Democratic National Committee. He “fell into” business and made millions of dollars in telecommunications, but maintained his connection with politics by serving as a campaign manager and as Virginia Democratic Party Chairman. On Friday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m. in Courthouse 21, Warner spoke to W&M students, community members, and reporters from the Daily Press and Richmond Times Dispatch.

Warner came to explain his reasons for seeking the Senate seat currently held by Virginia’s senior Senator John Warner. According to Mark Warner, people with the loudest voices and most extreme views dominate Washington. He continued, “Ideological purists on either end of the spectrum scare the heck out of me.” Many of the more rational Congressmen, Democrats and Republicans alike, have chosen to leave Washington. Moreover, Warner noted that many of the battles Democrats thought they had won, such as civil and human rights, environmental protection, and a sense of economic fairness, are now “up for grabs” under the Gingrich revolution.

Virginia Supreme Court Justice Keenan visits M-W

By Paul Walker

Virginia Supreme Court Justice Barbara Keenan recently graced the halls of M-W as the Fourth Tazewell County Juvenile Court. During her brief one-day visit, Justice Keenan breakfasted and lunched with groups of students, attended professor Marcus’s diversity class, and met with members of the Journal of Women and the Law and other women active in the law school community. Justice Keenan received her J.D. from George Washington University School of Law in 1974. After two years as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for Fairfax County, she entered private practice for four years before being appointed a general District Court judge in 1980. She rapidly ascended through the judicial ranks, being appointed to the Circuit Court in 1982 (the same year she received her LL.M from UVA), the Virginia Court of Appeals in 1985, and finally the Virginia Supreme Court in 1991. Justice Keenan was the second woman appointed to Virginia’s court of last resort.

In a wide-ranging interview with the Amicus, it became clear that Justice Keenan firmly believes judges should restrain their own personal beliefs (no matter how strongly held) in the interest of justice. She also indicated that she strongly adhered to the Virginia tradition of not legislating from the bench, drawing a clear distinction between the judicial and legislative functions. As an example, she pointed to the Virginia stance on comparative fault, calling it a “legislative determination.” Justice Keenan believes that Virginia should not be KEENAN on 6.

Courtroom 21 hears Military Court of Appeals case

By Drew Swank

On March 13, the Military Law Society hosted the United States Court of Criminal Appeals for the Armed Forces as it heard oral arguments in the case of United States v. Salazar. Conducted in Courtroom 21 with two of the five judges appearing remotely via the courtroom’s video conferencing technology, the case revolved around a search and seizure in a service member’s home located outside a military installation. The case presented a variety of constitutional law issues, such as who has standing to contest a search and the impact of deception by the police to gain consent to conduct a search.

In this case, the defendant, Private First Class Salazar, had been removed from his home to the barracks on Fort Hood, Texas, by a military order given by his commanding officer. While living on the military installation, Salazar was arrested for stealing car stereos. Believing that Salazar had stolen the stolen property in his off-post home, a military police investigator lied to Salazar’s wife, saying that her husband had consented to a search of their home. The investigator then instructed the wife to conduct the search and bring the stolen property to the police station. The court received briefs and heard oral arguments from both government defense lawyers and government prosecutors. Additionally, M-W students Wendy Vann (3L), Calvin Anderson (2L), Drew Swank (2L), and Charlie Young (2L) were given the opportunity to present a written amicus curiae brief. Anderson and Swank presented oral arguments to the court in support of the brief.

The case was not only the first appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court, but also the first appeal to the Military Court of Appeals. The case was argued on March 13, and the decision is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Computer survey in: opposition outnumbers support

By Marissa Riley

Though only approximately thirty percent of the student population returned the Judicial Council laptop computer use surveys, those against the use of laptop computers outnumbered the proponents of laptop computer exam use.

Several graphs based on the survey return compared the disparate attitudes between four weeks ago, when laptop owners and those who were not. Of the 181 students who returned the surveys, thirty percent indicated that they were “strongly against” the handwriting requirement, while 27 percent were “strongly for” it. These numbers indicate that students are almost evenly divided on this issue, but even the students who did return surveys showed some ambivalence. The “medium against,” “neutral,” and “strongly for” on the issue represented 43 percent of the survey responses.

Warner stated that he rejects the use of laptops that allow students to cheat by using electronic communication devices. He added that the use of laptops would decrease cheating through the use of computers, by allowing students to communicate more easily.

Among the reasons given for not allowing laptop computer use was that laptops would get better grades due to the extra time they have to type more answers, and that students had the advantage of a spell check. However, the survey responses also showed that students were afraid that laptops would give exams more difficult to read, and that this would affect grades as well. Students with sloppy handwriting seemed especially fearful of this possibility.

In addition, students feared that laptops would reduce in-class cheating, and a loss of anonymity if laptops were used.

One of the reasons given for those who support the use of laptop computers on exams was the exact same reason given by those who oppose their use. Supporters contended that the laptops would allow students to type more answers, and that this would affect grades as well. Students with sloppy handwriting seemed especially fearful of this possibility.

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Moot Court Team succeeds in tournament, garners trophies

By Wen Cheng
3L’s Alisa Pittman, Dan Hessel, and Todd Ritter, represented W&M at the National First Amendment Moot Court Tournament held March 22 and 23 at Vanderbilt University. This year’s topic addressed whether a statute could constitutionally be applied to prohibit a tobacco company advertisement and whether the advertisement could be characterized as commercial or political speech.

In preparation for the tournament, the team attended numerous practice rounds judged by several faculty and Moot Court Bar members. Though Pittman barely made it past airport security, the team safely landed in Tennessee where they were met by Vanderbilt representatives and honorary team coach Ashley Pittman, Alisa’s twin sister. The team stayed at the Crowne Plaza in Nashville.

In the preliminary rounds, the team defeated South Texas, Thomas Cooley, and Valparaiso. They attended a cocktail reception that night where Pittman “checked out” the competition. Using his powers of persuasion, Ritter befriended a hotel employee and obtained access to the employee arcade room where Ashley Pittman won high scorer on “Ms. Pacman.”

Out of 32 teams, Pittman, Hessel, and Ritter were ranked highly going into the “Power Match.” The next morning, the team crushed the team from the University of Toledo. That afternoon they annihilated University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in the quarterfinals where Ritter uttered in rebuttal “I’ll be back.”

The semifinals were held at the Freedom Forum which cosponsored the tournament. Before a Tennessee Supreme Court judge, Hessel and Ritter argued exceptionally well, although they were defeated by the University of South Carolina.

Judges from the Sixth and Eighth Circuits heard the final arguments in which Duke defeated South Carolina. After their stellar performance, the team attended a banquet at the Parthenon.

The awards ceremony, Pittman, Hessel, and Ritter were the only other team beside Duke to win two trophies. In addition to receiving a plaque for advancing to the semifinals, they also won a trophy for Second Place Best Brief. The trophies will be on display in the glass case in the lobby.

After the banquet the team advanced to “Soul Satisfaction” where Pittman defeated Hessel for “Most Beer Consumed.”

Arguing as Respondent that there was no appearance of impropriety, Pittman won and discoused into the night with one of the judges, while Hessel showed Miss Arkansas why other types of speech may deserve less First Amendment protection.

The law school is proud of Pittman, Hessel, and Ritter for continuing the Moot Court Team’s long tradition of excellence. The team is especially grateful to the faculty and Moot Court Bar Members who helped them prepare.

SBA approved budget increase for 1996-1997 school year

By Ryan Ketchum
The SBA budget for the next year has been approved by the Finance Committee at $24,3040, and is awaiting the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Sara Sadler. After approval by Sadler, the budget must be approved by the Board of Visitors. The budget for the current year is $22,895. The SBA had made a request of $32,495. That request is similar to those it has made in past years according to committee member Peter Owen (3L).

This year the funding of many organizations was cut because the Student Activities Fund no longer gets the revenues from campus vending machines. A raise in the Student Activities Fee from approximately $36 to $38 was not enough to offset the loss. According to outgoing SBA Treasurer Rick Cross (3L), this is the first time in three years that the SBA budget has been increased.

The SBA is one of a few organizations whose budget was increased. Some members of the undergraduate community fear that the law school gets too much money. “Generally the undergraduates feel like the law school gets too big a percentage of the money,” said Cross.

According to Owen, the Finance Committee was generous to the law school precisely because it thought that the Moot Court Team and the National Trial Team were particularly worthy of funding. The SBA is unique in respect to the funding process because it in turn funds all of the student organizations at the law school.

During the budget process the Finance Committee reviews each group’s request for funding and scrutinizes their proposed expenditures. Because the SBA is responsible for funding so many groups, it is difficult for it to respond fully to the Finance Committee’s questioning. “The SBA always ends up looking like the bad guy in front of the Finance Committee,” said Cross.

The SBA budget is larger than that of the Student Activities Committee including Owen this practice should be changed. The SBA does not have to fund all of the law school student organizations. Likewise the organizations can apply directly to the Finance Committee for funding. According to Owen this would facilitate the exchange of information on the necessity of funding. Both Cross and Owen seemed to think that the law school organizations as a whole would likely get increased funding if all of the organizations applied separately.

Marcus named interim head of Bill of Rights Institute

By Paul Walker
Dean Krattenmaker recently named Professor Paul Marcus as the interim director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law for the 1996-97 school year. Marcus takes over from Professor Rodney Smolla, who is stepping down after eight years in order to devote more time to teaching and research. For those reasons, Marcus was unwilling to commit to the position for more than a year. Marcus has done administrative work before as dean at Arizona and interim dean here and he much rather prefers being a faculty member.

Under Marcus, the Institute will keep the same range of high quality programs it sponsored under Smolla. Marcus indicated that the major symposium for next year would be an annual lecture history and would be co-sponsored by the College’s American History Department.

COURTROOM 21 from 3 heard in Courtroom 21, it also arguably was the most “high-tech” appeal ever. Two days of arguments were able to be telecast fully in the trial while not being physically present.

The event was also the highlight of the programs sponsored by the Military Law Society this semester.

That program is set for the fall.

Krattenmaker indicated that, after consultation with the faculty, a search will begin in earnest for a permanent director. One possibility is to hire a director from the current faculty. Another is to use the search to bring in a new tenure track faculty member through a nationwide search.

Krattenmaker also discussed the possibility of hiring a full time director in a non-tenure track position. This third approach would pose an opportunity for a lawyer with two to three years experience who is looking for a non-traditional career track. No decisions have been made yet, but when they are the administration will be seeking student input through the SBA.

Dean Krattenmaker also told Amicus that state funding for the Institute is expected to be totally eliminated soon. There has been a constant decline in funding for quite a few budget cycles. The law school has taken steps to offset the decrease in funding by setting up a separate endowment for the Institute of Bill of Rights Law. This endowment has now reached the point where it can support the many programs of the Institute, but not yet pay for the director’s position. The next full-time director will still be paid from faculty funds.

Other changes are also in store for the Institute as Professor Kay Kindred moves from the Institute’s deputy director position to a full time faculty position. Kindred has been deputy director for the last seven and half years and has been on the tenure track for the last two years. Kindred will not be replaced as deputy director.

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44 Days
until Graduation
Judge Eileen Olds pays a visit to her alma mater

By Cristina Zeisler

Having graduated from M-W in 1982, Judge Olds went on to a dozen years of criminal defense and domestic relations work. All those years in the trenches served her well, as she began her career as judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court last February. Judge Olds was the first African-American from the Chesapeake area to be elected to the court. She is the only woman to serve in the state's system.

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court is not the soft place that it may once have been. As kids become increasingly troubled with societal problems—reacting with increasing levels of unspeakable violence, the court becomes more of a "hard place." Judge Olds makes up for that by attaching real personal attention to each case to impart upon the young defendants a sense of personal responsibility—tinged with a bit of guilt.

Judge Olds feels that her background allows her to be especially sensitive to many of the issues in the cases she hears. She is careful to maintain impartiality, however, even in particularly emotional cases. In dealing with juveniles, her motto is "fairness." Olds focuses on finding the root of the problem so that she can help prevent juveniles from becoming repeat offenders.

While at M-W Olds did not have any clear ideas about where she would like her career to go. Once she got into the area of Family Law, however, she knew that she had found her "calling." Olds said that now she cannot envision herself doing anything but exactly what she does right now. She loves her job and she loves being able to serve people through the legal system.

She left the following advice: For those who are considering a career in family law, be sure to take all the classes that you can that relate to the topic. In other classes, look for ways to bring in children's issues. Become involved with the CASA program.

Go sit in on a day of cases in her court; she would be happy to meet with anyone who does so. For those who are interested in pursuing a position as a judge—litigate, litigate, litigate. Also, get out there and make a positive name for yourself in legal and broader communities. For everyone else—take heart in knowing that Williamsburg is "a whole lot more" exciting than it was when she went here.
Hughes faces tough opponents to win Trial Team competition

By Danielle Roehr

Without a faculty sponsor, the W&M Trial Team has had incredible success taking on teams from other schools. It appears as if the trend will not change any time soon given the caliber of members for next year’s team. This year’s team members made their selections just last month during the annual in-school competition with Tim Hughes taking top honors, followed by Mike Friedman, Steve Grocki, and Dave Smith.

This was the third in-school competition to select members since the team took complete control of the trial team in the fall of 1994. Second year students compete for the opportunity to represent W&M during their third year at various intercollegiate competitions.

The trial team receives funding from the Student Bar Association and often seeks the advice of Professor Felton, but Rhonda Rivens (3L), a current member selected in the spring of 1995, notes that W&M’s trial team differs greatly from those at other schools. Some schools have an entire entourage that travels with the team and the team managers probably tiered into schools’ Trial Advocacy courses. Also, with the prestige of Moot Court, many students do not notice the advantages and credentials of trial team membership.

It’s kind of frustrating, but we’re going to hang in there,” explained Rivens.

Unlike Moot Court, where members spend much time researching and preparing briefs and arguments, trial team requires the ability to think quickly on one’s feet. Students have to prepare and question witnesses, practice appropriate courtroom etiquette, and present exhibits and evidence. According to Mike Grocki (2L), this year’s runner-up, “To the best extent possible, it provides you with a prototype of trial practice.”

Friedman further noted that the trial team provides a base line for learning how to work under the pressure.

For this year’s competition, students had to argue a civil case involving one neighbor suing another neighbor for injuries and damages from a tree on dilapidated trees. The competition, involving a week to ten days of trials, began with thirty students and was subsequently pared down until Hughes won the final round. The top sixteen students comprised next year’s team. Friedman, who wants to be a criminal trial attorney, expressed his gratification.

GERHARDT from dean, including “very loyal alumni, solid faculty and students, ample financial resources, congenial law school community, and a highly supportive university administration.” Gerhardt believes these assets mean “a dean there will have a lot to work with. It is highly rare for a school dean to come into a situation with all these things in place.”

As dean of a private law school of 600 to 700 students, Gerhardt may teach one course per year after he has had time to settle into the new community. He sincerely hopes that his ability to continue legal scholarship will not be drastically impaired. Although he believes the deanship will be an exciting and worthwhile experience, Gerhardt is sincere in his statements at the prospect of leaving the community here. “This was truly such a difficult decision to make. I will sorely miss it here. I’m not sure I have fully digested that yet.” Gerhardt’s new position becomes effective July 1, 1996.
Featured Commentary

In defense of honor

Stephen Diamond


In a very objective manner, Mr. Ambroziak manages to illustrate that student fears of injustice, resulting from the proposed unification of W&M's Honor Code, are unfounded. I particularly applaud his attack on the students of this satanic spawning ground, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Mr. Ambroziak's keen wit & droll asides on the foibles of the Clinton administration prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that Beezlebub's tadpoles are clearly and solely to blame for the recent "Honor Code crisis" and the hysteria surrounding it.

Mr. Ambroziak's penetrating analysis reveals that vanity and pettiness lie at "the heart of the discontent" of the Graduate students (I must also add that I admire his use of "Graduate students" as a surrogate term for law students). After all, what possible reason could law students have for not wanting to subject themselves to adjudication by undergraduates, other than their infamous views of undergraduates as an ignominious mass of proletarian rabble? I have no doubt that law students consider themselves to be exactly as Mr. Ambroziak describes them: "perched upon the moral food chain like birds of prey...soaring ever higher among the eagles, over amberwaves of self importance...."

Mr. Ambroziak ought to know, however, that he is forced touffer them daily. Thankfully, Mr. Ambroziak has somehow managed to avoid the all-consuming egotism that evidently has possessed his colleagues (perhaps he was wise enough to avoid the Riviera this summer). Mr. Ambroziak has succeeded in placing himself above these vile, arrogant creatures, and thus, can endow us with the benefits of his unique perspective. Doubtless, those who don't know any better will be tempted to characterize Mr. Ambroziak's caricature of the Graduate law student as nothing more than grandiloquent, splen­venturing hyperbole. Such is the periy of the harry conclusion. I am confident, however, that readers will understand the truth.

Likewise, readers shall give no credence to the self-serv ing argument made by certain law students, that their profession imposes upon them a professional code of ethics unlike that of any other profession. The sinister masters of propaganda at Marshall-Wythe would have us believe that instilling the value of a separate code of professional behavior is an integral part of the law school experience. Those devious spinmeisters on South Henry Street will point to the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility, which is self-administered, and argue that if nothing else, a self-administered law school honor code uniquely tailored to hold law students to very strict standards of behavior (stricter than the proposed unified system, they will say) reinforces the notion of professional responsibility and is in the finest traditions of the legal profession.

To his credit, Mr. Ambroziak did not discuss this argument. Once again, his perspicacity is boundless. He recognized that on its face, this argument is utterly ridiculous and completely specious. Given that he only had a limited amount of space in which to write his feature, Mr. Ambroziak no doubt weighed the merits of including this argument and reasoned, quite correctly, that such a baseless argument would needlessly take up valuable space in his article. Space which could be more properly devoted to his personal observations on life and society.

Here, however, I must confess some anger with Mr. Ambroziak's article. Towards the end of his piece, Mr. Ambroziak attempts to put the Honor Code "crisis" in proper perspective for the reader. He explains that "[t]here are crises in this world. Bosnia, AIDS, and Hillary Clinton...to name a few." After writing such a well-thought out essay, I am at a loss to explain whatever possessed Mr. Ambroziak to ruin it all by comparing the Hillary Clinton Crisis to the AIDS epidemic and the war in Bosnia. By doing so, Mr. Ambroziak shamelessly trivializes the catastrophic ravages that Hillary Clinton has brought upon our Nation. One would assume it would be self-evident that AIDS and Bosnia don't amount to a hill of beans when stacked next to Hillary Clinton. Nevertheless, I fear that Mr. Ambroziak may actually have placed things in the wrong perspective this time. I only hope that in the future, he will be a little less cavalier in the comparisons he makes and a little more cognizant of their effect.

Taking action: ways we can increase our school rank

Ray Raya

In the aftermath of last month's announcement from U.S. News and World Report, it is important that we share ideas about how we can move into the Top 25. While I personally do not believe that a rank is the measure of a school, many employers have a different opinion. This is a game, but it is a game we can and must win.

Attitude

The first thing we need to realize is that this endeavor will take a concerted effort from all of us: students, faculty, and administration. Fingerpointing will not get us into the Top 25. The last issue of the Amicus intimated that "one measure of the administration's success or failure, is its ability to win at the rankings game." When W&M Law drops two points in the rankings, it really does not matter who is to blame. The only thing that matters is rectifying the situation and moving ahead.

Yet at the same time, we as an institution do ourselves a disservice when we write off our recent drop to "fluctuations." We should use this slip as a motivator to be more creative in the ways that we touch the outside world. We must recognize our weaknesses, organize, and then take no prisoners. Can we do it? We need not look any further at the success with The Princeton Review last month.

Money

Is money important for our ranking? You bet it is. The Faculty Resources category accounts for only 15% of the ranking. But there is still another 85% that we can affect. Money will definitely help, but that is a matter best left to the Dean and other members of the administration.

The U.S. News Formula

U.S. News and World Report has a set formula for calculating their ranking. They divide the formula into five separate categories and give each a different weight. The categories are: Overall Faculty Resources - 15% (65% - total expenditures per student, 10% - financial aid and overhead per student, 5% - total number of volumes in library, 20% - current student to teacher ratio); Reputation by Academics - 25%; Reputation by Lawyers & Judges - 15%, Overall Student Selectivity Rating - 25% (50% - LSAT, 40% - GPA, 10% - proportion of applicants accepted); Overall Placement Success Rating - 20% (60% - proportion employed six months after graduation, 30% - proportion employed at graduation, 10% - median starting salary for those in the private sector); U.S. News mails out surveys to law schools and to other people of our profession. Those people are instructed to fill out the surveys without looking at other materials to reach their decisions. This means that we must reach those people before they receive their surveys.

Reputation by academicians and lawyers/judges

1. Bluebook - The first thing we need to do is connect the people at Harvard who put together the Bluebook and make sure they include all of our journals in the next update. Currently, they do not list The Bill of Rights Journal, The Environmental Law and Policy Review, The Journal of Women and the Law, or the Journal of On-Line Law (and maybe soon the Military Law Review). Both students and academicians use the Bluebook constantly. Imagine an academic's surprise to learn that W&M Law now has at least four more journals. This will increase our reputation at no cost.

2. Announcement letters - Each issue of each journal could be heralded by a letter to professors in that field. For example, if I published an environmental journal at another school, I would send a letter to Professor Rosenberg letting him know what articles were in the next issue and why he should read them. Each of our journals could have the new independent study program work on such a project. It is guaranteed that our journals will become even more prevalent cited than they already are through this system. This project will cost a bit more money for postage and printing. But the bang for the buck is enormous.

See RANKINGS on 12
By Chris Ambrosio

The arrival of March Madness™ and the excitement of the Final Four®, coupled with the anticipation of the impending (and eternal) NBA playoffs and Opening Day of the baseball season, has caused me to ponder a basic problem with sports in America.

No, it's not the curious situation in which professional athletes feel compelled to belong to a "labor" union when the minimum wage for such "laborers" exceeds one hundred thousand dollars per year, and the average salary in at least one professional sport is one million dollars per year. No, it's not the saddening discovery that a member of the world-champion Dallas Cowboys (Michael Irvin) and a member of the world-champion-runner-up Pittsburgh Steelers (Barny Morris) are involved in separate cocaine-related scandals. And no, it's not the cosmos-inverting spectacle of a convicted and unrepentant rapist beating the crap out of a couple of schmucks and collecting tens of millions of dollars in the process. These are major problems for American sports, to be sure, but the real trouble is that the American sports industry seems to be uniquely skilled at butchering and torturing the English language, usually in front of impossibly large television audiences.

For this reason, I offer the following helpful hints to sportscasters and other sports figures who desire (or are forced) to speak on national television.

Tip No. 1: "Defense" is a noun, "defend" is a verb. Wrong. They are the Clip­pers going to defend Michael Jordan? Right. The only way the Clip­pers can defend against Michael Jordan is by shooting him with an assault rifle, if they have a man enough of the requisite abil­ity.

Tip No. 2: "Different" refers to simple subtraction of real numbers. Wrong. There's a five sec­ond difference between the shot clock and the game clock. Right. The difference between the shot clock and the game clock is five seconds, but no one gives a shit because Georgetown, through its typical early season scheduling, is play­ing the Shenzandoh Conservatory and winning by 49 points.

Tip No. 3: "Ratio" represents the direct relationship between two quantities and is calculated by dividing one by the other. "Margin," on the other hand, is amazing considering it's still the first quarter. Wrong. The turnover ratio is plus eight. Pat, because the Bulls have recovered the ball from the Jets on eight more occasions than they have lost it to the Jets. Right. The turnover margin is plus eight. John, which is amazing considering it's still the first quarter.

Tip No. 4: "Physical" refers to things that are tangible and that subject the laws of nature, whereas "human" behavior that trans­gresses the accepted rules of organized society.

Tip No. 5: Despite the tremen­dous advances in science in the 20th century, the maximum achievable output of any system, including the human body, is at 99.99% efficiency. Wrong. "I'm just gonna go out there and give a hundred and ten percent and do whatever it takes to get the job done." Right. "I've got a guaranteed contract, so I'm just gonna go out there and loaf it for a while, especially since the playoffs are several weeks hence and everyone—I know that the regular sea­son is about as meaningful as the Daytime Emmy Awards. Be­sides, we're playing the Siders for Chrisssakes.

Tip No. 6: God, if He or She exists, doesn't give a frog's fat ass about your "abilities" or the silly game that you play for a living. He or She is preoccup­i­ed with causing strife in the Middle East or failing to pre­vent war crimes in Bosnia­ Herzegovina or Iraq or Palestine. Wrong. "I just want to thank God for giving me my God-given abilities, and I want to thank God for His Almighty Grace in letting us win the national champi­onship and for allowing us to win the Chevrolet® Most Valu­able Player Award." Right. "I realize that as a result of genetics, intelligence, pa­tience, and hard work, I have become quite successful at deciding to play in private rather than opposite with some degree of velocity and accuracy. Although, for the life of me, I cannot fathom why so many ordinary citizens would be so enthralled by the odd spec­tacle of twenty-two sweaty men running around a court with the ball that I am able to achieve a high standard of living on the basis of said object-throwing alone.

Tip No. 7: A contract, unless induced by duress, coercion, mistake, or fraud, is enforce­able by both parties, particularly if it extends for a specific period of time and particularly if it is negotiated at arm's length by aggressive counsel. Wrong: "I know I'm in the middle of a four year, thirteen million dollar contract, but Heath Schuler sucks and he's making crazy dollars, so I'm going to hold out for more money this season." Right. "I am acutely aware that our free market society allows me to engage in recreational ac­tivities on a full-time basis, and that the average person whose money supports my profession would have to work seven life­times to accumulate the wealth that is dis­regarded to me in one year; thus I shan't raise a fuss when a program that arguably lesser abilities is allowed to se­cure a fraction more income for his effort."

This won't begin to correct all the trouble with sports in America, but at least the differ­ences between good wordages and bad ones will be reduced, and maybe if we all give a hun­dred and ten percent, this world will be a better place.

By Stephen T. King

Dan McInerney relinquished his crown as Amicus brew master on Friday, March 22 at the second annual Amicus Homebrew Contest. Kevin Muhlendorf (1L) took first and second place with his entries. McInerney did manage to salvage some dignity as the last two bottles of last year's champion beer — the infamous pumpkin beer — took third place. Some judges scored the pumpkin beer lower on their score cards because it was a hold-over from last year.

McInerney arrived at the contest with his keg of home brew. Unfortunately the carbonation was not sufficient, leaving the judges with only a pale shadow of what McInerney's beer should have been. Muhlendorf's first place beer swept into first place by unanimous choice, although the brewers themselves were a bit skepti­cal of the judges' choice, considering their palates amateur and delicate. Muhlendorf's beer was a very smooth, easy drinking beer without the heavy bit­ter taste that many big-gutted, hard drink­ers enjoy. Spectators, judges, and contestants all enjoyed a taste of the seven beers entered and took time out to gaze at the stars, hoping to catch a glimpse of the comet. Grech and Millner celebrated the successful completion of the contest with a couple of cigars.

Controversy erupted when the judges decided to go into private conference to discuss how the beers should be ranked. The contestants protested vehemently, but the judges prevailed, wanting to present a united front on their choices.

During the conference they had to request samples of four of the seven beers as the beer tasters don't want to split the beer out when tasting. In fact one of the objectives of a beer tasting is to get drunk. In the spirit of the contest, Louis Tesser (3L) showed up with a six pack of Budweiser and King put out a twelve pack of Milwaukee's Best Ice. Spectators,
News Flash: Leibig up to his ass in trouble

By Anonymous One

Chris Leibig was recently accused of stealing a chair from the Green Leaf cafe, resulting in an Honor Code charge. The incident occurred on one of the countless nights of late night drinking. Leibig’s accuser was unable to recall what evening the incident occurred. “Chris and I go out drinking just about every night of the week. It could have been anytime from Tuesday until Sunday,” said the accuser who wishes to communicate with the Ambulance Chaser only via hanging file and wished to remain anonymous, calling himself “Lazy Boy.”

Leibig’s defense is that the chair was accidentally stuck to his ass when he got up and walked out of the Green Leaf.

“There must have been some freshly chewed gum or something on the seat,” he said. Leibig first noticed that something was wrong when he tried getting into his car to head home after the usual closing down of the delis at two a.m. Paul Schroeder who was out with Leibig that night commented, “it actually turned out to be a good thing. There weren’t enough seats at Denny’s that night, but Leibig brought his own.”

Leibig has retained the services of noted criminal law expert Paul Marcus. Marcus will be assisted by expert adviser and former law student Jim Pennell. “This is a classic case of entrapment,” said Marcus. “They knew that my client has a propensity to forget what happens on nights he goes out drinking, and tends to get confused easily on any occasion. The Honor Council took advantage of this situation.” When asked whether Leibig would take the stand, Marcus burst into hysterical laughter.

“I swear, I don’t know how the chair got there,” insisted Leibig. “I woke up the next day at about two o’clock in the afternoon, like I normally would, and I knew something was wrong. There was something one or something in bed with me.”

The prosecution plans to hold a suppression hearing in an attempt to prevent Leibig from distributing a twelve pack of Milwaukee’s Best to the Honor Council during their deliberations. “I don’t know.”

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549 students expelled for Honor Code violations

By Anonymous One

549 of 550 students at M-W were expelled from school today. The students were found guilty of various Honor Code offenses -- typical among them was Peter Owen, ex-3L, who was expelled for lying . . . namely, parking in the Dean’s parking spot.

“At first I didn’t realize that parking there was a gross misrepresentation of material fact, i.e. that I was the Dean,” Owen said while disparently munching on a two-week old bag of Munchos, “but now my mind is right. I apologize and beg forgiveness from the remaining student.”

Also typical is newly expelled ex-3L Eric Misener, who was found guilty of taking too much hot sauce from the local Taco Bell, i.e. stealing. “But I really like the hot sauce,” claimed Misener as he was led from the building. The Honor Council of One found beyond a reasonable doubt that no one person could possibly use three packets of hot sauce per taco.

The temporary crisis that occurred when it was realized that no one could judge the accused students was averted as judge, jury, prosecution, and defense counsel during all the proceedings.

“We need more students like the anonymous 1L at this school,” said an accused and acquitted Dean Krattenmaker, who recently expanded the jurisdiction of the Honor Council of One to include administrators and faculty.

“What makes this country great is our tradition of anonymous accusations of negligible offenses. If you watch out for the small stuff, the big stuff will take care of itself,” Krattenmaker explained. The student body was understandably excited by the outcomes of all the trials. “Now parking shouldn’t be such a problem,” the Anonymous One said.

“Plus I won’t have to deal with all those ‘people’ being around me. Finally M-W is a pure and morally righteous school.”

Partial list of Expelled Persons

Ex-Proffesors: Richard Fedok, and Greg Rougeno. "One student body was found guilty of stealing government funds, i.e. being one minute late back from lunch and not reporting herself or offering restitution until caught."

For ex-3L Nate Green from distributing a twelve pack of Milwaukee’s Best to the Honor Council during their deliberations. “I don’t know.”

Imposters lounge in lobby

By Charity No

Hearing of the PSF’s plight because no W&M students would participate in the Lounge-a-Thon, several students from Regent University decided to participate in our places.

“We were looking for another public service project this year,” said Christian Thoughts. “It sure is a shame that the students at William and Mary couldn’t give up even one night of debauchery to sit their righteous rears on the naug, he lamented.

“Get these damn bleeding hearts out of our law school,” yelled Jeff Ambroziaik from his intellectual perch in the library. “We don’t need any stinkin’ charity here!”

The volunteers consumed their time by watching the 700 Club and witnessing to one another and all who would listen.
Allen budget cuts leads to destruction of law school

By Skin Flint

Governor Allen’s budget cuts have gone too far, according to the administration at the law school. “They’ve gone beyond simply keeping money from us. The state actually wants to take our building away,” said Dean Krattenmaker. Demolition crews have begun the deconstruction of the law school and hope to have the work completed in time for the 1998-1999 school year. The present building will be replaced with trailers, and the library will be replaced by a book mobile. “We feel this could have serious consequences for the space crunch here at the law school,” added Krattenmaker. In a press conference held last week, Allen announced a new initiative to remove all funding from legal education by the 21st century, sparking widespread speculation that this could be a preemptive strike against the kinds of legal problems that President Clinton has suffered. “This is a real bite in the ass,” exclaimed Krattenmaker at the press conference.

Allen’s proposal might have grave consequences for the law school’s rankings in publications such as U.S. News & World Report. Ray Raya has already announced plans to mitigate any bad PR coming out of the loss of the law school building. “We still have the Elvis shrine and we still have a caring and loving community,” said Raya.

“Yeah, it’s going to be hard to sell this school to prospective law students once we no longer have a building,” commented Faye Shealy, “but we will have reporters aplenty to increase bathroom privacy in the future.” Raya believes student satisfaction surveys will not be adversely affected by the change in circumstances here at the law school, as long as students are told the proper responses.

Fashion police get arrested for public nudity

By Phat N. Phunky

In a stunning development, fashion columnist Dart Jackson and his one-time sidekick Scott Boak denounced clothing as “unwanted cultural baggage.” They wandered the streets of Colonial Williamsburg yelling “back to nature, back to nature” thoroughly unclothed and swilling cheap whiskey.

Another boring article about nothing

By Nobody Important

The Amicus has at times been known to fill up what would otherwise be blank pages with articles that have no interest to any segment of our reading public. No one is more aware of the problem than out-going Editor Stephen King. “I am filled with anguish,” he said.

In-coming Editor Sutton Snook hopes to remedy the problem of a bored reading public by bringing in more stories full of personal attacks, innuendo, and unsubstantiated news stories by scandalous writers such as Dart Jackson and Pat Marshall. “I already tried to spice this two-bit, poorly-written rag by making up outrageous quotes,” said Snook.

“Ever since Dart discovered the truth, that clothing doesn’t make the man it only hides the real man, I’ve been ready to embark on a new writing collaboration with him,” said Boak.

“There are no boundaries any more,” expounded Jackson with a snap of his fingers and toss of his hair. The police originally charged Boak with insubordination, innuendo, and unsubstantiated truth. “We, the Commonwealth Attorney’s office plans to drop the case. Instead they will turn Jackson and Boak over to the Legal Skills office to perform ‘legal skills’ in the matter of their case.” Jackson added with a laugh.

“We felt that another year dealing with legal skills would be punishment enough for these two wayward souls,” said an attorney with the prosecutor’s office.

Jim Moliterno emphasized what a great windfall this will be for the legal skills program. “We hope to have this innovative learning technique publicized in numerous obscure legal magazines,” added Moliterno.

Many students expressed shock and disbelief upon hearing of Jackson’s recent conversion. “Does this mean he didn’t mean all those things he said in all those fashion columns earlier in the year?” asked one previously maligned and skeptical student.

“I’ve got nothing left to believe in,” lamented a former diva who wished to remain anonymous.

“I still don’t know why he never included me in his fashion column,” said Frank Sabia, shaking his head and realizing that the opportunity has forever eluded him. “I’ll have to retire my white suit now.”

“When you peel away the wrapper, there really is a soft sensitive guy under there,” said Jackson, trying to explain his sudden condemnation of fashion fiction. As is often the case, however, his message was lost on much of his audience.

Newspaper staff accidentally uncovers news story

By No Nues

While looking for stories to fill the Ambulance Chaser newspaper staff accidentally uncovered a real news story. “We were flabbergasted,” said news reporter Eliza Hutchinson. “Usually I ask the Editor to just give me a nice personal interest story where I interview a professor or administrator about his pets and children.”

When asked about the snafu, Editor Stephen King responded, “We’ve tried hard all year to keep real news stories out of the paper. I personally have turned a blind eye to many news stories — a willful ignorance if you will.”

“Next year we will have no such problems,” indicated an angry Sutton Snook. “There is no place for the news in this newspaper.”

Former news reporter Doug Onley commented that this kind of thing happens all the time. “You work hard to make a living, to find the news, and to avoid any kind of controversy, but sometimes a story comes right along and bites you in the ass.”

Patrick Lee, former Flat Hat news editor, concurred with Onley’s assessment. “I’ve seen many good journalists and many good newspapers fall apart when confronted with the ugly truth.” Lee added that sometimes beer is the only answer.

“We don’t want anyone to mistake us for a professional operation,” said King. “The closer we get to the truth the more scared I get.”

Although a real news story was uncovered, the paper was unable to print it for the following reasons:

1) all the reporters were too apathetic or too scared to write a real news story.
2) the sources for the story wished to remain anonymous or would not comment for the record.
3) the administration kindly asked us to “kiss its collective See NEWS on 4
News Briefs

Cavity Search?
"A full body cavity search will be required next year of all applicants who wish to serve on the Editorial Board of the Bill of Rights Journal, it was announced today. "We want to know as much as is possible about each candidate," stated a spokesman.

Editorial Problems Solved
New Amicus Editor Sutton Snook has announced a change in editorial policy designed to avoid the problems his notoriously weak-kneed predecessor had while in office. All articles from now on will be attributed to their authors, however the paper will be anonymous. "We want to be known as the newspaper formerly known as the Amicus," said Snook.

No Laptops
The Virginia Board of Bar Examiners does not allow the use of laptops on the bar exam. 3L’s Peter Owen and Ramsey Taylor plan to “explore all legal and illegal options," Owen stated. Their first move is to file suit in federal district court.

Survey Results
In a random phone poll, 37% of Marshall-Wythe 1Ls surveyed would approve of changing the name of the school to “That law place near CW or something.” 41% had no opinion. 22% of the answers were unintelligible, because the 1Ls were speaking into the wrong end of the phone.

Rumor Mill
Newly-departed Henry Jardine (2L) has reportedly turned down President Clinton’s offer to be his roving ambassador in Europe. Jardine was to replace the now departed Richard Holbrooke. "Henry felt that Warren Christopher had already been upstaged enough," said a well-placed source. "Besides, he’s holding out for a Cabinet post."

New registration system unveiled

By Can O. Whoopass
This week Registrar Liz Jackson unveiled two new systems designed to make law students' registration process flow more smoothly than in previous years. Due to the confusion wrought by hands-on use of the online Student Information System and the hassles of resetting over 350 passwords each semester, the administration has moved to a computerized service which bypasses direct student input.

The first major change in student registration, as many students discovered during the process two weeks ago, is that classes will now be scheduled according to their designated specialization. To ensure the furtherance of a true liberal arts education, all courses within a given discipline will be taught at the same time. This way, students will not be cornered into a specialization which they may find unsatisfactory in the future; they will leave M-W with a diversity of education which will carry them into many fields.

To solve the complaints about alphabetical and class-year registration time slots and to relieve the burden of fixing errors that student use of online registration caused for the Registrar’s office, the administration has contracted with a local programming firm to produce a program which will randomly assign students to classes in the aforementioned time slots. Students D-K were overjoyed at the news, feeling that they will have a much better chance at getting enrolled in the courses of their choice if the assignments are made randomly.

Dean Jackson expressed satisfaction with the new system. "I feel students will be happier if they don’t have to deal with the computers. Of course, it also makes my work easier when I don’t have to clean up after the computer’s errors.” Jackson also announced that, due to the new computerized selection system, the Add/Drop period will be abolished as of the fall semester. "We’re confident that the new registration system will provide every student with a diverse education." Not everybody can have the classes of his or her own choosing, but each person must make that sacrifice for the sake of the process running smoothly."

Even More Clip ‘n’ Save Marshall-Wythe Trading Cards!

This week: Frankly, not the Midas touch

Stolen Elvis lamp spotted at Neverland Ranch
By Stone Johnson

And they don't cost an arm and a leg.

In conjunction with the anniversary of Jeffrey Dahmer's death, the South and North American Carnal Knowledge Society (SNACKS), a cannibalism advocacy group, is releasing a line of chewable vitamins in the shapes of human body parts. "We want Jeffrey Dahmer to be recognized as a martyr, and we hope that gradually, we can make eating people socially acceptable again," said SNACKS spokesman Rafael Huoves. "We anticipate as food becomes more scarce, your neighbor will look more appetizing." Part of the proceeds of the sales will go to the victims' families.

Just make sure they're not sheepskin.

Alarmed by recent statistics showing young boys copulating with livestock more than ever, and concerned about the spread of anthrax, the lower house of the Wyoming legislature has taken up a bill banning the sale of waders to males below the age of 21. Opponents of the bill argue that the proposal violates equal protection ("What about Catherine the Great?!" beliefs one legislator), and that the solution to this problem is more anthrax education and the distribution of condoms to ranchers.

"I'm a Dole man!"

In its latest attempt to woo black voters, the Republican party has released an album entitled Dole's Got Soul, where the presidential hopeful joins soul emissaries like James Brown and Flava Flav to cover soul and hip-hop favorites from Wilson Pickett’s "Wait Til the Midnight Hour" to 69 Boyz' "Tottie Roll." Commented Dole, "I wanted to do a couple by that Neil Diamond fella, but my handlers didn’t think it would be a good idea."

First VMA, now this?

Night club owners throughout the Middle East and Far East are astonished at the new dance craze sweeping the scene. According to local club hoppers, the "Reach Around" (which entails two dance partners simulating male sodomy with the partner in back reaching around to the front partner’s genital area) originated in the flamboyant gay clubs of Bangkok and Manila. Now, however, the dance is popular even in places like Riyadh and Baghdad, where homosexuality is widely condemned. One club-goer in Tripoli admitted he doesn't know what the dance means, yet finds it strangely arousing.

Looking out for number one

The latest corporation to market to Generation X is Depend Undergarments. In a joint venture with Anheuser-Busch, they are currently test-marking RELAX, "a protective undergarment," to the toilet-trained and continent, namely males between the ages of 21 and 35. "Sometimes it's really inconvenient to go to the toilet. . . . Our target audience is sports fans who want to drink a lot, but don't want to miss any of the action," said Murray Schroeder, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing. Schroeder contends that making it socially acceptable to urinate in your pants is an uphill battle, but remains upbeat and optimistic. "We've got a team working on that now. A couple of hip celebrity endorsements should help turn things around." Schroeder hopes to unveil RELAX on opening day of football season at Texas Stadium. "We'll be handing them out to the first 10,000 people. If we're really lucky, they'll let us shut down the bathrooms."

Look for the union label

A recent National Labor Relations Board decision in Chicago enables talk show guests who appear "regularly" on the talk show circuit to form their own union. "This should make people realize that going on a talk show is work. We are performers, just like Jim Carrey or Super Dave Osborne," said the newly elected union president Wanda June Crudd, a one-legged psychic white supremacist. "The days when we were exploited for our pain and heartbreak are over. Now we get scale pay," added Sally D'Augustin, whose fiancee slept with her mother, brother, best friend, dog, and neighbor (these are not the same individual). Talk show hosts are appealing the ruling, contending that the vote to unionize was invalid, because the transfer right out of the union was not done properly.

TRADING CARDS:

Franky, not the Midas Touch

Frank will be remembered as the man who sold snake oil (SMH Bar Review courses) to unsuspecting law students, only to see the whole enterprise go up in smoke. Do you think Frank's future employers were aware of this when they asked him to join their firm?

Frank also orchestrated the demise of the Administrative Law Review. As managing editor, he managed its transfer right out of W&M and on to a more deserving school.

After transferring to W&M from Catholic, Frank brought with him the destruction of the law school facilities (see article on p. 2). Coinciding with Frank's arrival, the law school saw a precipitous decline in its national ranking. Based on past bad associations with Frank, we can only expect the school to plummet into oblivion.
Everyone eats, but few know true flavor*

By Dart Jackson

As I sat down to pen this article, I did so with mixed emotions. It has been a tough and interesting year. Now is a very strange time for me, and I suspect, many of my fellow classmates as well. Black is white and up is down.

I don't feel like a grown-up. I remember becoming a mom or dad, or to hold an

I assert, however, that it is not just our profession that is in trouble — it is also my Manifesto.

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Me, Me, Me: (conservatives might am sure)

You have and will continue to have our support, though not in the money I said.

It is just not our responsibility to our school. Our oath and our code of ethics requires us to do this.

Our Responsibility. The oath we will take after we pass the bar, I believe, requires us to develop (if you don't already have it) some compassion for those around us. If you think you are just in law school to make some cash later on, you are horribly mistaken. Our oath and our code of ethics requires that we be more than money makers. If you need some role models here are a few: Sec. of Commerce Ron Brown, Elizabeth Dole, Marian Wright Edelman, Peter McGowan, Janet Reno.

These folks are peacemakers and strategists. These folks make a significant contribution to our country, our world. They are public servants. That is what we should all strive to become.

Our responsibility is to our school community and to the greater community. Our responsibilities do not include fueling our own personal insecurities or reveling in our perceived power. To have power and respect, you don't need money or guns, you just need the will to do what others will not do. In our profession that means being an honest, good person who never forgets his/her role as a public servant. Unfortunately, that is a rarity — not only in our profession, but in this school.

Thanks. I wish I had more time and space, but I don't. When I first arrived here, I was miserable. I hated it here because it was so "barren" "unfeeling" and "pathetic." I had come from Duke, which I thought was paradise, and this place was My Own Private Idaho. You see, I was a spoiled little kid who had come to expect all the best — at all times. I was the sybarite that I have admonished all year. Because I once was (and changed), I know anyone can become more aware, more compassionate, and far less emersed in material things. I owe this change, in some part, to a small group of people. I have learned much, and I know I have so much more to learn. But this group of folks, among others, finally made me feel enough at home here at MW, so that I could begin my self-examination. They have renewed my strength when I was sapped, picked me up when I fell down. Everyone should be as fortunate as I. Love and thanks to: Mike F., Tim M., Courtney C., Jen H., Lisa M., Carey L., Michele B., The Phillips, JKG & Logan, Bouk, Dave D., Jeff A., Jen G. and (way) back in the day, as hard as it is to believe, Mark K. I have always tried to live my life by the following, although it was not until recently that I was able to put the force I have lived by into words:

I just want to be able to look back on my life and say... I did it the best I could while I was stuck at this place... had as much fun as I could while I was stuck at this place... learned as much as I could when I was stuck at this place.

May the wind always be at your backs — Good Luck Everyone.

*Confucius

Overheard:

"Have you ever thought, and I have, that one run across the border and return with five pounds of cocaine, and I'm set for life." -- Prof. Williamson

"What about the case where the cop thinks the kid has a gun, but he reaches in and pulls out a banana?" — Paul Walker (IL)

"I loooowooe lesbians." -- Stephen Diamond (IL)

"I don't normally use the school newspaper as a teaching tool, but it's relevant here." —Prof. Meese

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

This week: Homebrewer's Hall of Fame

Kevin Muhlenhof

J.C. Thieme

Chris Millner

Dan Mcinerney
Things that suck: A farewell from the Smarter Guy

The time has come to bid adieu. Oddly, we (yes, there is more than one Smarter Guy) will miss the lives of those things with you, the remaining student body. We do so hoping that each new class will act to change old Bill & Mary for the better, and that old problems will be discarded to make room for new, improved problems.

Imprismed, we'd like our more "sensitive" readers to note that these observations should not be regarded as "mean-spirited" in any way, shape, or form. Laughter is the oyster of life, and Lord knows that many of our readers are in desperate need of such relief. And so, here are a few things in our caring community that suck:

1. Apathy. Some of you have turned this into an art form. I've sworn I've seen jelly donuts have been more involved with improving the quality of life around here than most students. Granted, most of you are very busy whipping each other into a neurotic frenzy about grades and jobs. Just don't start whining about bad things are only when they directly affect you. Oh, what a care... nothing I say really matters anyway...

2. The absence of any written policy governing academic matters. Hey: here's a great idea! Why not actually have a set of written guidelines around to do with academic problems or two? That way, the administration can point to the specific section in our "Code that lets them make autocratic decisions to give an entire class a "pass" for a normally graded course, void graded class assignments, or give students a "pass" when an instructor loses an exam! Not only will this be fun, but it will give many of our aspiring politicians in the student body a chance to learn what it's like to try to maintain sound, fair, democratic principles of law in a safe, nonthreatening bureaucracy!

3. The SBA. Anyone here miss all those high-school elections that spawned the term "popularity contest?" Fear not! We've continued the process at W&M Law!

What do they do besides schedule bar reviews and get us nifty discounts from local merchants? The best they could do is get better beer for patio social events instead of forcing us to drink horsecaps.

Or, if they're really optimistic, they could try and tackle more than just "fluff issues." Sec. #2, supra. Then again, tackling too many controversial topics may cause the administration to disband the organization, thereby dispelling the illusion that we have any control or power of self-determination here.

4. Assholes in the student body. A previous Amicus columnist once said that one could walk down the hall at W&M law, say "Hi, Jerk!" to everyone she met, and she would be correct 85% percent of the time. I don't speculate on the actual percentage of sycophantic, egreedy, greedy, narcissistic, stuffed-shirt, arrogant, or just plain irritating people present in the student body, but I'm sure all of you have formed your own opinions. Too bad we don't have some way to weard out these people before we admit them, but then we might lose too many tuition dollars or have problems filling classrooms. Which brings me to the next topic:

5. Students who whine because they didn't get into UVa. Mr. Jefferson's university is not the end-all, be-all of law schools in Virginia. Granted, it gets more money than we do, it places more students in high-paying jobs than we do, and it gets the privilege of flaunting its argument better reputation in the rankings than we do. But, then again, they are a bunch of wennie, brite-eating snobs. There should be a rule (see #2, supra) that any student who bitches about going here instead of there, or anybody publicly uttering the phrase "Mr. Jefferson's university" should be dressed in colocely-related fodder for the less fortunate.

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6. Professors who can't teach. I suppose it would be too much to ask for professors to get organized and make this material intellectually accessible for us. Unfortunately, I know too many students who regard their professors as superfluous, or even a hindrance to understanding the material. Something is wrong when skipping class results can result in a better grade on the exam. If you think this doesn't happen on a regular basis, then you probably also believe: "The presence misrepresents of employment statistics at W&M Law."

I must hand it to OCPD: they do a fair job despite their manpower and budget constraints. That does not mean they should misrepresent or "color" the employment statistics of previous graduating classes to lure unsuspecting prospective students here. The percentages reported in the application booklet (which, bah, I thought we were representative of chances for legal employment upon graduation), still list that it is all well with the world at W&M Law. But should we really count people who work at McDonald's who say, "We could get in some trouble if we put that dead mouse in a burger," as enjoying "legally-related" employment? Then again, if we really reflected the dire exigency of employment chances at W&M, how could we attract the bottom 50% of each class to the profession? Then again, the applicant had to be a "reasonably bright student" (see #9, supra) to get into W&M Law. Why do you think they are a bunch of wennie, brite-eating snobs. There should be a rule (see #2, supra) that any student who bitches about going here instead of there, or anybody publicly uttering the phrase "Mr. Jefferson's university" should be dressed in colocely-related fodder for the less fortunate.

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7. The Curve. Is there a real difference between students who are three-tenths of a grade point away from each other? Why, there must be. Why else would employers select only those students in the top (put cutoff percentage) of the class for jobs paying oodles of money, leaving the rest to face questionable futures? But then again, it might just be that the market can only afford to employ (put cutoff percentage) of law grades, which would mean that law schools are really just admitting students who will ultimately serve as cannon fodder for the "top," having no real chance of success themselves. In fact, some law schools questioned the morality of admitting so many students when the market is bad, but they got over it quickly when they realized, "If you don't move the blasted thing to a more easily-accessible area (or areas), we'll know that you're doing it to spite us. If you want to know where to put them, ask any student and I'm sure they'll be happy to give you a few "suggestions."

11. Mean-spirited anonymous columnists. These people can really ruin your day. Especially by publishing and responding to mean-spirited letters from the student body. I mean, gosh, golly, they can disturb the facade of joyous "collegiality" in our shiny-happy community when everyone else is trying so hard to sweep the controversal stuff under the proverbial rug. That's just downright counterproductive.

Fortunately, this year's Smarter Guy(s) have never thrown the first stone, and have therefore avoided the temptation just to chose to attack others without justification or provocation. See SMARTER on 11

TRADING CARDS: Homebrewer's Hall of Fame

Dan Mcinerney
Yes, we are all tired of seeing Dan's name in print, but he is one of the community's leading home brewers and leading beer drinkers. On how the mighty have fallen. Dan took the Bitty Award in this year's Home Brew competition, after a sudden reversal of fortune in beer quality. On an unrelated note, Dan also prides himself on being the best stick handler in the law school.

Chris Millner
Is he part of the conspiracy? There seems to be a pattern developing of Duke undergraduates arriving at M-W and then completing the circuit with a job in Atlanta. A little known fact is that Chris was originally recruited to play basketball at Duke until his beer brewing hobby and beer drinking habit caught up with him. He couldn't win this year's contest, however, even with roommate Jason Grech as one of the judges.

J.C. Thieme
J.C. started experimenting with beer after being inspired by one of last year's contestants, circulation desk employee Bitsy. We don't know if that is the wisest brewing model considering Bitsy's rather abysmal performance in last year's contest. J.C.'s dream is to work for a firm that represents Las Vegas casinos.

Kevin Muhlhendorf
The winner! After finishing in first place, the ever gracious Kevin queried, "Isn't there a trophy or anything?" No Kevin, the Amicus doesn't have that in its budget, but thanks for asking. All you get is the pride of a job well done and something to include on your resume (if your applying at the Busch Brewery).
Music for the Masses

Music Menu: Everclear, Tindersticks, and “Four Dead Squirrels”

By Tom Church

Everclear
Sparkle and Fade

*** (out of five)

One of the better purveyors of loud little rock songs on the current scene, Everclear has been playing on the club circuit for several years. With the proper alternative credibility (unlike, say, Bush), loads of volume, and A.P. Alexakis’ mellow, talky swagger, loads of volume, and A.

is a fine, rocking, big-label debut for the trio from Portland.

Alexakis, lead singer and guitarist, has said that the Pixies’ Doolittle changed his life and made him start a band, and you definitely hear the influence. Sharp, loud guitars, occasional screams, and attempts at new and different guitar phrases are found throughout. The Pixies’ influence is tempered by an attachment to standard bluesy guitar, Alexakis’ rootsy drawl, and relentlessly catchy, conversational songs about real people. It’s sort of like the Pixies filtered through Tom Petty.

The band is tight and loud; the drums slam, and the bass pumps. Such tight, punky musicianship keeps the songs concise and powerful. The band says what they want to say, and then they get out. What they have to say is usually immediate and flavorful. Compelling, unpretentious images of hopes (“Santa Monica”), fears (“Summerland,” “Strawberry”), and distinctive characters, mostly women (“Her Brand Now Skin” “Heroin Girl”), permeate the album. From “Pale Green Stars”: “Amanda is in love with the sight of the moon. She’s got pale green stars in her room right up above her bed. Put them on the ceiling, leave on the light. When the sun goes down, then the stars might shine.”

Modern rock needs a Bruce Springsteen, and A. P. Alexakis is it. Unlike the lyrics of most of his MTV compadres, his lyrics tend away from the abstract, and they sound genuine coming from his scratchy voice. Before you buy this disc, buy the Pixies’ Doolittle, a truly original album, to see from where Everclear and so many current bands (Nirvana included) are coming. Then consider Sparkle and Fade; the band rips, and Alexakis sounds like he knows what he’s talking about.

For Squirrels
Example

** (out of five)

Sounding sort of like a loud REM, For Squirrels is yet another entry into the world of modern guitar rock. With some vocal harmonies, loud guitars, and occasionally interesting musical ideas, Example is a competent release from a pretty good, young rock band.

Unfortunately for For Squirrels, the band doesn’t have too much new to say with their sound. Their songs are pretty tuneful and the musicianship is first-rate, but they often sound like you’ve heard it all before. “Orangeworkever” and “Under Smithville” sound reminiscent of the previously discussed REM, “Superstar” hails of Led Zeppelin, and “Disenchanted” smacks of the Connells or some other whiny group.

Admittedly, For Squirrels is a proficient rock band; their music rocks, the singing is earnest, and the tunes are pretty catchy. However, forty other bands are doing the same thing, and plenty of them have more personality. Example is a quality album; the disc has plenty of variety, and the guitar work is often complicated and distinctive. Also, unlike many bands currently on the radio, For Squirrels doesn’t sound like Pearl Jam. Perhaps, REM combined with Nirvana will sell, but this guy ain’t buying.

Tindersticks

**** (out of five)

For a truly distinctive sound and some wacky songwriting, turn to last year’s self-titled release from England’s Tindersticks. Not the most cheerful record, it nonetheless is quite inspiring in its combination of poetic lyrics and dramatic music.

The singing, somewhat reminiscent of Leonard Cohen, is deep, thick, and moody. The band fuses elements of jazz, traditional pop, folk, and rock into a fascinating blend, incorporating a wide variety of acoustic sounds, including guitar, trumpet, sitar, marimba, and piano, along with the electric elements of organ, bass, and occasionally some noisy feedback guitar. Amazingly, this wide variety of influences always sounds authentic and appropriate, never cheesy.

Strange, penetrating images abound. From “Snowy in Fiji minor”: “Did you ever wonder what’s inside that keeps us together? Did you ever want to take that knife and discover?” From “A Night In”: “I had shoes full of holes when you first took me in; I had callouses, not sores, and I let you knoc them.”

If any of these so-called “alternative” radio stations lived up to their name, they would be playing this stuff. The songs of Tindersticks take the listener somewhere and live, imprinted in the mind, unforgettable, the way great music should. Tindersticks are strange, moody, and sometimes pretentious, but still accessible. If you’re a listener who likes to explore and is sick of the same old schlock, take a ride with Tindersticks. Thanks to Echoes CDs and Tapes for lending music.

The Concert Corner

By Dave Mincer

Those looking for great local shows need look no further than the Deli scene. CHICKEN BOY will be making its last two appearances of the year on Wed. April 10 at Paul’s, and Wed. April 17 at the Green Leaf. The second show is a special treat, the Final Show Rock Star Party. Kemper has promised to break all of the band’s equipment over Tom’s head, you don’t want to miss it. If you haven’t caught them yet, get the hell out of here! If you have, I know you’ll be there on Wednesday, because these guys kick ass! Shows at the Flood Zone are only advertised each day. You can find out who’s playing by calling the number below. This show listing goes well into the summer for those of you sticking around. Prices given for shows are advance ticket purchase prices. All tickets can be purchased by phone at 671-8100. The price at the door should be slightly higher. For more information, call the Flood Zone at (804) 643-1117, the Boat House at (804) 622-6395, the Miller Concert Line at (804) 622-3679, or the Cellar Door Concert Line at (804) 463-7625.

Here is a calendar of upcoming shows:

Mon., Apr. 8: The Niloxons and For Squirrels, The Abyss, 9 p.m., $8
Thur., Apr. 11: Buzzard, The Abyss, 9 p.m., $2/$4
Fri., Apr. 12: Dead Eye Dick, The Baitshack
Sat., Apr. 13: Widespread Panic, DDU Fieldhouse, 8 p.m., $10
POSsum Dixon, The Baitshack
Thur., Apr. 18: Merle Haggard and the Strangers, The Boat House, 8 p.m., $15
Agent Orange, The Abyss

Tues., Apr. 30: Dave Matthews Band, Richmond Amphitheatre
Wed., May 1: The Tondies, The Baitshouse
Sat., May 18: Spacehog, The Abyss
Sun., May 19: Presidents of the U.S.A. and Superdeluxe, The Boatshouse
Mon., May 27: 311 at The Strawberry Banks
Honeymoon in the movies

The Honeymoon is over - Primal Fear Sucks

By Dave and Jennifer Eberly

PRIMAL FEAR

When we go to the movies to see a thriller, we are always warned. The new film is one of those films with predictable plot and storyline. Twenty minutes into the film we realized that it was a pipe dream.

Primal Fear stars Richard Gere as Martin Vail, a high-profile criminal defense attorney. Laura Linney co-stars in this courtroom "thriller" as the state's attorney and Gere's sometime love interest. You may remember Linney from the feature film "Congo." Gere represents the "butcher boy," a 16-year-old altar boy accused of murdering the much beloved Archbishop of Chicago. All signs point to the guilt of Gere's client, but Gere alone believes the boy is innocent. His client maintains that the boy is merely being blamed for the crimes for which he was convicted.

The next thing he remembers is running from the Bishop's mansion covered in blood. Gere and Linney's performances were lackluster at best. Gere couldn't pull off the attorney part of "high profile attorney" and seemed ambivalent when he should have been obsessed about his client's fate. Linney's character was one of the most one-dimensional characters we have ever seen. (This is interesting since she praised her character's depth in an interview with Katie Couric on NBC's "Today Show.""

The only bright spot was the actor who played Aaron, the "butcher boy," whose name we missed in our rush to leave the theater.

Even putting courtroom and legal inaccuracies aside, Primal Fear's plot was flat and unbelievable. While probably a good novel, the screenplay failed to develop any of the characters or provide a sense of realism in the story line. As we were leaving the theater, we heard someone say, "I can't tell from the audience's faces what to think of the movie." Obviously he wasn't looking at us because our dual expressions of disgust were evident.

Rating Scale: = Better than Cats; we'll see it again and again; = We'd see it for full price only if offered a large popcorn. = Pretty good. = Don't mention it during a job interview. = Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Food for thought

An Italian couple from Brooklyn, a Mom & Pop stop, and a hidden cure for your sweet tooth

By Ian Siminoff

I found a place to go for Italian Food. Of course it is not in Williamsburg, but if you take Route 60 for fifteen miles into Newport News, Carmela's will be the place. The owner, husband and wife, came down from Brooklyn, and opened up a homet, casual Italian restaurant with good food at affordable prices. Inside you'll find a brick-oven, red-and-white checkered tablecloths, plenty of people, and friendly waiters and waitresses. Although Jerry will be in the kitchen cooking during your meal, you can catch his wife running around making sure her customers are happy (and eating). Start off with the bruschetta, Italian bread, which is lightly toasted, smeared with fresh garlic, and covered with ripe garden tomatoes and extra virgin olive oil. Top it with some fresh Parmigiano. It is fantastic! Carmela's makes its own pasta on the premises and a whole range of sauces to accompany those pastas. The selection is enormous: pasta selections include such items as fettuccine, prosciutto and chicken ravioli, and porcini mushroom ravioli. Sauce selections consist of traditional meat sauce to sun-dried tomato pesto to carbonara. Although there is much more than pasta on the menu (the menu is vast), I recommend staying with pasta since that is the specialty. A bottle of red wine goes well with this meal and you can afford one at $10-15 dollars a pop.

For dessert, get the cannoli. The filling of ricotta cheese, chocolate chips, mascarpone, sugar, and cream is from New York and is outstanding. Accompany your cannoli with a cappuccino or a glass of wine.

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Back here in Williamsburg, you will find more that train and bus schedules at the Amtrak station (located next to the post office). A mom & pop gourmet sandwich shop, the Station Cafe, operates in the quaint station. They boast exotic sandwiches such as roast beef with roasted red pepper mayonnaise, grilled balsamic and tarragon chicken sandwiches, and homemade tuna pasta salad, all served up with a choice of homemade bread, straight from the owner's house bakery, where he and his wife have renovated and catered catering establishment. Stop in between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. for a light lunch or a homemade pastry for breakfast. There is now outdoor seating on the platform on the track side or you can have your food brought to you inside. The place has a kind of European feel to it. Delicious!

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Head down Jamestown Road away from school, past the 199 intersection, the road bears to the right a mile later, follow it to the right, go another 3/4 mile and on your left is a cheesy looking hotel with green and orange awnings called the Carrot Tree Motel & Bakery.

Don't let the outside frighten you because the premier bakery in Williamsburg is run out of the back. Many of the finest restaurants and coffeehouses get their baked goods from Carrot Tree. What many people don't know is that you can walk in there any day before 6:00 P.M. and pick up a few rich treats for yourself, some costing no more than $.50. Homemade cookies, brownies, raspberry and lemon bars, cream cheese frosted cupcakes and carrot cakes, gooey sticky buns, and muffins are all under $1.00. Try their homemade focaccia and assorted breads as well.

WARNER from 3

solution lies in "making government work smarter."

Government can provide resources, serve as a catalyst, and as a framework, but there should also be roles for the private and non-profit sectors in society.

Encouraging more community service, Warner named the Medical Care for Children Project and the Virginia Health Care Foundation as successful models for utilizing all three sectors in problem-solving.

As his third issue, Warner addressed the technological revolution, a revolution that he believes will change how and where Americans do their jobs, how Americans educate their children, and how Americans deal with societal problems such as incarcerating prisoners and feeding the hungry. Warner considers this revolution as significant as the industrial revolution.

When Americans were confronted with industrial growth, the industries were not ready to handle industrial accidents, child labor, sweat shops, and overcrowded cities.

The entire revolution, however, took decades and the government had 50 to 70 years to catch up. This technological revolution will occur much faster, and America has already seen the downside as automation replaces humans in industrial jobs, more people leave school unskilled for the jobs which exist, and people grow afraid for their future.

Warner believes that given his background, he can bring a perspective to the Senate which will assist this transition. Warner declared why Virginians should select him over John Warner.

According to Mark Warner, Senator Warner proved to be a more dependable vote for Newt Gingrich than Senators Jesse Helms and Alfonse D'Amato. Mark Warner further stated, "We're going to win this race because I want the job more than he does.''

5. Alumni Ambassador Program

Also included in the report should be ideas for PR that do not target the media. For example, most undergraduate institutions sponsor "Law Days" in which they invite law schools on campus. Undergrads can then pick up admissions materials and speak with an advisor from each law school. For many undergrads see RAYA on 15
Monday, April 8

Would you like to talk to President Sullivan about the Honor Code?: Informal luncheon with President Sullivan for students at 12 noon. RSVP to Gail Sears at 221-1693.

Sexual Assault Awareness Day: Vice President Sam Sadler will speak at a ceremonial planting of a star magnolia tree at 11 a.m. on the front lawn of the University Center. From 12-5 p.m. The Avalon Clothesline Project will be exhibited in the lobby along with resource tables for Avalon, the W&M Counseling Center, and alcohol awareness.

A Mid-Winters Tale: at DOG Street Theatre 7 p.m.
Twelve Monkeys: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Tennis: Women's tennis vs. Wake Forest, 2 p.m.
A Mid-Winters Tale: at DOG Street Theatre 7 p.m.
Richard III: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Lacrosse: Women's lacrosse vs. Old Dominion, 4 p.m.
A Mid-Winters Tale: at DOG Street Theatre 7 p.m.
Richard III: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Defining Takings: IBRL's annual Law Review Symposium. This year's topic is Private Property and the Future of Governmental Regulation, 2:00-5:30 p.m. at the University Center Center.
PSF Chili Cook-Off: 5 p.m. at the law school patio and student lounge, prizes will be given for the hottest chili, best chili, and best name. Cold Beverages will be served! FREE, FREE, FREE! Entries are due to Michelle Collinas by April 9th.
Lecture: Robert A. Ferguson, professor of English and Law at Cornell speaks on "The Lincoln Assassination and the Three Marys" at 5 p.m. in the Botetourt Theatre, Swem Library.
A Mid-Winters Tale: at DOG Street Theatre 7 p.m.
"Walk Together Children": W&M Theatre's final show of the season, formerly titled "Williamsburg: Jim Crow Gotta Go" at 8 p.m. in PBK Hall.
Richard III: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Cutler Lecture: Prof. Stephen L. Carter, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale will deliver a lecture entitled "And the Free Exercise Thereof" at 11:30 a.m. in Room 124.
Admitted Students Bar Review: 7 p.m. till whenever, at the Green Leaf's Cafe. Come out, meet next years 1Ls, and tell them horror stories!
"Walk Together Children": W&M Theatre's final show of the season, formerly titled "Williamsburg: Jim Crow Gotta Go" at 8 p.m. in PBK Hall.
Lacrosse: Women's lacrosse vs. George Mason, 7 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 6:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
W&M's Improvisational Theatre comedy troupe: at DOG Street Theatre 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Welcome Weekend for Admitted Students: Volunteers are needed — especially for housing visiting students, please contact Monica Finch (2L) or Alison Rosenstengel (2L).
Children's Music: The Muscarelle Museum of Art presents a special program of children's music by The Gallery Players under the direction of Burton Kester, 12:30 p.m.
Baseball: Men's Baseball vs. George Mason (Double Header) 1 p.m.
"Walk Together Children": W&M Theatre's final show of the season, formerly titled "Williamsburg: Jim Crow Gotta Go" at 8 p.m. in PBK Hall.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

"Walk Together Children": W&M Theatre's final show of the season, formerly titled "Williamsburg: Jim Crow Gotta Go" at 2 p.m. in PBK Hall.
Baseball: Men's Baseball vs. George Mason 1 p.m.
Lacrosse: Women's lacrosse vs. American, 1 p.m.
Mr. Holland's Opus: at DOG Street Theatre 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Monday, April 15

Mr. Holland's Opus: at DOG Street Theatre 6:30 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

Mr. Holland's Opus: at DOG Street Theatre 6:30 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

Vigil for Victims of Sexual Assault: Sponsored by the Feminist Students Organization at 7 p.m. in Crim Dell.
Waiting to Exhale: at DOG Street Theatre 6:45 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Waiting to Exhale: at DOG Street Theatre 6:45 p.m.
Fargo: at DOG Street Theatre 9 p.m.

Friday, April 19

CLASSES ARE OVER!
Take Back the Night Rally and March: sponsored by the Feminist Student Organization at 7 p.m. in the Sunken Garden.
Art Opening: 6th Art Department Faculty Exhibition at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, 5:30-7:00 p.m. The show will be up until May 26.
The Blue Planet: at DOG Street Theatre 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.
The Godfather: at DOG Street Theatre 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

The Blue Planet: at DOG Street Theatre 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.
The Godfather: at DOG Street Theatre 10 p.m.

Friday, May 3

EXAMS ARE OVER!
Law Review Write-On Begins/Beach Week: depending on what year you are!
Spirit of Norfolk Midnight Cruise: sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff Forum, 11:45 p.m. to 2 a.m., Price $20, includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. For info contact Shirley Elder, ext. 1-2565 or Kathy Edlow, ext. 1-2840.

Saturday, May 12

GRADUATION!
Sport

Sherely you must be kidding
Odds and ends in the closet

By Todd Sherer
On Baseball's opening day Marge Schott proved one of the world's oldest maxims: Money can buy many things, but it cannot buy you class. When Umpire John McSherry collapsed and died in Riverfront Stadium, Ms. Schott, one of baseball's most caring owners, asked "Why can't we play the game with only two umpires?" Now to add to her racist quality, and her lack of baseball knowledge (she didn't know who Davey Johnson was) we can add "thoroughly without any sensitivity." If Barry Larkin and the other players had not decided to tell the other umpires they would back the cancellation of the game, baseball still struggling to regain fans would have faced an even bigger black eye.

Do not be confused by reports from the NCAA tournaments. He could not coach his way out of a wet paper bag. Boeheim makes Colonel Klink look like a supreme strategist - the man never could coach and his teams have historically underachieved, the problem is that he can recruit well enough to keep his job forever. He makes one run in the tournament every ten years and now he's God. Stephon Marbury should have talked to Syracuse player John Wallace and former Georgia Tech point guard Kenny Anderson before declaring himself eligible for the NBA draft. John Wallace, the poster boy for staying in school, increased his draft status immensely by staying at Syracuse. Kenny Anderson, who remained in school for two years, has had a decent NBA career, but nothing like many expected for him to have. Stephon may have been the best point man in the ACC, but he's not ready for the NBA. Stephon, stay at home, the millions will wait. I should know, I delayed a lucrative career in the food service industry to attend law school, "cause without an education you're nothing.

Major League Soccer kicked off its inaugural season this past Saturday. The teams will be playing on undersized fields in over-sized American football stadiums. Initially MLS wanted to capture the World Cup hype after 1994, it took extra time to align sponsors, get quality U.S. players playing abroad, and attract some foreign players to the United States. While I wish the league the best, I'd give special recognition to Alexi Lalas. Lalas is one of the U.S.'s best players and had questioned the country's desire to develop American players. To his credit, when the MLS was launched, Lalas was one of the first to commit to the fledgling league. He could have made significantly more money and played against better talent in Europe.

In the name game, two regional teams have recently opted for new monikers. The old NFL Cleveland Browns became the new Baltimore Ravens, and the NBA Washington Wizards (nee Bullets) have recently joined the growing numbers of teams with stupid names and/or logos. No wonder this phenomenon more apparent than in Major League Soccer. Among the team names are the Dallas Burn, Kansas City Wiz, (these two teams ought to combine nicknames), New England Revolution, Columbus Crew, New York MetroStars, Tampa Bay Matiny, and DC United. While I agree that every sports team should not be named the Lions or Tigers, people have to be more creative than the Columbus Crew (whose logo three men standing in bowlers, just short of a redeeming reference to A Clockwork Orange). When Madison Avenue can make "SportsCenter" anchors into pop culture icons surely they could help sports industries salvage respectable names.

W&M Sports Roundup

All those sports other than basketball

By Kristian Burch
Baseball
The W&M baseball team came out of the gates strong this season, winning nine of its first ten games. Bad weather surrounded the opening of the season and forced the Tribe to play five games in three days at Cary Field. The squad proved ready for the challenge as it defeated Coppin State, 8-4. Feb. 23 and then swept a four game series against Bucknell on Feb. 24 and 25. Against the Bison, Mike Laskofski recorded a strong offensive performance, going five of eight with four RBI's and two runs scored.

The Tribe continued to march through its February schedule as it polished off Georgetown Feb. 28. Rich DeMarco and Billy Bey both were strong at bat against the Hoyas, making three and four hits respectively. Then W&M began afour-game series against Florida on the beam. The Tribe then went on a dry spell as it was handed a close loss to Duke in Durham followed by three road losses to Richmond Feb. 9 and 10. The Tribe was able to regain its winning ways when it returned to Cary Field to take on Holy Cross for two games. In the first game, W&M came away with a 3-2 victory against the Crusaders when shortstop Ron Bush hit the game-winning home run in the bottom of the 11th. The Tribe stepped up its hitting in the second game against Holy Cross, registering a 13-8 victory.

The Tribe played its first match against a CAA conference opponent March 16 when it squared up against Old Dominion for a double header. W&M beat the Monarchs, 7-5, in the first game but dropped the second game of the double header, 5-4, and then lost to ODU again the next day, 11-5.

In the second game of the series, Bush hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Tribe still was unable to even the score. When the season started, the Tribe has been plagued by CAA opponents but was 1-1 against out-of-conference competition. The Tribe lost a three game series to East Carolina where it was held scoreless in the first two games. Then, W&M faced UNC-Wilmington, which also handed it three losses March 30-31. The Tribe was strong on hitting in all of the games against the Seahawks but was unable to get any runs on the scoreboard. The Tribe finished March with an overall record of 15-14.

Gymnastics
The men's gymnastics team won the Virginia State Championship March 29 at William & Mary Hall. In the all-around competition, Allen Eaves finished second with a total of 37.8 points. Eaves took first place on the beam and the floor events where he scored a 9.7 for each. Dameron's strong performances this season qualified her for the NCAA's Southeast Regional with a 18.563 average in the all-around competition.

Women's Lacrosse
The Tribe hosted the W&M Invitational March 2-3 where 40 collegiate and club lacrosse teams came to Williamsburg to compete in what was the largest meeting of adult lacrosse players ever sponsored in the United States. This was the 13th time that W&M has hosted this event. This year, W&M Coach Feffie Barnhill even managed to draw three teams from Japan.

College Sports Magazine ranked the W&M squad as No.9 presession, despite the fact that the Tribe lost seven of its starters from last year when it finished sixth in the Nation. W&M won its first game of the regular season, beating UMBC 9-2, on the road March 16 as it ousted the Retrievers, 23-9. Unfortunately, the Tribe dropped its next three road contests, losing to Georgetown, Penn State, and Virginia.

In Charlottesville, the Cavaliers won the game after scoring on a free position shot with just 47 seconds left on the clock. W&M played its first home game of the regular season March 30 when it fell to Loyola, 8-7. Like the match against Virginia, W&M & Sports on 15
Amicus computer-like rankings

Rangers find uniformity; pool sharks find trophy

By Nathan Green

As the 1996 intramural season comes to a close, M-W representatives appear to have taken up residence at W&M's Winner's Circle. The most unlikely of these champions come in the collective form of the 2.0 Rangers.

The Rangers began the basketball season with an abysmal 0-4 record and thought that perhaps it seemed as ludicrous as wearing an Indian head-dress during Civil Procedure. However, by the grace of God, and the introduction of the "C" division, the Rangers made it into the tournament as the lowest seed.

The never say die, or last call, Rangers went on a roll, winning five in a row and finding uniformity in the process. Pool sharks found trophy pions come in the collective form of laptops are very passionate about their positions, which could make for an even more interesting debate in the future.

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Virginia. This game had a close finish from which the Tribe was unable to pull out the victory. With seven minutes left on the clock, W&M trailed 8-3, but the Tribe offense turned up the heat as it scored four consecutive goals. Its last one came with five seconds left on the clock as Mandy Longstreth cut the Loyalola lead to one, but W&M's efforts proved too little too late.

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students will benefit more from the use of laptops because the wealthy students will be in a better position to purchase laptops. However, supporters say that cost should not be an issue, as laptops can cost as little as $700, the same as 3.4 beers a week at Paul's. Suggestions for compromise on the use of laptop computers on exams included having closed book exams if laptops were used, and putting restrictions on the space, font, and margins that could be used, and not allowing the use of spell check and memory. The survey does little to resolve the issue of laptop computer use on exams, or even to clarify the issue. However, the survey shows that both supporters and opponents of the use of laptops are very passionate about their positions, which could make for an even more interesting debate in the future.

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