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TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY FROM THE EDITOR: I write about Elizabeth “Betsy” John. Death is always hard to understand, especially when it comes violently and unexpectedly. Betsy’s death came as a shock to me. I didn’t know Betsy personally, and I know that is my loss, as I understand she was a lovely young woman. Always had a smile on her face, kind to all, and a good friend. So why does a young person with so many things going for her, take such a dramatic step? I don’t profess to know. So, the only thing I do want to say to you is this. If you are feeling depressed, please reach out to someone. Don’t be ashamed or think the person you are reaching out to won’t understand. In the same vein, if you are a person who has been touched by someone who needs comfort, don’t look away. Turn to that person and help them to the best of your ability. If you see someone you think is struggling, reach out ... let that person know you are aware they are struggling. Please always remember, there is someone at the law school who cares about you and wants you to be here tomorrow. Cassi Fritzius

[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

Did you know at the recent 3L Gift Kick-off event, the 3L class awarded some members of their class “Big Smooth” certificates? Please check out the winners on the last four pages. Don’t know anything about the “Big Smooth”? Then be sure to ask someone in the 3L class. And to the rising 3Ls, this might become a tradition.

Did you know that Dean Brian Lewis and his wife, Mary, were featured in the April issue of **Hampton Roads Monthly**? Did you know Dean Lewis plays the mandolin? Mary plays the guitar. He sings lead and she harmonizes. They perform once or twice a month at festivals and coffee shops. Keep them in mind if you need a Brother Duet. Don’t know what a Brother Duet is ... let me quote from the article, “... started in rural America in the days before radio as traveling music teachers taught communities to sing and harmonize in the shape-note style. The rise of radio brought these family groups out of the parlor and onto the airwaves to fill the need for programming.”

**SPRING EXAM CONFLICT FORMS
ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 5:00 P.M.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bone Marrow Drive - Each year, more than 30,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases. Many can be cured with a bone marrow transplant. **HELP SAVE A LIFE BY PUTTING YOURSELF INTO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY.**

If you have questions about what it means to be put on the Registry or you would like to volunteer with the Drive – please contact Jeff Thurnher (2L) at jsthur@wm.edu.

IMPORTANT BONE MARROW DRIVE EVENTS

April 1-4: March Munchie Cookies will be on sale in the Library for \$1.00 per package. Come join the munchers! The Library staff always provides great tasting cookies!

April 7th: The **4th Annual Kaplan March Madness Free Throw Event**. This is a wonderful event in memory of Ali Kaplan. It is sure to be fun for everyone and all proceeds benefit the bone marrow drive. So come test your free throw shooting skills on the Law School Patio from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free pizza and soda will be available for all participants.

Note for the March Madness Free Throw Event - This year we are adding **TEAM COMPETITIONS** – see Patty Roberts, if you are a faculty member, administrator, or support staff; see William Lambert, if you are a student; see Justin Hargrove for Legal Skills or see Janey Janson for the librarians and library support staff. Let the games begin!?!

April 8th: If you have questions about why it is important to be placed on the Bone Marrow registry or about what the procedures entail, please attend the **Bone Marrow Drive Info Session** in room 119 from 12:50 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

April 9th: **Drive Day!** Please put yourself on the National Bone Marrow Registry. Sign ups will be in the Law School Lobby from 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.

Exercise your right to vote!!!
Nominations for Graduation Awards are due on Wednesday, April 9

NEED TO KNOW INFO

Law School Awards Ceremony new this year! Will be held Saturday, May 10, 11:30 a.m. immediately preceding the Graduation Barbeque.

The Order of the Coif induction ceremony will be in the **Wren Building at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10**. All are welcome to attend this ceremony that

recognizes those who have earned the highest academic honor awarded by the Law School.

THE LAW SCHOOL DIPLOMA CEREMONY IS AT 3:00 P.M., MAY 11TH.

KKK

It is getting close to that time of year ... **EXAMS**. If you think you have a conflict, please read the following information that explains what an exam conflict is and the procedure to follow to be approved for that conflict:

Students are not required to take two examinations that are scheduled at the same time or back-to-back. Back-to-back is defined as exams scheduled on the morning and afternoon of the same day or on the afternoon of one day and the morning of the following day.

If you have a conflict, complete the Exam Conflict form for each pair of exams in conflict. A copy will be returned to your hanging file after the deadline as confirmation of approved make-up. The forms are located at the law library in the rotating shelving unit and on the filing cabinet by room 101.

If you have any questions, please stop by and see Gloria Todd.

THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS WORKING FOR PAY/CREDIT

Third Year Practice certificates are requested automatically for all eligible rising 3L students after the spring semester grades have been submitted. Eligibility requires completion of four semesters of law study, Evidence, Criminal Law, Procedure, Ethics (all four semesters of Legal Skills) and that the student be in good standing. Certificates will be available by June 15. More information regarding Third Year Practice is in the Registration Bulletin.

NOTARY SERVICES

Gloria Todd and Chris Creech can provide Notary Services. Please don't wait until the last minute to have your bar applications notarized (and **REMEMBER** - do **NOT** sign your documents until you bring them to a notary).

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Transcripts - There is a \$5.00 fee for every official transcript request. Official transcripts may be ordered in person at Blow Hall (with check in hand), or in writing by mail (with a check attached) made payable to the College of William & Mary.

MPRE Applications - Remember these applications are on the handout shelves in the Library. Quantities are limited so please, only one to a customer.

Virginia Bar Exam - Remember that all Virginia Bar Exam Applications are due in Richmond prior to graduation!

Joint Degree Candidates - If you haven't yet done so, please notify Liz Jackson in writing of your plans for the coming academic year. It is very important that Dean Jackson know where your 2003-04 hours are.

Summer Contact - Summer addresses are the only means by which you will receive your class rank and important career services information. Please do not procrastinate in returning these forms by the due date to Chris Creech.

Graduate Contact Diploma Ceremony Attendance Form is necessary for candidates attending graduation. This form serves both as registration to participate in the diploma ceremony and as summer address information for Law School contact. Please do not procrastinate in returning this form to Chris Creech.

Bar Certification - Those applying to sit for a bar exam this July should read the application rules carefully. Forms that require school certification are to be given to Dean Jackson. If the application requires the attachment of an official transcript, please remember to make an official request and attach a check for \$5.00.

ADMISSIONS

The Admitted Student Welcome Event will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5. Please join the Office of Admission in welcoming our admitted applicants. We appreciate your assistance in meeting and sharing helpful information regarding the William & Mary experience with our visitors. The event concludes on Saturday with a busy day of tours, Q&A's, and information sessions.

Housing Opportunities - The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students who know of apartments and housing opportunities that will become available this summer. If you are moving from a desirable location or are looking for roommates for next year, please stop by with the particulars or e-mail us at lawadm@wm.edu. Your information will be distributed to new admits on April 5. Thanks for your help!

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

ALUMNI WEEK-END, April 11-12, 2003 – Alumni Weekend is upon us and with the influx of Alumni and their families comes the opportunity to attend a few social events with the greater Law School Family. Please visit the Alumni website for a full schedule of the weekend's events – www.wm.edu/law/alumni.

A few highlights of the weekend include the **Family Picnic** on Saturday, April 12th from noon-2:00 p.m. and the **Student-Alumni Reception** and **3L Class Party** on Saturday night at the Radisson Fort Magruder Hotel. If you would like to attend these or other Alumni Weekend events, please contact Liv Moir in the Alumni and Development Office (X13796 or lamoir@wm.edu) as soon as possible to make your reservation.

Class of 2003
Mark your calendars for your first alumni event!

Saturday, April 12
6:30 p.m.
Radisson Ft. Magruder Hotel
Guests are welcome!

RSVP to Liv Moir @ lamoir@wm.edu

FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

World Wide Web Site of the Week – The Federal Web Locator has links to almost every federal government home page. www.infoctr.edu/fwl/

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

How to Succeed in Your Summer Job & Getting a Jump on the Fall Job Search
Knowing what to expect and what to do can make or break your summer experience – and affect your chances for having a successful summer. Also, the search for your *next* job starts in earnest next fall – or even before. Get expert advice from professionals in the field and get a jump on the competition. ***Wednesday, April 9, 3:00 p.m. in Room 120.***

HOT JOBS

Summer Research Positions with Faculty Members – OCS has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2003. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures was e-mailed to all 1Ls and 2Ls, and a copy is posted in OCS.

OCS continues to receive numerous listings *daily* for summer and permanent positions. Check the **OCI+ Job Bank** frequently for new listings!

PSLawNet – William & Mary's law school subscribes to the **Public Service Law Network Worldwide**, which gives students special access to a searchable database of thousands of government, public service and *pro bono* opportunities worldwide. You can find positions in many practice areas, including criminal law, tax law, housing, AIDS/HIV issues, bankruptcy, women's issues, civil liberties, entertainment and more. Hundreds of paid jobs and fellowships are also listed. Just go to

www.PSLawNet.org to register and start searching; there is also a handout in OCS with tips for searching the web site. The service is free to W & M students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Minority Job Fairs for Rising 2Ls and 3Ls (Current 1Ls and 2Ls) – Information regarding the Southeastern Minority Job Fair, the DuPont Minority Job Fairs, the Delaware Minority Job Fair, and the Northwest Minority Job Fair is available in OCS on top of the Applications Cabinet. (Information about all four job fairs is in one single packet.) **Registration materials are due in OCS by the close of business on Wednesday, April 9.**

Mock Trial in Honor of Victims' Rights Week – The Sexual Assault Resource Team and Transitions Family Violence Services of Hampton are sponsoring a mock trial on **Tuesday, April 8** at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Church of Christ, 1017 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA. "Our story begins when a 15-year-old boy spends the night with a friend. When he wakes in the morning he feels ashamed, scared, guilty, and trapped. Join us as we hear the evidence presented by volunteer witnesses and court professionals." Open to any students who wish to attend; if you would like to *participate* in the mock trial, call Bridgette Roseman at (757) 728-2638, The Center at (757) 838-1829, or Maureen at (757) 926-7257.

Bar Loans – The two lenders whose Web sites are listed below offer loans to students to cover the expenses of taking a state's **bar examination** and/or a **bar exam prep course**. Students can apply for up to \$8,000 and can receive the funds six months in advance through six months after graduation. It is recommended that students apply online; the links are www.accessgroup.org and www.salliemae.com. For additional information, contact either Tracey Williams (221-2423) or Dave Deibel (221-2426) in the Financial Aid Office on main campus.

Summer Housing in Washington, DC – OCS Has received several notices about summer housing opportunities in Washington, DC. See "Summer Housing in DC" File in the Application File Cabinet in OCS.

William & Mary Washington Office – The DC Office now has an agreement with George Washington University to designate a housing area for William & Mary students conducting internships in Washington, DC for the summer. The arrangement has been made to simplify the process of looking for summer housing, and to guarantee William & Mary students a safe, convenient, and quality living arrangement while in DC. For more information, see <http://fsweb.wm.edu/dcoffice/gwhousing.htm>. The Washington Office also provides a service through its Web site consisting of links to university and private housing sites, and has a forum for students to communicate about leads, locate roommates, etc. <http://fsweb.wm.edu/dcoffice/summerhousing.htm>

Catholic University – Several housing options are available in residence halls at the campus approximately three miles north of the Capitol. Some are in new apartment-style halls and others are single and double rooms. Phones and 24-hour security are included, and meal plans are available. <http://conferences.cua.edu>

Georgetown University – The GU Law Center offers housing from June 1 through August 9. Apartments are fully furnished, air-conditioned, and within walking distance to the Capitol, courts, and more. See the info in OCS, check online at www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife , or call 202-662-9290.

NALP Apartment Exchange – The National Association for Law Placement sponsors this on-line service where you may list your own apartment or look for an apartment in the city where you plan to work this summer. It's easy and it's free, and will be available on-line until May 1, 2003. www.nalp.org

More Summer Housing – JDPost lists summer sublets for and by law students. See www.jdpost.com

NEW RESOURCES

The **Virginia Municipal League-Virginia Association of Counties 2003-04 Directory** lists facts, figures and contact information for every state, county, and city office in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

A Word on Writing Competitions - Throughout the academic year we receive announcements regarding essay competitions and invitations to submit papers for publication in law reviews and journals. This information is posted outside OCPP. In addition to the intellectual and often economic benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to employers. Because they are often sponsored by bar associations and other professional groups, they also provide excellent networking opportunities. Keep in mind that faculty members are a good source of ideas and guidance if you decide to participate. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competition:

Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual The National Lesbian & Gay Law Association is sponsoring the **Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**, which is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons. The best paper will be recognized with a \$1,000 first prize and publication in the Journal of Law and Sexuality at Tulane University Law School. **Entries must be received no later than June 15, 2003.**

What's On The Docket? is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary Law School produced during the academic year. All submissions (in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by E-mail (cbfrit@wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

2003 publication schedule

January 10, 24; February 7, 21; March 7, 21; April 4, 18

BIG SMOOTH AWARDS

Most Likely to
BE NOMINATED FOR THE SUPREME COURT,
ONLY TO BE REJECTED BY THE SENATE
Bradley Pratt

Most Likely to
DATE A CLIENT
Brooke Heilborn

Most
APPEARANCES MADE AT THE LEAFE
Andrew Suber

Most
CLASSES MISSED
Kerri Corning & Ajeurai Hands

Most Likely to
BE THE NEXT JOE MILLIONAIRE/BACHELOR/
BACHELORETTE
Derek Andreson

Most Likely to
WIN A DARWIN AWARD
Dave Browne

Most Likely to
BE A DICTATOR OF A SMALL THIRD WORLD COUNTRY
Jared Wagner

Most Likely to
DEFECT TO CANADA
Tony Mingione

Most Likely to
BE EATEN BY TRIBAL NATIVES
Tim Peltier

Most Likely to
BE BITTEN BY A TARANTULA
Ross Fulton

Most Likely to
OWN A T-SHIRT THAT SAYS
“DO I LOOK LIKE A PEOPLE PERSON?”
Chris Ruwe

Most Likely to
BE A MORNING TALK SHOW HOST
Lelan Carpenter

Most Likely to
GIVE UP HIS/HER LUCRATIVE LAW CAREER TO BECOME A
ROADY FOR EMINEM
Amber Weaver

Most Likely to
NEED RATHER THAN PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION
Barrett Thies

Least Likely to
BE TRUSTED WITH NATIONAL SECURITY SECRETS
Mike Kiffney

Most Likely to
BECOME THE NEXT LOWELL “THE HAMMER” STANLEY
Harrison Gibbs

Most Likely to
HAVE A COT IN THEIR OFFICE SO THEY CAN TAKE A NAP
DURING THE WORK DAY
Mike Lawson

Most Likely to
HAVE A COT IN THEIR OFFICE FOR OTHER PURPOSES
Charles Gray

BEST TONGUE
George Booker, Laura Schempf
Brittney Campbell, Ward Griffin

MOST OUTGOING
Bo Foley

MOST PESSIMISTIC
Paul Dame

QUIETEST
Colin Miller

Most Likely to
QUOTE AN OBSCURE LEGAL SCHOLAR
Jeff Boerger

Most Likely to
BE A LAW SCHOOL DEAN
Keith Wesolowski

Most Likely to
BE A LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR
Holly Tahvonen

BEST LAUGH
Paul Ainsworth

BEST FACEBOOK PICTURE
Shane Reeves

CUTEST COUPLE
Ann Mason & Tron Kohlhagen

BEST WEBSITE

Lauren Fassler

BEST SHOES

Ashley Hornsby

BEST SMILE

Ragan Ferraro

BEST PERSONALITY

Brian McCann & Alicia Kelly

Most Likely to

HAVE THE MOST CHILDREN BY OUR 25TH REUNION

Andrea D'Ambra

Most Likely to

BRING AN 18 YEAR OLD POOL BOY TO OUR 25TH REUNION

Paul Ainsworth

Most Likely to

DONATE A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THIS PLEDGE
DRIVE AND ACTUALLY PAY IT

Andrea D'Ambra