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THE NEWS

The JJC is Upon Us!

By *Columnists John Alford (2L)*

and *Mary-Carson Saunders (2L)*

By this point, the 1Ls have been indoctrinated with the journal nonsense to the point of needing a lively discussion on the matter from this here dynamic duo. John will chime in representing the "Do It" side, leaving Mary-Carson the task of showing how the entire process is "Simply Silly."

Do It.

Let's Relax. Everyone Looks Pretty Rigid. Be Less Resigned. Be Overly Rosy, Jabronis. Heck, I will even share MC's mantra with you: Just One Woman Living. Look, journal is not mandated. People get jobs all the time without ever opening their bluebook beyond the required time in Skillz. Certainly the added pressure of having to do cite checks and to write a Note is annoying. But take a step back for two seconds.

JJC competition is manageable. I did not spend an incredibly long time on the packet. Instead, I focused and put in the time required for me to feel comfortable with my work. It's one week of actually having to put in some daily work at law school. So go party after your last final. Wake up with some aspirin and eggs, and crack open that bluebook.

If you land a spot on a journal, get ready for cite checks. The first cite check will take you forever; the learning curve on this task is steep and nobody really knows what they are doing, so a lot of time is wasted. After that annoying, awkward, maybe painful first time, cite checks become more comfortable and take less time. (Full disclosure, my journal only has two cite checks so maybe another opinion is warranted.) Yes, you are expected to do a good job and put in some hours, but honestly you can get most of it done while you marathon *Modern Family* on Hulu.

Regarding your note: everyone here

must meet a writing requirement to graduate. Your Note takes care of that requirement. The Note is actually a really nice way of looking into a body of law that you are interested in without being prescribed by professors as to how you should move forward. Sure fifty pages is a lot, but you must account for the double-spaced, 120-250 footnotes taking up twenty pages alone.

And a quick touch on Ed Board. Do not sign up for journal under the impression that you will become EIC. Do not complain if you voluntarily apply for an Ed Board and find that the position takes up your time. Law students are dufuses. Do not perpetuate this trend.

My potential employers did not ask me about journal. In fact, only my fellow law students have ever talked to me about journal. So do not think my argument for doing journal stems from some abstract concept that this path is the only means of getting a job. I just think journal is

something worthwhile.

Simply Silly

John's right, the JJC competition is manageable. No one should freak out or worry about having enough time to complete the packet. If you work on it for a couple hours every day, you'll get on a journal, no problem. Although I do dislike the JJC process because of all the unnecessary and arbitrary pressure to participate, I think I dislike the journal culture a little bit more. My challenge to those 1Ls or 2Ls considering JJC: think less about JJC and think more about what being on a journal actually means. The law school culture likes to glorify academic journals. True, back when law schools only published one journal, it was a true honor to be selected as the elite few. Today, our law school has so many journals they actually solicit individuals to serve on TWO JOURNALS. This seems excessive.



Summer is coming! Soon...

Here's my favorite illustration of the displaced emphasis on journal participation. While sitting in the library one day this fall semester, a fellow 2L admissions tour guide walked through with a group of prospective students and families. I overheard this person explaining the JJC process. She said, "I mean, everyone's pretty much on a journal. You really can't get a job without being on one."

Knowing me, had I heard this comment closer to exam time when cynicism begins the slow seep from my pores, I would have jumped up in protest and set the group straight, but instead, I let my anger fester and kept my mouth shut. This is absurd. Employers understand that people have lives and other interests. If you aren't involved in

any other activities in law school, then you might need journal to spruce up your resume. If you can convey motivation and participation in other intellectual capacities, employers will not scoff at you. **YOU CAN GET A JOB WITHOUT JOURNAL.** Do you know how many law school journals are actually read? If you don't, look it up or ask someone.

What's most silly to me is this: law school is stressful enough and already demands time and energy away from living a fulfilled life. Why do you need another excuse to live in the law school library?

Think long and hard about why you want to be on a journal. The first part is all editing and cite checking. The second part is writing about a topic in which you're interested **ONLY** if that topic has

not been explored by a previous student. Seems a little limiting to me.... Every student needs a writing requirement. No big deal. Choose a professor that you like, find a topic that you like, and choose a semester in which to write. The Ed Board in 3L year is straight up miserable. Talk to a 3L notes editor on any journal. They're editing 2L notes when they could use that time looking for a job. Job searching is a full time job in itself - just something to consider as you approach 3L year.

Call me crazy, but when the most common reaction I hear when I tell someone that I'm not on a journal is, "That may have been the smartest decision you made in law school," it's obvious that many journal people are unhappy.

Which Journal Suits You?

Now that you've decided whether or not to join a journal, you have to choose which journal you want to join. In preparation for the Joint Journal Competition, we at NWS have compiled several vital facts about each journal so those of you considering which journal to join can make an educated choice, and those of you who already serve on a journal can reminisce about good old times. There are currently five journals, in alphabet order: The Bill of Rights Journal, The Business Law Journal, the Environmental Law and Policy Journal, the Journal of Women and the Law, and the William and Mary Law Review.

Bill of Rights Journal

By Steven Torok (2L) Editor-in-Chief of the *Bill of Rights Journal*

I encourage all JJC participants to rank every journal, as journal membership is a rewarding experience. I would also encourage all participants to rank the William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal, and I hope this note provides a bit more

information about our journal.

The William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal (BORJ for short) publishes four issues a year on all topics related to Constitutional Law. In 2011, Washington & Lee Law Library ranked BORJ fourth in the nation among constitutional law journals and among the top 95 of all student-edited law journals in the United States (which places BORJ ahead of many school's primary law journals).

Our journal has also been cited in recent noteworthy cases. In 2010, Justice Sonia Sotomayor cited an article in her dissenting opinion in *Berghuis v. Thompkins*, and this year, the Ninth Circuit cited our journal in its same-sex marriage decision, *Perry v. Brown*.

Our most recent symposium hosted distinguished scholars in Immigration Law. We will be publishing those articles when we are joined by our new staff members in the fall. In March of 2013, we will be hosting an Administrative Law Symposium in memory of the late William & Mary Law Professor and distinguished Administrative Law scholar Charles Koch.

As a BORJ member, you will be required to complete four cite checks, participate in four team reads, and write a student note related to a constitutional law topic of your choosing. As you have seen in your courses, and as you will see in the courses you will take for the rest of law school, constitutional law intersects with a broad range of legal topics. Our notes selected for publication this year ranged from traditional constitutional law topics, like First Amendment speech and the Establishment Clause,



Photo by Staci Holloway

The Carrels - where you will spend most of your 2L year

to topics like cyber-bullying and the constitutional implications of financial reform.

We have a friendly staff and editorial board, and we would all be happy to speak with you about our journal. Please feel free to contact me, or our Managing Editor, Kacie Lust, with any BORJ or JJC-related questions. Visit us online at www.billofrightsjournal.org.

Business Law Review

By Thomas Chlebeck (2L) Editor-in-Chief of *Business Law Review*

The Business Law Review (BLR) is the newest and fastest growing journal

at William & Mary Law School. We strongly encourage you to rank BLR first for a variety of reasons. For one, BLR members only need to complete two cite-checks, which is less than any other journal here. Moreover, you will be done with both long before your fall exams. We do not want to portray BLR as a minimal commitment; we

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Superman Must Die!

A letter to my 7 year old self

Dear Matthew (age 7),

Listen up. Look around you. What do you see? X-men toys arranged in an offensive formation with a flank group around the edge of the bed poised for the assault on the Playmobil Castle Playset. I know what you're thinking, those Spiderman action figures won't ever see it coming. All these years and I would have made the same move: Wolverine leading the flank group. His tenacity will tear the Hobgoblin and the Super Spider Slayer apart. It may be a hard fought battle from the front though. There is the natural obstacle of Oshkosh jeans standing in the way of Iceman and Cyclops. On top of that pile they will be particularly vulnerable. Of course, that's a risk you'll have to take, for justice. Spiderman knew the wrath he was summoning when he was found too close to scene of the crime - when you discovered that the boot piece was missing from your Mouse Trap board game. You will have to start the marble by hand from now till eternity and Spiderman needed to die.

It's a big room isn't it? From the angle you're looking at it, I'm sure it is. A wise 10 year old named Butters once said, "When you're a kid everything seems like it's going to last forever. But it won't." You don't know who that is because you aren't allowed to watch that show yet, but you will. And he's right. Someday, Spiderman won't be able to hide behind the walls of the castle because you'll be looking down on it. Your battlefields will keep getting bigger until you move outside, you'll move to different places, different homes, and into the world, looking for that castle you can no longer see over.

And just when you find it, someone will be there. Call them the parents that come in and tell you to go to bed. Call them the teacher that blows the whistle to signal the end of recess. Call them the

grandparent that won't let you do anything you want. Ever. Call them the homework you have to finish instead of building that new contraption out of Legos. Call them 10 o'clock. Call them dinner time. Call them the untimely disaster of your favorite thing breaking.

Whatever you call them when you get there, they'll tell you it's over and you shouldn't be staring down castles adorned with your chain mail, broadsword, and the shield with that awesome lion's head you saw that one time. And you'll drop your head, slip off the heavy metal helmet, stab your sword in the ground and think they're right. You weren't prepared for this anyway. You don't have your flanking troops or a ranged attacker. There's no way you could win. So you follow them wherever they go and join their army to fight the only castle they know.

Matt, the fact is, their fight is one worth fighting. There are so many people in that army you get lost sometimes. Only the lucky ones get to be the heroes. Everyone's trying to take that one elusive castle. Sometimes you're convinced

that's the only thing worth your time. You put on your new armor and raise a new flag. You'll try to convince yourself that this was what you should have been doing the whole time and that fighting in the great beige carpet war of '96 was merely a training expedition.

That's not true. I'm writing this letter because there's still a threat out there. One that not many people know of. Those who do know, choose to ignore it. There is another castle sitting high and mighty with someone that needs to pay. He's laughing at me now, so don't let him beat you. Don't put on those new colors. Matt, take up your arms and assemble your team because there's another fight worth fighting. It's high time for a siege. It will take your entire life to finish as it's a treacherous quest, full of peril.

You're the only one that knows the backside of the castle has no wall. Whenever that time comes when you're faced with a seemingly unfordable moat, a wall that's 100 feet high, vats of boiling oil on the tops of the wall, and a catapult jutting from the front wall and someone tells you to "Turn back. It isn't worth it," just remember: Spiderman Must Die.

Sincerely,
Matt Finley, 23



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expect excellent work. At the same time, though, we want to make your journal experience as beneficial and enjoyable as possible.

For example, when given the choice to mark up a document either with your computer or with paper and pencil, which would you choose? At BLR, we will not dock you for illegible handwriting because almost nothing we do is handwritten. Rather, we embrace modern conveniences, always striving to maximize efficiency—and that means minimizing waste, both of your time and of everyone's resources. We provide user-friendly software that will make your life easier, at the same time preparing you for the future of legal editing. Furthermore, you can do most of your work from anywhere, without the need to haul around tons of paper.

Another reason to rank BLR first is that we provide enormous opportunity for leadership and resume building. We will be selecting two new members as Layout Editors next semester. This is the position our incoming Editor-in-Chief held this year, and employers viewed it most favorably. We will also be publishing six of the Notes written by you, our new staff. We feel our name conveys the breadth of potential topics for your Note, including high-demand areas like intellectual property, mergers & acquisitions, international trade, and tax. If these do not interest you, how about constitutional, contract, employment, or tort law? Anything connected to business law is welcome!

Of equal importance to the opportunity we offer is our openness to innovation and input. We want to hear your ideas on how we can improve, and we will consider implementing any we receive. Indeed, if you want to have a lasting impact and be a part of a journal's rise to recognition, this is the place for it! Despite this openness, we have a strong foundation of how-to guides that will ease the learning curve. In particular, we will walk you through a sample cite-check and provide a detailed, step-by-step guide on the entire process.

Last but not least, we encourage you to rank BLR first because our membership is limited. We were highly competitive last year, making it difficult to join without ranking us at or near the top. We anticipate strong competition again this year, but as we have just described, that competition is more than worthwhile given BLR's many great benefits. We wish you the best of luck on the JJC, and we hope to welcome you this July!



The game is on!

Environmental Law and Policy Review

By Dan Doty (2L) Editor-in-Chief of the *Environmental Law and Policy Review*

As JJC approaches, I think every 1L should give serious consideration to making ELPR their first choice journal. We are exceptionally well-regarded in our field; the Washington & Lee Journal Rankings place us first among the energy law journals and ninth most-cited among all environmental law journals. We publish on a wide range of topics, from Deepwater Horizon to Fukushima to the Kyoto Protocol and beyond. Every year we publish authors from all over the world – this past year we published authors from the Netherlands, Bangladesh, and Brazil, and our domestic authors come from law schools all over the United States.

Choosing ELPR can help you achieve your long-term career goals. We are one of only two journals that allow you to serve on the board in your 2L year, meaning you can add that to your resume when searching for a 2L summer job. We have more opportunities for student publication than other journals. You have a one-in-four chance of getting your student note published and noticed by legal professionals. This is one of the highest publication rates of all the specialty journals; one of the many student notes we published was even recently selected for inclusion in a

casebook. We are developing a blog that will allow some of our 2Ls to publish earlier as well. Many of our editorial board members have gone on to work not just in environmental defense NGOs – a common misconception about ELPR – but in energy law firms. A recent report by Robert Denney & Associates indicates that the energy law sector is one of the top five fastest growing areas in the legal industry. What better way to demonstrate your interest and protect your job prospects in the current economy than to join the country's best energy law publication?

Our workload is fairly intense, but the end product is absolutely worth it. You should join our journal because, after working hard, publishing your note, spending close to two years on the editorial board, and releasing America's best energy law journal, having the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review on your resume when you graduate is something you can be proud of.

Journal of Women and the Law

By Bailey Roesse (2L) Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Women and the Law*

To all future JJC participants, I hope you will consider ranking the Journal

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Food Corner

The Waffle House

By *Columnists* Diana Cooper (2L) and Matt Turtoro (2L)

Diana and I wanted our last food review as 2Ls to be both a metaphoric and a gastrointestinal bang. While discussing restaurant possibilities, including that bane of every decent Italian, The Olive Garden, a pizza tour of Williamsburg, and a home cooking experiment, the Waffle House came up in conversation. Diana was amazed that not only had I never visited this storied establishment, but that I had never even heard of it. She immediately, and somewhat devilishly, chuckled that we had our final review.

In discussing this venue with various knowledgeable friends and healthcare professionals beforehand, some pieces of advice were proffered (“Bring Pepto Bismol”; “Take Penicillin before you eat

there”; and the oft’ repeated “Please, Dear God...Don’t do it to yourself!”). I naively thought that Diana, my dear friend and fellow food aficionado, would never subject me to food so bad that the Geneva Convention actually banned the U.S. military from feeding it to captured Viet Cong soldiers (this may be untrue...but wordplay such as that is called “artistic license” by most, and “fair, balanced, fact-based journalism” by Fox News).

Diana and I had just come from a noon showing of the Hunger Games, and I can honestly say that I’d rather take my chances in the arena against 23 other tributes than eat at the Waffle House again. At least with the Hunger Games, one stands a slim chance of survival. With the Waffle House, there is no such glimmer of light. As an aside, Waffle House Corporate Headquarters has yet

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of Women and the Law! There are many reasons to rank JOWL, chief among them is that our abbreviation is arguably the most fun to say: JOWL. Come on, that’s awesome.

But that’s not all! The Journal of Women and the Law is ranked in the top ten in the United States in our legal specialty, which makes us a target journal for accomplished authors around the world. We publish articles on a variety of legal issues dealing with gender, family, and sexuality, including employment law, criminal law, contracts, administrative law, torts, constitutional law, and many other areas of the legal system. Each year we publish a special issue that deals with an emerging issue in gender and sexuality law. This past year our special issue dealt with the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell, the first journal in the U.S. to deal exclusively with the issue. A number of well-known experts in the field contributed, including Michelle Benecke, the founder of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and an instrumental actor in overturning DADT. This year our special issue will deal with transitional justice and women and families who have been displaced by war and international conflict.

JOWL has three cite checks for second years. Since 2L year is likely to be your busiest in law school, having just three cite checks is a huge plus. Two of the cite checks are in the first couple months of school, and the third is early in the second semester. Your only other responsibility as a 2L is to write your note, which is eligible for publication in one of our journals. As a 3L, there are opportunities to serve on the editorial board. Otherwise, your only duty is completing three team reads.

Being on a journal is a significant time commitment, but it is an important part of your legal education. You can be certain that you will be asked about your journal and your note topic during your job interviews 2L year. Your bluebooking will improve immensely (a feat you may never have thought possible!), and you will have a full legal paper under your belt.

A final word--although we are the Journal of Women and the Law, we welcome men with open arms! We encourage everyone to take a look at our past issues; the variety of topics may surprise you! We have a diverse membership, and our members all have unique interests. I hope to see you on our masthead next year!

Law Review

By *Merideth Snow (2L), Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review*

Are you looking for a way to distinguish yourself in a tough job market? Would you like the opportunity to serve on the eighteenth-ranked legal journal in the country? Are you hoping to gain valuable leadership, editing, and writing skills during your last two years of law school? If so, we hope you will consider membership on the William & Mary Law Review.

Although the workload of the Law Review is significant, the benefits of serving on staff are extensive. Membership on the Law Review has helped our current staff secure a wide variety of coveted jobs, including positions at prestigious law firms such as Covington & Burling and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; clerkships with federal district and circuit court judges; and public interest internships at organizations such as the Brennan Center.

If you have a broad range of legal interests, the Law Review offers the additional benefit of an opportunity



to write a Note on a legal issue of your choice. The topics of the Notes recently selected for publication in Volume 54 range from paternity rights in the context of private sperm donations, to state-initiated obesity litigation, to the effect of antitrust law on the sport of baseball. The Law Review publishes up to ten student Notes each year, so members have a strong chance of

publication.

In addition to the innumerable professional benefits the Law Review offers, membership is also a great way to get to know your fellow classmates. Believe it or not, the Law Review has an active social calendar. Our social events this year included dinner at Plaza Azteca, happy hours at the New Leaf and Baker's Crust, and our annual

banquet at the William & Mary Alumni House.

Please feel free to contact any current Law Review members if you have any questions about our journal. Good luck on the JJC, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to the William & Mary Law Review in the fall!

Note: These are the 2012-2013 Editors-in-Chief

What Role Does the Media Play in our Justice System?

By *Special Contributor* Frantz Farreau (1L)

Perhaps one of the biggest news stories in the past month has been the case of Trayvon Martin, the 17 year old who was shot and killed after an encounter with George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch captain. Zimmerman supposedly used his concealed firearm to shoot and kill the teenager. Throughout the country, people have held rallies demanding "Justice for Trayvon." However, Trayvon Martin's story has raised another important issue: cases tried in the media.

The American media system is very useful. It gives us non-stop news around the clock coming from all sides of the political spectrum. If you want to hear somebody say it, chances are you can find somebody in the media who will. However, some voices in the media speak louder than others, and those voices shape the way the public views an issue. When the media presents viewpoints on debatable issues like abortion, gay rights, or environmental policy, having opinions and speculation funneled into our ears is not a problem. It lets us get information so we can formulate our own opinions. However, in cases involving the justice system, talking heads screeching their speculations about what happened chips away at the very foundation of our criminal justice system.

Though our court system used to favor jurors with opinions about the case, jurors who knew the victim, and jurors who knew the defendant, our system now requires juries comprised of people who know nothing about the case. The more publicized the story is in the media, the less jurors can erase incor-

rect, media-spawned conclusions from their minds. Jurors form these conclusions from partial facts presented in the media, which carefully tailors its reports to imply particular conclusions. For example, reporters revealed that NBC had edited the 9-1-1 call to falsely imply that Zimmerman had initially racially identified Martin, when in fact it was the 9-1-1 operator who asked for the suspicious

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person's race.

Even where the facts are not massaged, the media rarely explains the legal implications of unknown facts. Did Zimmerman know Martin? Did the gun go off intentionally? Who attacked first, Martin or Zimmerman? Law students and lawyers spend hours writing alternate analyses explaining how the answers to these questions drastically affect the legal outcome. Unfortunately, some lawyers forget to do this when talking to the media, and instead feed

into frenzy by providing a single "correct" legal conclusion where there are multiple unknown facts. And since the public thinks lawyers should know the law, and the media should report all the facts, these conclusions become undeniable. The result: a defendant that is tried, a verdict decided, and sentence passed down all before voir dire. And any jury that returns the "wrong" verdict gets crucified by a public that did not go to law school, and was neither in the courtroom nor the jury deliberation room.

We should bear these problems with "media trials" in mind as we hear more cries of "justice for Trayvon" and "I am Trayvon Martin." Should there be justice for Trayvon? Of course. But arresting and convicting George Zimmerman will not bring any justice. The public may think that a conviction will bring justice for Trayvon, but where a jury convicts Zimmerman contrary to Florida's self-defense guidelines, society has simply traded one injustice for another. Perhaps it is easier to reconcile injustice against a man who shot and killed an unarmed 17 year old, but a more palatable injustice is still an injustice. A palatable injustice does not resolve the problem.

The problem in this case is Florida's law regarding self-defense. Justice for Trayvon will only come when Florida reconsiders its self-defense law that brought about this situation in the first place. And, although the public is entitled to feed into media frenzies and to get caught up in the emotionality of the situation, lawyers and law students are not. Legal professionals have a duty to stand above the emotionality of this tragic event. They have a duty to be objective, to analyze and understand the law, and to figure out what changes will prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

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to respond to my suggestion that they place signage with the Dante quote “Abandon all hope ye who enter here” above every restaurant entrance for liability purposes.

From the moment one enters the Waffle House, all five senses are bombarded with a din of despair and disgust: the combined odors of dirty mop water, imitation maple syrup, and bacon grease envelop unsuspecting patrons like a death shroud. This malignant humor is cut only by the crass cackles and screeched orders of malformed waitresses. Formica and plastic stretches out, scratched and tacky against your skin, as far as the eye can see—any kind of natural fiber would decay to nothing in this toxic atmosphere.



Special pleasure is taken with torturing the fifth sense, taste. I followed the instructions of our waitress/sadomasochist, and ordered something called “The All Star.” It started with cheese grits (which I know were cheese because the square of off-brand, sliced American had congealed in perfect rectangular form atop the bland and strangely-chunky grits). The main plate featured two scrambled eggs (powdered, judging by their limp and gray appearance) and “ham” that reminded me of the saline, desiccated, and toxic remnants of the Aral Sea (look it up—due to Soviet-Era irrigation programs, the once-mighty Aral Sea has shrunk by 90%!). I will say the waffle

proper was palatable (if you put chocolate chips on anything, I’ll eat it), though the “maple” syrup accompanying it was faker than my attempts to show sincere concern for others. Two slices of bread, slathered with butter of an ethereal yellow and about as natural as Dolly Parton’s bosom, rounded out my breakfast ordeal. All this food cost me \$10... which was highly suspicious.

I’ve been seeking out a post-traumatic food psychiatrist in the hopes of ending my nightmares of this experience (but apparently none exist, even in LA!). Until I can find a trained professional, I have placed myself on a strict diet of Pepto Bismol, saltines, imported cheeses, and organic smoothies. Pray for me....



AFTERWORD by Diana: Matt said it all. The only thing I will add is that the Waffle House is delicious. It’s like being in a greasy delicious submarine that only costs you \$6 for the most disgustingly satisfying meal. What I mean is that it’s a great place to go when 1.) drunk and needing something delicious to eat, or 2.) binge eating.

Good luck on finals and have a happy break everyone. We’ll be back next year with exciting articles (approval pending) like: Liveblogging drunken dinner, Let’s find a W&M hobo and eat steaks with him, and most exciting: Let’s force a professor to go to lunch and then have awkward conversations.

Photos from the Bone Marrow Pie-Eating Contest.
From top to bottom: 1) Professors Dwyer, Green, and Larsen enjoying lots of pie, 2) The winner, Sean Radomski (1L), 3) Lee Tankle (2L), 4) Professors Green and Larsen, and Ben Keele
Photos by Staci Holloway (1L)

Dear Scalia

DEAR SCALIA:

I'm worried about my daughter. She is only 12 years old, and already she has had numerous boyfriends. She brings home guys all the time, and one time I caught her kissing a young man in her room! There are even rumors among the parents that her friend group is smoking MARIJUANA! My little "Pollyanna" is too young for this! They all seem like very nice boys, but how can I prevent her from kissing them?

NERVOUS MOTHER IN TULSA

DEAR NERVOUS:

I have made my position quite clear on this. In *Thompson v. Oklahoma*, 487 U.S. 815, (1988), I opined (quite masterfully, I might add) that kids under the age of 16 might "be deemed mature and responsible enough" to be executed.

If she's mature enough to be executed, why can't your 12 year old kiss a boy? If

you have raised your daughter the right way, then I'm sure boys enjoy kissing her and are not being subjected to any cruel or unusual punishment.

Good parenting involves letting kids have freedom. It's like federalism; if the Federal Government (you, the parent) is too demanding, or has too many rules, the states (your children) will not have a proper balance of power (childhood) and will rebel against you. Let kids be kids, I always say, and if they try and secede (run away), well, you can always defeat them at Gettysburg (shoot them with a bayonet).

(Is it too soon for Civil War jokes? As an aside, while some whiny liberals might complain about you shooting your children, such a situation would be a case of first impression in this court and I would have to

decide it based on your Second Amendment rights. Call me!)

Oh. Dear. Smoking marijuana? I didn't notice that until just now. Just kidding. The federal government has UNLIMITED power to regulate things that I find personally reprehensible. *Gonzales v. Raich*, 545 U.S. 1 (2005) (SCALIA, J., CONCURRING). Lock your kids in their room until they reach the age of 25.

SCALIA AWAY!

The Honorable Justice Scalia continues to be channeled by Joseph Figueroa (1L)

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Completely Acceptable Adult Fun (half a)Page

Because I believe you can never have too much mental stimulation - or, consequently, too much fun - here's a few fun puzzles to brighten up your day!

KNOTTY NUMERICS

In the table below, insert the numbers 1-9 so that each column and each row adds up to 15. If you discover the trick, this can take less than 15 seconds to complete.

(Hint: Sometimes you have to think beyond the box.)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Because one of these days, I'll manage to put the correct letters in every scramble.... All of these words have to do with summer plans and exam feelings.

DITRE
SIERNNIPHT
RUSECI
TANNERATLIION VALERT
CREASHER
TINCRAF

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