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## Health Law Association Lobbies Richmond Legislators

**Billy Easley II '13**  
News Editor

On January 26, the University of Virginia's Health Law Association traveled to Richmond, Virginia to attend Pediatric General Assembly Day - an event that affords medical students, residents, and law students the opportunity to talk to members of the Virginia General Assembly about legislation relating to children's health pending in the Assembly's 2012 Regular Session.

James Allred '13, the Pro Bono Coordinator for the HLA, described the amount of preparation that went into the event, explaining that training for HLA members began in November when Dr. Diane Pappas gave students in the HLA a summary of the health issues that would be before the Assembly in January. "It's not very complicated," Allred stated, in regards to the training. "It's remarkable how many law students don't have experience with advocacy, but it's a very easy process."

When the participants arrived at the Capitol, they were split into groups based on their legislative districts. Each group included at least one person that had advocacy experience with regard to health issues. This year, the premier issues included provisions for physical education to fight obesity and ensuring that EpiPens (medical devices used in case of allergic reactions to avoid anaphylactic shock) were present in elementary schools. Allred stressed the nonpartisan nature of the proposals lobbied for by the HLA. "Broad-based support is routine," Allred claimed.

Assembled groups also choose which issues they want to discuss. Allred used the opportunity to inform legislators about his experience working with the American Cancer Society and Nova Health System. "The main goal is to bring the personal experience of medical and law students in the legislative process," Allred said. "Our experience gives delegates more personal stories about the importance of their votes on these issues."

For more information about the Health Law Association here at the school, contact Mike Moskowitz at Michael.Moskowitz@virginia.edu.



photo by April Reeves '12

## Remembering the Dream

Faculty and students celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for equal rights in a vigil at Caplin Pavilion on Tuesday. Students took turns reciting lines from King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

## Human Rights Study Project Visits Sri Lanka

**Michelle Carmon '14**  
Assistant News Editor

The 10th Cowan Fellows Human Rights Study Project (HRSP) team traveled to Sri Lanka from January 1-17, 2012. The goal of the project, which is now in its tenth year, is to promote awareness of legal issues surrounding the development and protection of human rights in foreign countries. Each year, the team of students selects a country to visit during winter break, and each team member researches a different area of human rights within that country.

While in Sri Lanka, students interviewed attorneys, judges, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), individuals living inside internally displaced person camps, high-ranking government and military officials, victims of abuse, and ordinary civilians. John Akin '13, President of HRSP, described the government's reaction to the team's presence: "The current government of Sri Lanka has a history and a reputation of being very unfriendly to NGOs and human rights organizations.



photo by Clare Boronow '12

Cowan Fellows assemble during Winter Break trip to research human rights.

The second day we were in the country, we were told the Ministry of Defense would like to speak with all of us, and they would be sending a car in the morning to come and get us.

"They brought us into the Ministry, and we met with a number of military officials before finally meeting the Chief of National Intelligence. They wanted to know what we were doing in the country, and after speaking with us told us that we could meet with anyone we wanted, but they wanted to make sure we met with the 'right people.' We were very aware of the potential consequences for the

people we were interviewing with after that day, and much more careful with our actions and profile in the country."

The following students participated in HRSP 10: John Akin '13, Clare Boronow '12, Gabriel Hippolyte '13, Elizabeth Dobbins '13, Calleigh McRaith '12, Jane Lee '13, Amanda Gray '12, and Lansing Lee '13. The HRSP team will present their research later this semester and they encourage all interested students to attend. Applications for the next HRSP team will also be available for first and second year students later this spring.

## Library Launches New DVD Browser, Research Tools

**Jim Russell '13**  
Entertainment Editor

The Law Library announced the introduction of two new online services for students this week, one for work and another for play.

Bloomberg Law (known colloquially as "BLAW") is a legal research database that grants access to the court opinions, statutes,

and secondary sources that students are accustomed to accessing through Westlaw and LexisNexis, but it also aggregates and includes business news and financial information into its results. It is particularly well-regarded for its access to federal and state court filings.

Students interested in trying BLAW will need to request a password from a librarian either in person or by filling out the form

at <http://libguides.law.virginia.edu>.

On the entertainment side, the library has launched a new version of its system for browsing its DVD catalog. The new system is both more user-friendly and more informative, "[putting the] collection at your fingertips with film synopses, reviews and ratings, related films, and up-to-date availability information."

## around north grounds



Congratulations to Sarah Chase-Levenson '12 and Alex Blanchard '11 on their engagement.



Congratulations to Laura Jenkins '12 and Naval Aviator LTJG John Plack on their engagement.



Thumbs up to the advent of Feb Club. ANG is writing this in a toddler-sized Pikachu costume while drinking ANG's third Four Loko.



Thumbs down to last night's SBA Debate. ANG expected bolder promises, like the installation of a chocolate waterfall in ScoCo or even a December 31 grade submission deadline.



Thumbs up to Super Bowl Sunday, or, as the NFL trademark lawyers require us to call it, the Budweiser Happy Terrific Day of Pigskin Drinking Responsibly, Brought to You by Lotrimin Ultra.



Thumbs up to the weather this week. ANG hopes that the warm snap won't lead to more bro shirtlessness at Feb Club events, but then, that seems statistically impossible.



Thumbs down to the end of the ADD/DROP grace period. ANG feels sorry for all the 3Ls who missed out on Prof. Leslie's seminar, "Law of Whatever the Hell I Want to Talk About."



Thumbs up to all those who purchased tickets to next week's Barrister's Ball. Dean Mahoney would like to remind students that there is a positive correlation between how much you drink and the economic efficiency of the transaction.



Thumbs up to Spies Garden's newest addition, hammock guy, who showed us all you can even be a gunner at relaxing.



Thumbs up to Prof. Jim Donovan who was mentioned in a *New York Times* article for being a major donor to Mitt Romney's Restore Our Future SuperPAC. ANG suggests Prof. Donovan instead consider donating to ANG's SuperPAC, Destroy Our Past.

## faculty quotes

**K. Kordona:** Now put on your bad man hat. How can you screw people over?

**E. Yale:** Married couples are an economic unit. That's why when I bet my wife \$1m that I'm right and then I'm wrong and default, I don't have cancellation of debt income—I'm such a geek.

**K. Kordona:** What do puppet masters do? Issue orders over the phone to their puppets.

**J. Cannon:** Are you with me? Please say if you're not. Otherwise it all becomes gobbily gook.

**X. Luu:** Don't buy a dog and bark yourself.

**J. Cannon:** Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee, environmentally at least.

**J. Cannon:** I was dumbfounded. I don't want you ever to be dumbfounded.

**C. Nelson:** 3.2 percent beer is not the sort of product the free market system supports; it tastes unbelievably foul.

**D. Brown:** With moms like these, who needs prosecution witnesses?

**Student:** Do you have office hours?

**S. Walt:** Unfortunately they are all time.

**L. Weekly:** Please continue to donate one quote per a week! Submit quotes to facultyforum@lawweekly.org.

## letter to the editor

Dear Mr. Wagoner:

I just wanted take a moment to applaud Mr. Wagoner's attempt at self-improvement via emulation of his role model, Bill Simmons, a man who he states is not "a very good writer," nor "especially knowledgeable about his subject matter," but who nevertheless is "immensely popular." Mr. Wagoner, take heart: As the great American bard Meat Loaf once said, "Two out of three ain't bad."

I also want to extend a sincere apology to Mr. Wagoner on behalf of my fellow members of the Class of 2014. I know I speak for all of us when I say that the single greatest regret of our time at U.Va. Law will be the fact that we were weighed by the caliph of cool, the raj of rad, yea, the very sultan of swag himself, and were found wanting. While we can never fully recompense Mr. Wagoner for this wrong, perhaps he can take solace in the fact that the Class of 2014 will have to carry the stain of disappointing the man who consistently produces a bigger waste of ink and column inches than Family Circus and Garfield combined for the rest of our lives.

Sincerely,  
Ron Fisher '14

## precedential papers

Feb. 3, 1984

### More For The Money

by Rachel Witmer

Alex Johnson, the new professor at the Law School, may be one of the most relaxed young men ever encountered in academia. The old-fashioned gumball machine on his desk is a clue. One knows he's easy-going when the penny yields not one, but three gumballs.

Johnson, a native of Los Angeles, graduated from UCLA Law School in 1978. His interest in litigation grew during his clerkships with the Los Angeles firms Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Latham & Watkins in the summers of '76 and '77, respectively. While in law school, Johnson had "absolutely no interest in teaching. The thought never crossed my mind."

Shortly after commencing work at Latham & Watkins, however, Johnson received a call from the dean at Cornell Law School. That was the first in a series of annual inquiries from law schools as to whether he'd like to teach. Other faculties prodded Johnson, but the dean at the University of Minnesota was particularly "persistent." Thus, after two years of working primarily on anti-trust cases, Johnson began his teaching career at Minnesota in 1980. Two years later he returned to practice with Latham & Watkins, but the recruiting continued.

Johnson relates that University of Virginia "moved very fast," which is partially why he chose to accept the position. He visited here last October and ten days later was given an offer. After

considering the offer for a week, Johnson decided that the academic environment here was what he wanted. At the time he was asked to join the faculty, Johnson had requests to interview at Iowa, Hastings and UCLA. Once he had accepted, Harvard, Yale, UC-San Diego, Tulane and Vanderbilt came knocking at his door.

Although the thought of returning to UCLA appealed to him, Johnson smiles almost ruefully



Stewart photo

when he says, "It's hard to go home again. Being on the faculty with the same professors who taught you would be somewhat intimidating."

This semester Johnson is teaching a seminar on Sport and the Law and a first-year Property class. His mentor at UCLA, Jesse Dukeminier, co-authored the Property text he's using. He would like to initiate a sequence

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That's right, it's Prof. Johnson's 28th year on the faculty. Despite the fuzzy picture, one thing is clear: that facial hair was too good to go. Professor, step your mustache game up!



The Professor

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## the docket

Today

Monday

Tuesday

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: All the Missing Souls: A Personal History of the War Crimes Tribunals with Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues David Scheffer (WB104)

12:00 p.m.: Journal Tryout Bluebooking Sessions, sponsored by *Virginia Law Review* (WB152)

12:00 p.m.: "Life as a Junior IP Associate—Transitioning from Law School to Private Practice," sponsored by the Virginia Society of Law and Technology (SL258)

12:00 p.m.: Oral Advocacy Workshop for Women with Professor Molly Bishop Shadel (WB126)

5:00 p.m.: "Defining the Face of Immigration Enforcement" with John Morton '94, Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Caplin Pavilion)

5:00 p.m.: Lillian R. BeVier Lecture on the Rule of Law featuring The Honorable Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Thursday

Friday

12:00 p.m.: New York Practice: Brooklyn Legal Aid Society and New York Attorney General's Office (WB102)

2:15 p.m.: The Nuts and Bolts of Applying for Judicial Clerkships for 2Ls (WB154)

12:00 p.m.: Journal Tryout Bluebooking Sessions, sponsored by *Virginia Law Review* (WB152)

8:00 a.m.: Conflicts of Interest: Resolving Differences in Global Legal Norms, Symposium sponsored by VJIL and J.B. Moore Society (Caplin Pavilion)



# 2012 SBA Election Guide

## President

### Alex Aurisch



After serving on First Year Council and being an SBA class representative this year, I would be thrilled to serve as SBA President. While on SBA, I've served on ad-hoc committees addressing restructuring our course evaluations to make choosing courses easier, encouraging professors to record classes during OGI, and revising the election by-laws.

While the SBA accomplished several significant changes this year, it is perhaps unsurprising that some issues that arose last year continue to be on our agenda. This attests to the realistic nature of bringing about some of the changes we hope to make, and as President I would be committed to addressing students' concerns in a way that acknowledges how to most realistically accomplish our goals.

My first priority is to improve even more upon our exceptional Career Services office by providing more frequently asked questions and other resources for OGIs, and by making sure 1Ls get more access to these in December for their job-searches.

Related to this first point is to revitalize annual or semi-annual student surveys. They will be a fast, efficient way to encourage feedback from YOU, who give us a reason to be on SBA in the first place. For example, a post-OGI survey would be extremely beneficial.

Grades also remain a priority. We made a lot of progress getting 1L grades out earlier, and I'd like to see that we can improve this for 2Ls and 3Ls as well. In addition, I hope to provide a more efficient way to be notified that grades have been posted.

Finally, the SBA has been working hard to secure more funding for students going into public service, and I hope to continue these efforts throughout next year and beyond.

I'd like to thank you all for taking the time to read about the candidates.

### Billy Easley II

Diversity. Energy. Public Service. Honor.

Under Sanjiv Tata's leadership and the vigorous and dedicated work of Student Bar Association members on both the Executive Board and those serving as Representatives, admirable work has been done; but there is still much work left to do.

I will continue the initiatives started by the previous Executive Board, including the push for more public service funding and the long overdue reform of the current professor evaluation system. But I will also contribute my own values to the SBA Presidency:

I will work with the Diversity Committee to produce diversity initiatives that are substantive and beneficial to the student body as a whole. Critical to this effort will be a renewed engagement with diversity organizations on campus with a specific focus; events that are tailored to inform the greater U.Va. Law community about how to create and strengthen diversity initiatives in firms.

I will also support needed changes in the Honor Code; the U.Va. community has been taught that the world is not painted in stark, broad strokes of black and white, and yet the one size fits all Honor Code system belies the importance of this principle. By implementing a multi-tiered Honor System that recognizes different shades of punishment when necessary and by being more transparent about what constitutes an Honor Offense, the Honor Code will be a more understandable and effective tool for the community.

All of these initiatives will be fueled under the banner of a more energetic SBA, focused on getting things done quickly and efficiently.

### Ryan Woessner



Hi there, my name is Ryan Woessner and I am running for your SBA President. I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the SBA over the next year and reinvigorate the organization's commitment to ensuring that student needs are effectively addressed. While financial uncertainties continue to impair the overall health of the SBA, the role of the SBA in tackling student concerns and advocating for student needs has never been greater. In order to more adequately and transparently address these issues, I plan to host periodic town halls that confront widespread problems facing the student body, hold weekly SBA office hours and continue to expand online services and resources offered by the SBA.

Building on my experience as the law representative to the University Student Council, I will continue to focus on cultivating stronger relations among the grad schools as well as the greater Charlottesville community. Whether through graduate student mixers or the development of partnerships between local businesses and Law School and university-wide student groups, I will work to create a more collaborative support structure on the North Grounds and beyond. Additionally, I believe that the SBA should adopt a more targeted initiative in offering support to student groups that need more members or resources to successfully function. I will also pursue the possibility of healthier food options, such as a salad bar, at the Sidley Austin Café, push for faster grade returns and propose past/fail course options in clinics and small seminars.

From advocating for greater career services transparency and accountability to exploring funding options for summer judicial internships, I know that the SBA can more dynamically achieve real, relevant change on the pressing issues facing our school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, woessner@email.virginia.edu. Thank you for your support!



## Vice President

### Megan Kayo



I am running for SBA Vice President because I have had such a great experience at U.Va., and I am committed to ensuring that this tradition of camaraderie and excellence continues for future generations of students. Through my past experience as a member of the SBA Programming Committee, I have demonstrated that I am hardworking, receptive to student suggestions, and always willing to lend a helping hand. For example, at last year's picnic, students pointed out there was no dessert, so I made sure it was provided this year. When the 1L Tubing Trip was canceled because of rain, I met with the manager of Wild Wing Café to set up the first 1L Trivia Night. When the SBA's Graduation Committee needed volunteers, I recruited a couple friends to join me so the 3Ls on the Committee could enjoy the Bonfire.

Beyond the VP duties, I plan to start a program that connects students with good job contacts. For 1Ls interested in the California, Florida, or any other market, I want to connect them with students who have recently gone through the process, worked in that market, and can offer insight. As for grades, I plan to be an integral part of the effort to get student grades back in a more timely manner. I commend the SBA on the progress that has been made with 1L grades but I am determined to push for similar results for the 2L and 3L classes. In addition, I plan to work out a policy that discourages professors from using past exams that some members of the class may have seen. Exams are hard enough once, having to worry about possibly retaking them is unfair. Law school is tough but U.Va. is a great place, and I'm excited to work hard to keep it that way.

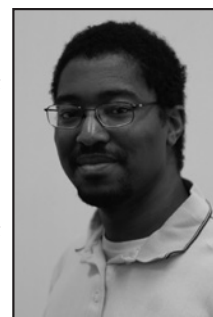
### Philip Williamson

Hello!

It has been my pleasure to serve as one of the Student Bar Association representatives to the University Student Counsel this past year. I also serve as co-chair of both the Alumni Relations and Public Service committees for SBA.

The SBA Vice-President plays a vital role in the organization and operation of SBA committees. I believe my background will allow me to continue the excellent work of our current VP, and ensure that SBA works efficiently and for the best interests of students at the Law School.

While I can't bring a puppy into the library for finals (some of our classmates are allergic), and former Speaker Gingrich beat me to promising you the moon, I can assure you that you'll have my devoted service as Vice-President and an open door for any questions or concerns.



## Secretary

### Jon Hammond



Here is my philosophy: I genuinely love this law school. Most of all, I love the vibrancy that our student life brings to the white halls and brick façade. I want to be a major component of the engine that causes our student body to be the envy of other law schools and employers alike. We may not yet realize it, but the camaraderie we form as students of this fine school may be the most important takeaway from our law school career.

Where does the secretary fit in to this rose-tinted picture? The secretary is a point of contact, a familiar face and presence that the students should feel able to approach with their ideas and concerns. I want to encourage students to speak out and interact with the SBA and the administration to ensure that our years at the Law School are exciting and productive while leaving the Law School in a better place for future students.

As a candidate for secretary, I share many of the concerns that we all share as fellow students. A part of me wanted to rant about parking, grading, and job opportunities for the entire word allotment. If we want to ensure that classes are recorded during OGI, then they damn well better be. I want to encourage and enable the student body to voice their concerns in such a dramatic fashion that the Law School will understand our plight more vividly than ever before. Thank you for your support and for reading to my rhetorical flourish at the end.

### Jacky Werman

The position of SBA secretary is one that I am passionate about. If elected, I promise to be approachable for students with suggestions. I am also eager to work more closely with student organizations by sending out the events email and ensuring students the opportunity to attend events of interest. Moreover, I am a highly qualified candidate for the position. Through involvement in other activities, I have learned how to successfully balance my time, which is important given the demands of this position. I have significant experience in leadership roles and am well equipped to take on this position as a liaison between the student body and the SBA.

The needs of any given SBA board will vary as the needs of the students and the administration change throughout the year. First and foremost, I promise to serve the most serious needs of the student body and the SBA at any given time. It would be imprudent for me to enter the executive board with my own agenda, blind to the goals set forth by the new SBA and executive board.

However, one important issue that is easily identifiable is making sure that the SBA website is updated. This would ensure that the students can stay better updated on the goals and progress of the SBA. As secretary, I hope to work on a rigorous update to this website. Another issue that I find important is making sure that students missing class for OGIs or call back interviews don't fall behind in their classes because of their absence. Recording classes for these students is an important project that this year's SBA has identified, and a project that I hope to continue working on. I am eager to take student feedback heavily into consideration while working with the SBA to make a more comprehensive list of goals to achieve throughout the year. Thanks for voting!



Mariah Johnston '14 is running unopposed for the position of SBA Treasurer

# Interested in Finance? Check Out Rivanna

I usually dedicate my column to my random musings on various topics that are of no consequence

**Jack Wickham '13**  
Columnist



to anyone, but I wanted to take the time this week to write about a new organization at U.Va. Law that is truly special. Rivanna Investments, created just last year, is a new student-run group focused on the art of intelligent investing. This summer, the organization was officially entrusted with \$100,000 from the Virginia Law School Foundation, from which members of the organization will structure an investment fund that will feed back into the Law School's endowment. Rivanna is conducted under the oversight of Mr. Richard Crawford, a U.Va. JD/MBA who manages his own investment fund and helps run the law and business program, as well as an executive board of U.Va. Law students with training and experience in the finance industry. The group is open to all students, including those who know nothing but wish to see the investment process in action, or those who wish to apply the skills they learned as an undergraduate finance major or work experience prior to law school. I had a chat with Joseph Mathew '13, the head of the organization, to discuss some of the ins and outs of the organization.

**Me:** What gave you the idea for Rivanna, and how did you turn that idea into reality?

**Mathew:** Rivanna is based on the investing clubs at other schools at U.Va. such as Darden Capital Management and the McIntire Investment Institute, which started in the 1990s and have grown steadily in assets and student participation. These programs are major value propositions for their schools and



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have helped build an alumni base equipped with far more expertise in investing than the average finance graduate. Taking the idea from concept to reality was only made possible due to the deep bench of financial and business talent that U.Va. Law possesses.

**Me:** How have you structured your fund?

**Mathew:** We value each potential investment individually, attempting to diversify in an effort to accomplish mission impossible (as most finance professors will tell you): Beat the Market. Since we know Virginia Law will be around a hundred years from now, we have a long term approach.

**Me:** What is your vision for the future of Rivanna?

**Mathew:** We hope to move Rivanna in the direction of eventually becoming a for-credit-experience, modeled on the clinics the law school offers in other disciplines. We plan on having a number of

marquee professionals come down this semester to talk to Rivanna Investments exclusively, on an "off the record" basis, and we are also teaming up with the Law and Business program for a future valuation training event taught by New York bankers.

**Me:** Alright, a shameless selling point to recruit 1Ls. Did you get asked about Rivanna in your interviews? I know I did.

**Mathew:** Rivanna is definitely the first thing that potential employers like to talk about during the fit part of the interview. Literally no one expects a law student to be helping to manage \$100,000 of his or her school's funds. The fact that Mr. Lu Alvarez (President and CEO of the Law School Foundation), Dean Mahoney, and Mr. Crawford are supportive of this endeavor speaks to one, the trust that they have in their students and two, their vision of the direction elite legal education is going in the

future.

Whether you just want to know the difference between a stock and a bond or have Warren Buffett on speed dial, Rivanna has a place for every student with an interest in finance. Joining a new organization that provides practical experience is a great selling point to interviewers, no matter what area of law you plan to go into after graduation. For me, it was a great way to signal to employers that I was truly interested in a working in corporate law despite not having a background in the area. For you, it could be the same or more. Rivanna meets weekly on Friday at 1 p.m. in WB114 (inside the library, across from the computer lab on the first floor). Those with questions should contact Joseph Mathew at josephmathew10@gmail.com, or just stop by the meeting. If you've read this far you're clearly interested, so why not?

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## outside north grounds



**Feb. 3** - Allen Murray: "The State of the U.S. Economy", Miller Center of Public Affairs, 11 a.m., free. Alan Murray, Deputy Managing Editor and On-line Executive Editor for The Wall Street Journal, sheds new light on the economic health of the country. He's scheduled to speak for a full hour, but ONG predicts he'll run out of steam after about 20 minutes of shouting "SELL! SELL! WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!" at the top of his lungs.



**Feb. 3** - Public Night at McCormick Observatory, McCormick Observatory, 9 p.m., free.

Experience the wonders of the sky through telescope viewings, audio-visual presentations, and tours of the observatory. Bring friends that you suspect of being werewolves, as the full moon is coming up. Silver bullets provided.



**Feb. 4** - Introductory Salsa, Alexandra Dance Studio (109 2nd St. SE), 3 p.m., price unknown.

ONG is so excited that ONG just went out and bought a new pestle.



**Feb. 5** - Regional Author Series: African-American Cemeteries, Central Library, 2 p.m., free.

Lynn Rainville, anthropological archaeologist, founding director of the Tusculum Institute and research professor in the humanities at Sweet Briar College, talks about her research into African-American cemeteries. Turns out black zombies are better than white zombies at basketball too.



**Feb. 6** - One-Hour Poetry Contest, Para Coffee, 7 p.m., free. Prompt announced at 7 p.m.

and the reading begins at 8, with the winning poem displayed for a week on the wall at Para. If the wall is "too mainstream," the winner may exchange the award for extra apathetic service from the Para staff for one full week.



**Feb. 8** - Workshop on downloading eBooks and Audiobooks, Gordon Ave. Library, 3 p.m., free.

Jump into the 21st Century and learn how to take advantage of your tablet. This workshop will last less than a minute as the instructor need do no more than walk into the room, write "thepiratebay.org" on the chalkboard, and walk out.



**Feb. 9** - London's National Theatre: Traveling Light, Paramount Theater, 7 p.m., \$10.

This play imagines the birth of silent film in a remote Eastern European village at the turn of the century. Ever since *The Artist*, everyone's been getting into the silence game. Even Etta James... Too soon? Name any of her songs besides "At Last" and ONG will apologize. (Flo Rida's "Good Feeling" doesn't count because Flo Rida is terrible.)



**Feb. 9** - Monticello Bird Club Meeting, Ivy Creek Natural Area, 7 p.m., free. Award-winning painter Ron Luque talks about how to paint birds. INB4 "PUT A BIRD ON IT!"

**ARISE!**

*To New Pawssibilities!*

*I am Sebastian*

*Lemondrop Langlet,*

*and I approve this*

*message.*

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## A Eulogy

We are gathered here today to share memories of a friend who was taken from us without warning, a friend whose life

**Marlee Waxelbaum '13**  
Columnist



ended too soon, and a friend who we will all miss dearly – our friend, the Feb Club Blog. For those that never properly got to know and understand it, Feb Club Blog was born and raised with the U.Va. Law community. Passed down from one generation of alcoholics to the next, Feb Club Blog became our teacher, our friend, and our confidant.

Feb Club Blog was there when we needed it most, helping us patch together the spottiest of nights with its talent for storytelling, its amazing ability to find the sketchiest of pictures, and its gift to say it all with one little word: weird. When we wanted to explain why U.Va. Law was so superior to other schools, we rarely spent more than a few minutes trying before directing uninitiated friends and potential future classmates to the hallowed pages of Feb Club Blog. Feb Club Blog did all the explaining necessary to prove that U.Va. was the best “work hard, play hard” environment as it combined penance for the narrative voice and colorful pictures to tell an exquisite tale of how law school can be just as crazy as undergrad – if not more so.

Yet Feb Club Blog, for all its brilliant recollections, was not immortal and was not perfect. Feb Club Blog, like the rest of us, had flaws. It often couldn't keep a secret and frequently had trouble filtering the plethora of photographs at its disposal.



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While it might be cruel to call Feb Club Blog a “fame whore” (bless its heart, of course), Feb Club Blog had difficulty resisting the quick path to fortune that the Internet so easily provided. So while many of us were shocked, saddened, and disappointed when Feb Club Blog went viral, none of us could truly claim that we were surprised.

And here we are, almost a year later, still trying to grasp the huge void in which the loss of Feb Club Blog has resulted. How will we piece together our blackouts now? How will we read about the exploits of our

more infamous classmates under the guise of obvious pseudonyms? How will 1Ls sitting in the library, convinced that they can't go out 4-7 nights a week, see all the fun they are missing? What will we show the admitted students that we like to prove to them that U.Va. is better than its peer institutions? What will those who have graduated look at sadly from their offices during their daily ten-minute break from doc review?

Sadly, friends, many of these questions will remain unanswered. While Feb Club

Blog had a crystal ball to predict (with surprising accuracy) the overall success of parties, we are crystal ball-less to predict who or what will step up to fill Feb Club Blog's void. Feb Club Blog was not without its enemies. Its detailed and easily identifiable pictures scared friend and foe alike. As a result, it seems as if, at least for now, Feb Club Blog hasn't just been taken down – it's been taken out.

Yet Feb Club Blog wouldn't want us to mourn, friends. Feb Club Blog wouldn't want us to shed any tears on its behalf. Feb Club Blog would want us to move on, to persevere, and to fight to make sure that just because we might not be able to log on to a website to see pictures of our classmates doing ridiculous things in absurd outfits, we will still have just as much fun – if not more fun – knowing that our escapades might not end up on the internet. Hopefully.

So instead of being sad that Feb Club Blog no longer lives (at least, in full form), let us rejoice and remember the lessons that Feb Club Blog taught us: shirts are unnecessary on males in February; parties involving houses with basements will inevitably spawn strange events – especially when baby oil is involved – sometimes the freakiest parties happen on weeknights with low attendance; cameras at parties are a bad idea; posting pictures on the internet of Feb Club parties without a strong privacy filter is a worse idea (HINT); Above the Law ruins fun; and, of course, to live every Feb Club party to its full potential.

Friends, in honor of our dearly departed Feb Club Blog, let us do the thing that Feb Club Blog loved most: let's get weird.

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## Who Decides?

Third year, spring semester. There are many things to be happy about. I'm down to my last handful of classes, I've

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paid (i.e. borrowed) my last dollar for school, and I've very nearly taken my last exam. Unfortunately, there are also many things to be sad about. Someone still has to go to those remaining classes. Somebody has to get a job and pay all that money back. And the only thing worse than registering for that last exam is actually taking it.

For many if not all of us, this will be our last semester of education. The next thing, whatever it is, will most likely not be another set of loans, another set of classes, another set of professors, another set of exams, and (after the obligatory six weeks of dust accumulate on those exams) another set of grades. Perhaps a few of us will go on to do graduate work in tax, or perhaps an MBA, but for everyone else, the school days are over.

It's actually worse than that: not only are we leaving education for good; many of us are leaving it for the first time. Even those of us who did not move straight from college to law school spent only a token amount of time outside the academy – only enough time to decide we didn't like it much and that it might be better as a lawyer. (Time will tell, but it looks like the joke's on us.) So far, we are lifelong inhabitants of the Ivory Tower. Hail.

The academy is a peculiar institution in that it occupies itself (especially in its upper reaches) with a set of questions upon which its constituents seem



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wholly unqualified to opine: How ought society to be organized? What ought the rules of (property, contract, trusts, corporations, etc.) be? What acts should be encouraged, and what acts should be punished? What acts should be protected no matter how unpopular? Who gets to decide?

Often we answer the last question strangely: Well, we do. In five semesters of class, no professor has failed to ask the question: Is this or is this not a good rule to have? We sit in our seminars, drawing up the best system of tort or property or criminal law, taking the blue pencil to the contracts of savvy businesspeople, proclaiming the meaning of our founding texts. Why shouldn't we make these decisions? *U.S. News* tells us that

if we're here, we must be bright. The Law School itself has done very little to discourage that notion (even if our prospective employers are less impressed). If we just apply ourselves to these problems, we can make a better system.

Unfortunately, many of these problems are not susceptible to the application of even our considerable brilliance alone. Actual experience in the field may be required both to understand the problem and to craft a solution. Actual experience may show that despite the problem, no better solution is feasible (or even possible). Actual experience may show that what looks on its face like a problem is actually not a problem at all, but rather a solution to a related problem that the scholar or student

could not see ahead of time. The world is a complicated place; it will rarely be the case that one can grasp from a casebook or lecture the way that the issues intertwine, and it will rarely be the case that a person can see ahead of time the many effects (some salutary, others not) that one's classroom solution will cause.

On what experience may we rely in our seminars? Many of us have experience only with school. We understand how course waitlists work, how one can arrange a semester with no class on Fridays (or Thursdays . . . or Tuesdays!), and the absurdity of asking students to finalize their course selections for this semester without the benefit of last semester's grades. We're reasonably good at twenty-minute interviews. We can throw a hell of a party thirty nights in a row, and we can play outfield without putting down our beers. I don't want to give the impression these are not important skills, but they hardly qualify one to decide what the law of adverse possession ought to be.

I understand the practical value of teaching students to make arguments; after all, those of us who leave academia will spend our careers making arguments about what the facts were or what the law is (or, if we're desperate, what it ought to be). We'll have to interpret statutes and contracts and cases and do our best to make successful arguments for our clients. But in this work, I suspect that the question whether or not a particular rule is a “good” rule will come up much more rarely than it does in law school courses, and when it does it will be tempered by the experience of the client, a form of life often wholly forgotten in our hallowed halls.

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# Crime Tattlers, Esq.



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Facial composite of the Skyrim Bandit by Law Weekly artists.

It is no great mystery that several U.Va. Law students have had some trouble with the

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law of late, all of which made its way onto Above The Law forthwith. As a hedge against not getting a job after graduation, I've decided to suck up to the ATL bloggers by offering up some as-yet-undiscovered Michael A. Gibson (University Police Chief) incident reports in the hope that Lat and Elie will reward me with a staff writing position (at \$160K).

**Crime Alert:** Fresh-Baked Pie Stolen From Martha Ballenger's Windowsill

Charlottesville Police are investigating the larceny of one (1) fresh Cherry Pie from the windowsill of Ms. Martha Ballenger's office at approximately 2:24 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012. "I had just pulled it out of the oven and set it on the windowsill to let it cool," Ballenger reported. "I went to the computer to send out an email about someone's car lights being left on in the parking lot - I couldn't have been gone more than three minutes - and when I returned the pie was gone!"

Charlottesville Police initially detained one Jeffrey O'Connell, who was found with flecks of red food on his face, but later released him after realizing that, as a supercentenarian, he has some food on his face almost literally all of the time. Police ask students to be suspicious of anyone who appears well fed and is not diabetic, and also any black male between 5'6 and 6'8.

**Crime Alert:** Professor Setear's Sugar Switched With Salt  
Charlottesville Police are in-

vestigating a "switcheroo with malice aforethought" of Mr. John K. Setear's sugar with some sodium-chloridal compound, most likely salt, but possibly anthrax, but no really it was definitely salt, sometime between 10:31 a.m. and 10:31 and 30 seconds a.m. on Jan. 23, 2012. Setear told police that he was on his twelfth cup of coffee for the morning as he brought the cup to his lips and was immediately sent into a coughing spasm.

However, Charlottesville Police have not been called in to bring the perpetrator to justice. "On the contrary," said Setear, "I want to shake their [sic] hand! It's a classic gag!" Setear then squirted the lieutenant taking his statement in the eye with water from a fake flower on his lapel and fled in a goofy manner before stopping 20 feet away at a vending machine to buy Funyuns.

**Crime Alert:** Forced Fondling of Robert F. Kennedy Bust

Charlottesville Police are investigating a forced fondling of the Robert F. Kennedy bust on display at the bottom of the stairs in the Arthur J. Morris Law Library this past Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at approximately 11:15 p.m. A white male, believed to have come directly from the Feb Club Eve party, entered the library nude from the waist down but sporting an open Santa coat with a t-shirt underneath that read "I See You When You're Sleeping." He then proceeded to rub his hands over the bust and mumble to himself before kissing the stone lips and paraphrasing famous Kennedy quotes, such as "One-fifth of the people are against you and me getting a sex cottage in Buenos Aires all the time," and "I dream of things that never were and ask why not, like why won't you look at me during, Bobby Kennedy?!"

He was eventually driven from the library by a lesson from Kent Olson (Head of Reference) on how to search county estate records in Knoxville using LexisNexis shortcuts.

Charlottesville Police have narrowed their search to the 1L class, because no 2L or 3L would be caught dead in the library past 5 o'clock on a Tuesday.

**Crime Alert:** Jarl of Whiterun's Pocket Picked

Charlottesville Police are investigating a picked pocket in the province of Skyrim, in Dragonsreach in the city of Whiterun. Jarl Balgruuf the Greater reported that, after meeting with a wayward adventurer, a Ring of Minor Conjunction and one (1) potato went missing from his pockets. When asked why a Jarl (who never seems to move from his throne and contents himself with giving Thaneship to strangers in exchange for the performance of menial tasks) had a Ring of Minor Conjunction in the first place, Balgruuf replied, "Good deal on a Woot-Off day. And who couldn't use a 12 percent discount on casting conjunction spells every now and then?" When asked about the potato, Balgruuf refused comment.

Charlottesville Police are looking for a 2L who plays too much Skyrim, with an in-game Pickpocketing skill of 100 but an inability to level his Speech skills up nearly as high despite his best efforts and near-constant use of the Masque of Clavicus Vile. If this person has a girlfriend, she is undoubtedly ashamed at the number of hours he spends on his Xbox and is now regretting consenting to dating a Law Weekly columnist.

Stay vigilant, U.Va. And Lat, any chance I could get an advance? There's a strategy guide I've got my eye on.  
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## sudoku

Hard

				9	5		6	
	8	4			1		5	
9		5						4
			7	1			2	8
		2				1		
1	3			2	9			
5						4		2
	1		6			3	7	
	4		9	5				

Easy

							1	
		9	1				3	6
	7	8	4		3			
2		4	9				8	
7	8						5	2
	9				1	7		4
			7		6	2	9	
4	2				8	1		
	5							

### ANSWERS

Hard

1	8	9	7	5	6	3	4	2
5	7	3	2	4	9	6	1	8
7	6	4	8	1	3	7	5	2
9	4	7	6	2	5	8	3	1
6	3	1	4	9	8	2	7	5
8	2	5	3	1	7	9	6	4
4	1	2	9	8	3	5	7	6
3	5	6	1	7	2	4	8	9
7	9	8	5	6	4	9	5	8

Easy

8	4	9	2	1	3	7	5	6
3	7	1	8	6	5	9	2	4
5	6	2	9	4	7	3	1	8
4	9	7	1	8	2	5	6	3
2	5	6	4	3	9	1	8	7
1	8	3	5	7	6	4	9	2
6	2	5	3	9	4	8	7	1
9	3	8	7	2	1	6	5	4
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