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A View From August 12th Observers

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The following is a reflection by UVa law students who attended actions on August 11 and 12 as either counter-protesters or legal observers. We write to the UVa law community to share our perspectives with you directly and to explain why and how we were involved.

We did not consider our decision to take part in the counter-protests to be without consequence, but it was still an easy call for most of us. We knew of the potential for violence. For those of us who participated in OGI, we knew that our involvement could harm our career prospects.

Still, we believe that white supremacy and Nazism are so vile and threatening to our democracy that they should be confronted directly. For those of us involved in the protests, we drowned out the Nazis' hateful chants and forcefully showed them they are not welcome here. For those of us who were legal observers, we monitored their violent behavior as well as the police treatment of counter-protesters. Specifically, we worked with the Central Virginia chapter of the National Lawyers Guild to support their clients: clergy and other counter-protesters, not the Alt-Right.

For some of us, one of the hardest parts of the whole experience has been figuring out how to deal with what we went through, how to process all of the violence and hate, how to talk to strangers about how horrible it was and what needs to be done now, and how to ask our friends for the support we so desperately need. We want to feel okay again every time someone brings up that weekend or when we walk downtown. We want to deal with everything we saw and the trauma associated with it on our own terms, but instead we are forced to relive it every time we attempt to convince others of the magnitude of what happened.

That weekend, we stared into the eyes of hate and the faces of contempt as white supremacists

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Rain or Shine, We Dandelion



Photo courtesy of Greg Ranzini

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Dandelion made a damp and dreary return to its traditional Friday timeslot this past week.

It may have been a surprise to some that the event went off at all in the half-flooded Park, as NGSL's alcohol permit did not allow for a rain-out location. However, a clever change to the traffic pattern around the wristband checkpoint and a fortuitous break in the weather allowed for a wilted Dandelion to proceed.

In keeping with our ancient traditions, the *Law Weekly* submits the following roast:

Section A, named "Accidentally in Law" kicked off the event. After several false starts, however, it became apparent that they had taken "skit" far too literally, given that their dialogue was inaudible. The Shrek theme didn't really help. Cute dog, though.

Section B followed, corrupting their section softball team ("Bad News Barristers," get it?) into "Bad News Bear Suits" before transitioning into a left-field dig at Chris Christie's recent beach closure scandal. With only two costumes for thirty section members, it seems sadly probable that they will return to their usual attire by the time the playoffs roll around.

Section C's theme was, in a word, "indeCIPHERable." "I Can't Wait to 'C' You Again" suggested an audience member next to me; other possibilities include "unClear" and "Confused." Whatever the

case, switching to Fountains of Wayne did not avail them. "Drag, but not even committed drag," opined another 3L nearby.

Section D went for "Do It for the (J)D," although I have it on good authority that they were originally thinking about "Darden" before they chickened out. Even so, this was probably the best of the day, thanks to crisp choreography, solid costuming, and enthusiastic stripping.

Section E was solidly competent with "Part-E Bus Karaoke-E," a medley of 80s power ballads. Good commitment to the theme, if not particularly funny.

Section F confused us all by holding up a book labeled "Swag Statute." Could it be that they really don't know how to spell their section name? They do know how to dance, at least, even if their choice of "Safety Dance" deepened the mystery—as did their decision to shout "The F is for Phenomenal" at the end.

Section G's participation seemed to be in doubt. They began with one of the longest pauses in recent memory (Sadly, not the first nor the last of the day). After several minutes, a man with a pool noodle duct-taped to his shoulders and a plastic dinosaur claw down his sleeve screamed something unintelligible into a mic, indicating that... something was happening, at least. To their credit, they did gamely attempt to continue their skit under a half-hearted rain of discarded

solo cups. I'm still not entirely sure what their theme was, but considering they had the leather jacket already, they might have been better served to just go with "JumpinG the Shark" and own it.

Section I continued the trend of taking a full three minutes to set up, although their acrobatic "I" might legitimately have taken some coordination. Their theme, "What 1Ls Expect," proved more surprising. Apparently 1Ls expect purse snatchers to be camp stereotypes. A proper attempt at dancing prompted loud and vaguely wistful cheers.

Section J took even longer to begin. Channeling Shia LaBoeuf and shouting "Section JUST DO IT" at them had no effect. "Justice League / Soulja Boy" might have been a clever theme, but the dog they dressed in a cape looked positively terrified. "Justice League" on the trash bag capes matched well with "Superman that ho," I guess. The judges disagreed: "Team is disqualified for animal cruelty. That poor beagle."

The LLMs declined to participate, having seemingly concluded that America is beyond parody this year.

Official winners:

First place: Section D. They looked horrified to learn of the "prize."

Second place: Section I.

The *Law Weekly's* verdict: Section D, followed by Section I. Well done, NGSL!

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around north grounds

 Thumbs up to the UVa Football Team winning on Saturday. The only thing that surprises ANG more than the fact that UVa still has a football team is that William & Mary also has a football team.

 Thumbs down to Starbucks for faking out ANG on the start of PSL season. ANG dressed in leggings, Uggs, and a Northface jacket on Sept 1st FOR NOTHING.

 Congratulations to Zach Britt and Dan Richardson, EIC of the Virginia Law Review, on their wedding this weekend. ANG hopes there's an open bar. Best wishes!

 Thumbs down to the Virginia Law Review for soliciting student-written articles on current events. That's ANG's domain. If VLR wants to start a turf war over half-baked student editorials, it should at least bring pizza.

 Thumbs up to Softball Season starting. ANG appreciates watching 1Ls slowly realize gym class is back.

 Thumbs down to Trump nullifying DACA. ANG seriously hopes that The Donald doesn't think that doing something so petty and cruel will distract the news cycle from Rus- who are we kidding.

 Heartest felt congratulations to Dear Respected Comrade Marshal Kim Jong-un on the successful test of the DPRK hydrogen bomb. ANG looks forward earnestly to the destruction of the American aggressors and the eternal victory of Juche Thought. Please don't touch the law school.

 Thumbs down to the approaching Hurricane Irma. ANG will be waiting with bated breath for your emails, Stephen T. Parr.

 Thumbs down to Joel Osteen. Refusing to help the homeless and displaced is boring—ANG prefers ANG's megachurch scandals with hookers and blow.

LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: SPOTLIGHT

The Law Weekly reached out to affinity group leaders to write for us in a feature we are calling "Spotlight." Our goal is to give leaders a regular platform to start conversations about issues they are facing, to reflect on the events of August 11th and 12th, and to educate the UVa Law community about their diverse experiences so that we can become better allies to our fellow classmates.

If you or your organization would like to be featured, please reach out to us at editor@lawweekly.org.

"Diversity" and "inclusion" are buzzwords I personally was privileged

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enough to never worry about growing up. Law school changed that. Here at UVa Law, those two words have a robust presence, involving themselves in career prospects and the social environment, an inevitable result of the greater social homogeneity here than that in cities many students are used to. Needless to say, it is a bit of a culture shock for some who come to a place with dissimilar demographics to home. That is where affinity groups such as SALSA, the South Asian Law Student Association, come into play.

Some people have reached out to me to ask about affinity groups have asked me whether there is a problem when it comes to diversity. My response typically consists of an anecdote in an effort to answer as honestly and candidly as possible. In my experience, I've found that within an educated population, racism and hurtful

words are not malicious; rather, they come from a place of misunderstanding and mild ignorance.

My story is about the 1L career search. Texas, my target geographic prefer-

ence, has a faster timeline than other states. Consequently, I finished my job search relatively early. I kept the news of the offer somewhat close to me, only divulging its existence to close friends or

to those who specifically asked. A couple months into spring semester of 1L, I distinctly remember participating in a conversation about the job search with a group of friends. normal responses, such as "congratulations," "that's great, good for you," or even just saying very little and continuing the underlying conversation, her first reaction to me was,

involvements throughout the year that had led to this position had all been reduced to the color of my skin. I knew the statement was not meant to intentionally hurt me or to dismiss my accomplishments, but hurt and dismiss is exactly what it did. That statement came from ignorance, from the inability to see the countless hours I labored while maintaining a good academic and social standing in order to secure a position in my geographic preference. The worst part: I have heard similar stories before, and I will continue to hear them again until we educate about diversity and inclusion.

I cannot pretend that I have been the victim of racial injustice throughout my life. I consider myself privileged in that regard. However, this event was a slap in the face and made me realize that these problems truly do exist, even in great institutions of law. It was then that I realized the role SALSA played in my life. My community through the organization served as a sounding board for the hurt I was feeling.

The purpose of SALSA SPOTLIGHT page 5



Photo courtesy of Maya Iyyani

At the time, I was the only one in the group with a summer clerkship, and no one in that particular group knew that yet. One girl asked me about my summer plans and I told her the truth. Instead of

"Oh wow, I wish I was a minority." "I wish I was a minority." All my hard work in classes, the networking and cold calls to land interviews with firms in Texas, the extracurricular

raising three children on her own. She wore the ring everyday while she had it, and I have worn it every day since it was given to me.

10. What did you have for breakfast this morning?
Homemade French toast, imported maple syrup, fresh berries, and mimosas . . . Just kidding. I'm pretty sure I rolled out of bed and ate stale Goldfish crackers and canned fruit.

11. What's your most interesting two-truths-and-a-lie? (And what's the lie?)
1. I met Paul McCartney while hanging out in a hotel swimming pool. 2. I spent a summer on an archaeological dig in Lebanon. 3. I didn't learn how to ride a bike until I was 18. (Number 2 is the lie. Though I do truly enjoy archaeology, I've never been to Lebanon.)

12. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
I would want to live in London. I studied abroad there during undergrad and fell in love with it.

13. What's the best (or worst!) PG-rated pick-up line you've ever heard?
Is your name Earl Grey? Because you look like a hot-tea!

14. What's the best gift you've ever received?
When I was going through a rough time in undergrad, my family gave me my Great Grandma Jewel's college class ring. When she was widowed at the age of 42, she put herself through college and went on to get a Master's degree while

15. If the law school had yearbook awards, what would you want to win?
I hope I would win "least likely to sleep through a morning class," but the chances of my never sleeping through my 8:30 class are extremely slim. Realistically, I could probably win "most likely to still get hopelessly lost in the law school as a 3L."

16. If you could know one thing about your future, what would it be?
It's a trap! I don't want to know anything about my future. Does that ever turn out well in movies and literature?

17. Backstreet Boys or *NSYNC?
This might be the hardest question on here. I think I'll have to go with Backstreet Boys, though. (Sorry, JT!)

18. What's the longest you've gone without sleep?
About fifty hours. Never again.

19. What's your favorite thing to do in Charlottesville?
Everything! So far, I really like sitting on the benches at the downtown mall and people watching. The hiking is nice, too!

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working on my penmanship so that I could actually read my notes.

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HOT BENCH



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1. Have you ever had a nickname and what's the origin of it?

People in high school called me Katorade because, as a freshman, I accidentally spilled a full container of red Gatorade powder on the principal's two-year-old daughter. The toddler and my classmates thought it was hilarious. My principal did not.

2. What is your favorite word?

Zephyr

3. Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in the Reno, Nevada/Lake Tahoe area. I will fight people who incorrectly pronounce "Nevada" as "Nev-ah-duh".

4. What's the best meal you've ever had?

My mother makes a killer grilled-cheese sandwich with

four cheeses. I think their deliciousness has a lot to do with the copious amounts of butter she uses, but I can't be sure because I've been unable to replicate them.

5. If you could meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?

I would want to meet Leo DiCaprio because I still don't understand the ending to Inception and I have questions that need answering.

6. If you owned a sports team, what/who would be the mascot?

The mascot would be a capybara because I think they're hilarious. Then again, people in mascot costumes make me nervous, so perhaps my sports team wouldn't have a mascot and I should just acquire a pet capybara for myself.

7. If you had to pick one song to play non-stop in the background of your life, what would it be?

I would probably go with "Renegade" by The Styx. It never fails to pump me up.

8. If you were a superhero, what would your super power be?

Never needing to sleep would be an excellent and very practical super power.

9. What's something you wish you'd known about law school before coming to UVa?

I wish that I had known that some professors don't allow laptops in class because I would have spent the summer

Virginia Law Weekly Wins ABA Award

"The Virginia Law Weekly blends its roots as a news source for the school of law community with an occasional slightly satirical tone. Its staff of roughly 20 accepts articles on any topic of interest to students from guest writers, giving access to students, faculty, and a wide cross-section of the school. The paper covered elections for the student-run disciplinary system; the denial of organization status to DREAMers on Grounds and the controversy surrounding the decision; and their SBA's reform of its bylaws and constitution. The VLW also examined "Hoos Got Your Back," the campus-wide initiative to end sexual violence. And we commend you on your continued commitment to discovering and sharing the truth."

- ABA Law Student Division award notes

Summer Stories: Roger T. Dean

Guess what I did this summer?

I want to first start off by saying welcome to the new

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Guest Contributor



class of 1Ls. You have embarked on a worthwhile journey to become a legal advocate at a wonderful institution of higher learning. The University of Virginia School of Law and I both welcome you. Now, I will get straight to the point of this article.

You will never guess what I did this past summer. Go on, guess. I will give you three guesses. If I told you already, you don't get to guess. I mean you do, but you don't win. All right, got your guesses? All wrong. All of them. I mean, you actually could have gotten it, but I'm going to tell you anyway. This summer, I stayed with some of my friends from undergrad (George Mason University) while I interned at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia (USAO – DC).

According to their website,

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia is a unique one among the 94 United States Attorney Offices across the nation and its territories by virtue of its

size and its varied responsibilities. Shockingly, for an area so small, it is the largest United States Attorney's Office. It has over 350 Assistant United States Attorneys and over 350 support staff. The size of this Office is the result of the breadth of the responsibility for criminal law enforcement and the ideal location in the nation's capital. USAO – DC is responsible not only for the prosecution of all federal crimes in the District, but

agencies in civil proceedings filed in federal court in the District of Columbia. As the principal prosecutor for all criminal offenses in this jurisdiction, and as the principal litigator for the United States in the nation's capital, the Office offers extensive litigation experience before over 100 judges in the federal and local courts and unique opportunities for important public service.

I know—pretty fancy, right? During my time

rior Court of the District of Columbia, (the local courthouse). It was also the courthouse my supervising attorneys practiced in every day. As an office, we were in court every day for something. There are a lot of murders that happen in the district. I was unaware of that. I had no clue. I did not know murder was so prevalent in such a small area.

There were over 130 interns in the intern office and fifteen on my floor. There were a couple of UVa Law students in my division and in my office this summer. You can ask around and get different feedback, but my experience was once-in-a-lifetime. I loved my experience. I had the opportunity to do some solid legal research and writing. I researched and drafted a response to a defense motion for the government arguing that a drug addict's identification should be accepted as expert testimony. The question presented was: "Would it be appropriate for the court to accept the government's request to qualify a drug user as an expert witness in a trial for identification purposes of crack cocaine?" The short answer was: "Yes. It is appropriate as it has been done in other jurisdictions. There is legal support for the decision, and it wouldn't be overturned on appeal. It is clearly aligned with *United States v. Bradley*, 165 F.3d 594 (7th Cir. 1999) in which the court says "[t]his just makes common sense because those who smoke, buy, or sell this stuff are the real experts on what is crack."

Long story short, there was some crack that was supposed to be found and field tested, but it couldn't be tested or retrieved because it was consumed by the government's witness. The witness was there for the purpose of identifying the substance. In the oral argument, the judge stated she was inclined to agree with the government's. Similarly, I analyzed precedent and wrote a response opposing a motion to sever two homicide trials, arguing that joinder was appropriate given the overlapping involvement of the defendant, weapon, and witnesses. I did the normal and expected things like review, analyze, and synthesize witness interview tapes for trial attorney, and I also observed courtroom proceedings including trials, hearings, and appellate arguments. Last, but definitely not least, I went to a medical examiner's office. The other interns and I were able to learn about the history of the Baltimore Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the field of study. We got to see how they train

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also for the prosecution of all serious local crime committed by adults in the District of Columbia. On the civil side, the USAO – DC represents the United States and its departments and

there, I was in the homicide division. In D.C., there are two courts in which this office works: the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (the federal trial court) and the Supe-

Practice LSAT Question

energy. And we must do so together.

We have devoted much of our attention and effort

also preparing to welcome more than 4,000 new students, faculty, staff, and their families.

Many in our community

about the University's ability and commitment to ensure a safe learning and living environment.

The University of Virgin-

This includes open spaces such as Nameless Field and our historic Lawn, where torch-wielding protestors gathered and marched to invoke fear and intimidation.

What did the University know about the gathering here? What actions did that prompt? What enhancements should we consider to further refine policies and improve existing safety programs and protocols? Part of our ongoing responsibility is to consider these questions with those involved to reach frank conclusions about them that may yield opportunities for us to further improve our efforts. As we do following every major event and exercise, we will look for opportunities to improve our communication and coordination across the Grounds and with local law enforcement agencies.

I write today to reassure you that your safety is our most important concern. UVA has a robust network of safety resources that we have expanded in recent years. I would also encourage students to read Seven Resources to Help Students Stay Safe at the University of Virginia. While no public space or environment can be completely safe all of the time, the University will continue pursuing that goal as a top priority.

I remain proud of the ac-
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Law Weekly Staff

Reading Comprehension:

Each set of questions in this section is based on a single passage or a pair of passages, derived from real communication(s) from the University administration to the student body. The questions are to be answered on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage or pair of passages. For some of the questions, more than one of the choices could conceivably answer the question. However, you are to choose the best answer; that is, the response that most accurately and completely answers the question, and mark the corresponding space on your answer sheet.

Passage for Questions 1 and 2

Last Friday torch-bearing protestors marched on our Grounds prior to Saturday's rally and protests in downtown Charlottesville. Emotions remain raw in our community. We all mourn the loss of life on Saturday, the injuries, and the resulting distress. And we feel anger and frustration at the hateful messages that were directed to valued members of our community. Beginning to heal as a community from this trauma takes time and

A Call to Cancel All Wertland Block Party Plans

In consideration of my assurance that your safety and well-being remain our utmost concern, and given the immeasurable emotion and stress that first responders and community members experienced this past weekend, I am calling on our student community to put an end to the annual Wertland Block Party.

This private event occurs off our Grounds and thus the University cannot act directly to stop it. This gathering of students and the public has as its single purpose pursuing risky and harmful behavior including but not limited to consuming dangerous amounts of alcohol. This event threatens the general health of participants. It also places a tremendous strain on local law enforcement and health officials, all of whom have only begun recovering from the violence of this past weekend. Our students are prepared for leadership, and now is the time for leaders to step forward.

In the days ahead, you will be hearing more about planned activities for bringing our community members together to heal and support one another. I hope that members of the University community will participate in these activities and turn our collective focus toward the future.

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thus far to continuing to respond to repercussions for our students, faculty, staff and others following the weekend. We are

have inquired about the University's preparation and response on Friday evening. Important questions have been raised

ia is a public institution and as such must abide by state and federal law regarding the general public's right to access outdoor spaces.

LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVa Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court is composed of four associate justices and one Chief Justice. Opinions shall be released periodically and only in the official court reporter: the Virginia Law Weekly. Please email a brief summary of any and all conflicts to editor@lawweekly.org

Class of 2020 v. Law School Canon 502 U.Va. 626 (2017)

VANDERMEULEN, J., announced the judgment of the Court in an opinion joined by GOLDMAN, C.J., and HALL and ZABLOCKI, JJ.

The case at bar comes to us on appeal from a 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss granted by Judge Kendrick in the lower court. It presents a novel issue of law: may the 1L class, mired in the intractable wilderness of the canonical 1L cases, earn an injunction against the teaching of generations of law school wisdom, in particular, what is known as the "1L canon"? Judge Kendrick granted the defendants' motion to dismiss, made to her on behalf of the faculty by Professor Bonnie, who couldn't bear the thought of not being able to teach Faulkner, Cunningham, or any of the rest of those weird British cases he uses to teach mens rea. In recognition of the Goluboff Suggestion, we note that our jurisdiction over this matter is clear, as it concerns students and faculty of the Law School, and we affirm the court below.

The petitioners, the Class of 2020, apparently already weary of parsing 18th century language and reading the phrase "to wit," base their effort to bar the teaching of legendary pre-1960 cases on a series of claims, each more tenuous than the last. First come the usual suspects: the Eighth Amend-

1 Just wait 'til you get to the insanity defense, seriously.

2 And sometimes earlier; thanks for making us read that 15th century Thorns Case, Professor Abraham, I've been super careful about bush-trimming ever since.

ment, which they surely do not yet understand (not that they will even after Con Law, lol), and the tort of Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (does anyone other than Professor White actually get what this is?). Next are a blizzard of legal and equitable claims so dizzying that this Court is led to believe that some over-

sentences from their initial complaint: "The traditional law school canon no longer serves any discernible purpose. It is provincial, outmoded, and, to wit, totally f*cking lame." While this Court is not unsympathetic to the pleas of the Law School's newest denizens, we feel compelled to affirm Judge Kendrick's order.

340 U.Va. 712 ("Sitting at standing desks is hereby absolutely forbidden. What the fuck is wrong with you guys?") and Class of 2019 v. 1L Professors, 312 U.Va. 600 (2017) ("Nobody wants to see their professors at the Rec. That's gross.") But why would we act to deprive these bright-eyed, eager 1Ls of the wisdom of ages past?

remember anything about Penoyer other than the phrase "quasi in rem," and despite the apparent lesson of Lucy v. Zehmer, several members of this Court regularly engage in attempted real estate transactions while inebriated only to later attempt to renege.

Nevertheless, both petitioners and respondents fail to grasp the 1L canon's most essential quality: law students have shitty senses of humor, and without the common bonds of the 1L canon, we would lose a massive chunk of our already-paltry joke material. In order for the members of the Class of 2020 to be fully accepted as members of the community, they, too, must find themselves consumed by self-loathing when, months from now, they make a bad joke about feeling like the horse in Bailey v. West or craft a lousy pun about the scales in Palsgraf. It's what it means to be a law student. Left bereft of the 1L canon, we would have only the professors and softball to unite us in humor, and, let's be honest, most of the professors aren't that funny.

No, it will not do. This Court has long held to the idea that a thriving law school humor scene is at the heart of what it means to go to UVa. See SBA v. Libel, 7 Sorry, Professor Woolhandler, it wasn't you, it was me.

8 Lookin' at you again, Justice Jani.

9 It's true, don't @ me.

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"Despite the labyrinthine catastrophe of ill-wrought and contradictory claims made by the petitioners... their claim can be summed up by the two sentences from their initial complaint: 'The traditional law school canon no longer serves any discernible purpose. It is provincial, outmoded and, to wit, totally f*cking lame.'"

-J. VanderMeulen

zealous 1L has been doing too much outside reading: unconscionability (yeah, right), substantive due process (talk to me when you've read Glucksberg), trover (wut), and, most bafflingly, the Rule of Capture based on that "pernicious and incorrigible" fox case. The Court doesn't even know how to respond to that.

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3 Color us surprised.

Make no mistake: this Court could, of course, enjoin the teaching of the 1L canon and rid North Grounds of Penoyer v. Neff's maddening opaqueness for all time. We frequently exercise our plenary equitable power to prohibit those activities deemed hostile to the continued functioning of the Law School. See Sitting at Standing Desks v. Standing at Standing Desks,

4 The Petty Court notes its appreciation of the 1Ls' talented weaving of pretentious law school language with pointed profanity.

5 See Rule of Petty Procedure #1: We do what we want.

This Court's members all read these cases, and the years since 1L have blessed us with the sagacity and sophistication to truly appreciate the multi-faceted and timeless wisdom that they alone can... lol jk. I don't

6 With one exception; see Jani, J., concurring.

Faculty Quotes

J. C. Jeffries, Jr.: "That's what lawyers are paid to do: stand up and say with apparent sincerity things which are preposterous."

I'm driving my Subaru and listening to NPR."

M. Riley: "What do we need to do to get real legal change? That's right, kill children."

J. Harrison: "You have to wonder how many fires are set by firefighters so they can slide down the pole."

J. Mahoney: "It's difficult to say no to a child selling Girl Scout cookies, even to a truculent child."

J. Setear: "Often the standard of review for those types of issues is de novo. What's the name of that singer...Demi Lodovo...?"

Heard a good professor quote? Email editor@lawweekly.org!

R. Hynes: "I'm an academic, so I'm doing what academics do."

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examiners as well as the ins and outs of the office. More importantly, we got to see autopsies. They are not like what you see on TV. In Baltimore, at least, there is a giant room where they perform the examinations, but there are like five corpses and multiple medical examiners. One person does fingerprints. Another one may be doing the brains. It was a very eye- and mind-opening experience. No pun intended. Or is it?

Either way, I did public service for my first summer and I loved it. For 2Ls and 3Ls, OGI is pretty much over, so we can finally relax. I hope we all get what we are looking for when it comes to offers. 1Ls soon you will have a choice to make as to what you want to do with your next summer. There are many options out there to choose from to spend your summer. I recommend the United States Attorney's Office in D.C. or any other office for that matter. Maybe you will catch the public service bug. Maybe you will get to go on a police ride-along. Maybe you will realize you want to be a prosecutor. Maybe you will realize you want stay as far away from prosecution as possible. That's unlikely, but either way, whatever you decide, I wish you all the best.

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tions of our community, our public safety officials, and medical center staff in a tense, indeed unprecedented set of circumstances. I am deeply grateful that a volatile situation did not escalate even further on Grounds.

University Police arrested one protestor and charged the individual with assault and disorderly conduct. Several minor injuries were reported, including one University police officer who was injured while making the arrest. Several other individuals sustained minor injuries during the confrontation, none requiring admission to the hospital.

We are grateful for the efforts of University Police and our law enforcement partners during this very fluid and difficult event. I also want to express gratitude to members of the University and larger communities who came to the assistance of those injured on Friday.

A Call to Cancel all Wertland Block Party Plans

In consideration of my assurance that your safety and well-being remain our utmost concern, and given the immeasurable emotion and stress that first responders and community members experienced this past weekend, I am calling on our student community to put an end to the annual

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marched past us. For those of us who worked as legal observers, our neon green hats made us feel safer, but they also made us stick out from the crowd. Our fear and discomfort did not deter us from standing strong and staring back. We felt

ble and necessary, or as an irresponsible decision likely to do no more than feed into the Alt-Right's desire for visibility? What if we had been arrested, as many counter-protesters were at the KKK rally in July? We recognized that our race and class privilege insulated us from some of the risks faced by many others. Still, those

reached out to check in, to support us, and to tell us to be ourselves. When asked, we told interviewers that we were there, and that the experience was still raw and difficult to discuss, but that we were thankful we could use our legal training for our communities.

We say all this to show that standing up against

ported in being top-notch advocates. We are in Charlottesville at a time when the vilest forms of discrimination and hatred are resurging. You, our fellow classmates, are some of the brightest and kindest people we have ever met. We know your skills can help this community defend itself against hatred and dis-

"For some of us, one of the hardest parts of the whole experience has been figuring out how to deal with what we went through, how to process all the violence and hate, how to talk to strangers about how horrible it was and what needs to be done now, and how to ask our friends for the support we so desperately need."

strongly that we needed to stand up to hate and be proactive allies.

Less than forty-eight hours after the rally, some of us traveled for callback interviews. After Heather Heyer's murder made international news, we were sure that interviewers would bring up the weekend's events. We wondered, if August 12 had turned out differently, would we still be in those interviews? If Heather had not died, and the conversation not changed, would firms still want to talk to us? Would they view our involvement as admira-

privileges did not insulate Heather.

Although we were not sure how law firms would react to our involvement, we also were not going to hide it. The strong dedication to justice that brought us to law school prevented that. We are proud to be part of a community that has fully supported our decision to take a stand. Career Services, the Public Service Center, faculty, staff, fellow students, and members of the administration have all had our backs, and we are immensely grateful for that. Attorneys at our firms

Nazis and white supremacists is not radical. It did not hurt our career prospects in any meaningful way. As legal observers and counter-protesters, we feel we made our neighbors safer standing up for what they believe in. It certainly scared us and shook us to our cores, but in ways that have positively and profoundly changed us.

In a time where white supremacists and Nazis feel most bold, we cannot afford to be apathetic or hesitant to speak out. As UVa law students, we are trained to be and sup-

ported in being top-notch advocates. We are in Charlottesville at a time when the vilest forms of discrimination and hatred are resurging. You, our fellow classmates, are some of the brightest and kindest people we have ever met. We know your skills can help this community defend itself against hatred and dis-

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Wertland Block Party.

This private event occurs off our Grounds and thus the University cannot act directly to stop it. This gathering of students and the public has as its single purpose pursuing risky and harmful behavior including but not limited to consuming dangerous amounts of alcohol. This event threatens the general health of participants. It also places a tremendous strain on local law enforcement and health officials, all of whom have only begun recovering from the violence of this past weekend. Our students are prepared for leadership, and now is the time for leaders to step forward.

In the days ahead, you will be hearing more about planned activities for bringing our community members together to heal and support one another. I hope that members of the University community will participate in these activities and turn our collective focus toward the future.

Teresa A. Sullivan
President

Question 1: The passage provides evidence to suggest that the author would be most likely to agree with which of the following statements?

A. Everyone should attend the Wertland Block Party.

B. It is useful to have the university officially announce the time, date, and

location of the Wertland Block Party.

C. Not enough students know about the Wertland Block Party.

D. The Wertland Block Party is a treasured UVa tradition.

E. The Charlottesville police are worthy of our gratitude because they absolutely did not stolidly refuse to intervene as a torch-wielding mob attacked UVa students or fail to confront a Klansman who fired his pistol into the crowd.

Question 2: Which of the following statements would follow most logically from this statement made in the first paragraph of the passage, reproduced below?

"Beginning to heal as a community from this trauma takes time and energy. And we must do so together."

A. The Wertland Block Party must be canceled.

B. Underage drinking is bad.

C. The Student Safety Guide will be updated to include a section on responding to terror attacks on the Downtown Mall.

D. Safe Ride provides effective protection from the Klan.

E. The University will take concrete steps to address and remedy its history of institutional racism.

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SPOTLIGHT

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is to represent the views of South Asian American students at UVa Law. This purpose is achieved through educational, professional, cultural, and social programs. SALSA provides a forum for the discussion of those issues affecting South Asian American law students and the university community as a whole. Another aim is to help educate and inform the greater community (not just South Asian people) about issues that involve South Asian Americans, since education is one of the quickest solutions to ignorance.

During my time at UVa Law, I have found multiple homes in people and groups, and one of those homes is SALSA. Last year was the organization's first year of existence. Spearheaded by 3Ls Maya Iyyani and Nimrah Khan with help from 3L Shanthi Rajagopalan and recent graduate Vishal Ganesan, SALSA became a way to form a South Asian community for future students to utilize as home, as well as a conduit to progress at the law school. As a 1L representative my first year

working alongside these amazing individuals, and now as the president of the organization, I have been able to participate in discussions, meet like-minded students, and talk with the administration to emphasize the "inclusion" part of the buzzwords, "diversity" and "inclusion."

The environment at UVA Law is indeed collegial, a wonderful law school where friends want

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for this organization, as

well as my hope for other

affinity groups, is that

one day, they will not only

serve as a home for those

who seek peers similar to

them culturally and physically, but also as an educational asset demystifying diversity and inclusion for those who would benefit from it.



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342 U.Va. 116 (2017) (“No, A.J., we won’t make Libel stop making fun of you.”) With the fragile state of the humor-dependent lawyerly psyche in mind, this court affirms the holding of the lower court, and orders dismissed petitioners’ claims. Have fun reading *Erie*, bitchez.

JANI, J., concurring
I join in full the opinion of my colleague Justice VanderMeulen. I write this concurring opinion only to respond to his pernicious accusations. While my learned colleague and erstwhile sectionmate is technically correct that I failed to read *Pennoyer*, *Lucy*, and every Torts case prior to Thanksgiving, he knows perfectly well that the fault for that failure lies entirely with my supreme and unmatched dedication to Legal Research and Writing. I doubt Joe Fore has ever seen such an exemplary memorandum of law! In response to Justice VanderMeulen’s libelous accusation of drunk transacting, I would like to remind him that plying fellow students with hard liquor and then inquiring about their family’s foreign real property holdings is ethically questionable and beneath the dignity of this court.

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Reflections on August 12 Violence

August 12, 2017: a day burned into the collective consciousness of every stu-

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dent, faculty, and alumni of UVA for reasons none of us wanted. Seeing hate and anger flow through the streets of Charlottesville as we saw places of intimate familiarity splashed across national news media felt like a sobering reminder of the worst in people in direct clash with what actually makes America great. Nothing will erase those images, those emotions, and those thoughts of helpless angst from our memories, and nor should they be erased. We need to carry the weight of those memories with somber attitudes, and more importantly, perseverant resolve to respond to the hate and anger with a stern message of love and rejection of the hateful rhetoric and violent extremism that overtook our quaint college town.

It is my natural inclination to try to derive from tragic events like this some sort of meaning and some sort of way to move forward and help effect change. In my best intentions, I want to help improve our community and on our society. I don’t want to do that in this aftermath. While I intend to take every action I see necessary to counter the hateful rhetoric of the alt-

right and white nationalist movement, that’s not what I believe my society needs from me in this historical moment. So I won’t be standing up to shout at the top of my lungs with my thoughts on what needs to be done. I won’t be talking anyone’s ear off on my personal thoughts on the matter. Any voice championing love and respect is a welcome addition to the discourse, but there will be no shortage of those voices who can say it more eloquently, forcefully, and with greater effect than I ever could. I want to respect where I stand in this world and respect those being disparately affected by this movement and these times of fear and discord. So instead of

providing my voice to a cause, I will go one step further and offer the most open of ear, heart, and mind to those who most deserve to have a voice against this hate. Those who have been marginalized and targeted in all of this political hate have something they’ve too often felt they have been deprived of: a willing audience to hear their thoughts, their emotions, and their pain. I am a sponge, please bring it on.

I always felt I had a pretty strong moral compass and that I generally offered measured, thoughtful responses to assaults on political and cultural ideologies, but now is no longer the time for me to retreat to my resolution or to

contextualize my understanding of the state of racial and cultural divide in our country with my own experiences. I want to do everything in my power to personally contextualize understanding the structural issues at play with the experiences of those who understand it best: those being marginalized.

Nothing good happened on August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville when hate descended on our homes. But so much good can grow from the ashes of that travesty that reminds all of us about what it means to positively engage each other in ways such that we all learn from one another.

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THE DOCKET

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | COST | FOOD? |
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| WEDNESDAY – September 6, 2017 | | | | |
| 11:30 AM | SALSA General Body Meeting | WB 104 | Free | Samosas, we’ll see if they have enough this time |
| 11:30 AM | The Real Deal: Legal Aid and Social Justice | Purcell Reading Room | Free | Lunch, but RSVP. |
| 12:00 PM | If/When/How Fall General/Reproductive Justice 101 | WB 129 | Free | Lunch |
| 12:00 PM | Advocates for Life Kickoff Meeting | WB 121 | Free | Raising Cane’s |
| 5:00 PM | Public Service Kickoff | Caplin Pavilion | Free | Food and Drinks |
| THURSDAY – September 7, 2017 | | | | |
| 12:30 PM | UVA Innocence Project Pro Bono Clinic Info Session | WB 128 | Free | Pizza! |
| 1:00 PM | Anti-Semitism and the Struggle Against Racism | Purcell Reading Room | Free | Lunch |
| 5:00 PM | JB Moore Society General Meeting | WB 152 | Free | “Light refreshments”— probably literal |
| FRIDAY – September 8, 2017 | | | | |
| 8:30 PM | SALSA/LALO/WoC Mixer | Pavilion Pool/Courtyard | Free | Snack and drinks |
| SATURDAY – September 9, 2017 | | | | |
| All Day | Charlottesville Classical Guitar Festival | The Haven | \$5-\$20 per concert | For purchase |
| 12:00 PM | SBA and NGSL Present: UVA v. Indiana Tailgate | 306 Alderman Rd. | Free, bring riff raff | Pizza and beverages |
| 3:30 PM | Virginia Football vs. Indiana | Scott Stadium | Free | For purchase |
| MONDAY – September 11, 2017 | | | | |
| 11:45 PM | Student Loan Entrance Counseling | Caplin Auditorium | Free | Doses of reality |
| 5:00 PM | Heavy Apps with Employment and Labor Law Professors! | Purcell Reading Room | Free | Hardcore apps |
| TUESDAY – September 12, 2017 | | | | |
| 4:00 PM | Panel Discussion: Equality, Whit Supremacy, and Confederate Symbols | Caplin Pavilion | Free | No. |
| 6:00 PM | Garrison Keillor’s Prairie Home “Love and Comedy” Tour | Sprint Pavilion | \$39-\$85 | No. |

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