The SHAPE OF JUSTICE
Krasner, Others Keynote PILA Event

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The third annual Shaping Justice conference took place February 8 and 9 at the Law School, featuring a variety of panel discussions, workshops, and a keynote address by Larry Krasner, District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia. The event was sponsored by the Public Interest Law Association, the Program in Law and Public Service, and the Morton Caplin Public Service Center. Panel topics included gun violence, alternatives to incarceration, the affordable housing crisis, and the opioid epidemic.

The opioid epidemic was a focal point of Krasner’s opening remarks. Addressing the tsunami of prescription and illicit opioids that has flooded Philadelphia just as it has regions around the country, Krasner argued that the choices law enforcement officers face in combating that issue are indicative of the overarching issue facing the criminal justice system today. Krasner shuns what he calls “antiquated notions of right and wrong” with its focus on retribution, harsh penalties, and hyper-criminalization, in favor of a “harboring a harm-reducing approach focusing on public health and prevention. When localities fail to treat the opioid epidemic as a public health issue, as Krasner argues, it leads people to hide their disease, which results in people “dying from stigma.”

Krasner sees the harm-reduction model as the solution to the opioid crisis, as well as a variety of other criminal justice issues, pointing to the success Vancouver, British Columbia has had with their supervised injection sites in just such a program. Referring to the successes of overdoes and opioid-related fatalities.

Unshackled in his outsider approach to prosecution, Krasner also appreciates the role of pragmatism in effecting change. Reflecting that sometimes people have to put through “agonizing situations that might make them uncomfortable in order to achieve the policy goals that one desires,” he stated, “Virtue is nice. Victory is even better.” Krasner pulled no punches in criticizing some elected officials who he believes have negated the issue of criminal justice reform over the years. “The civil rights issue of our day is criminal justice reform,” he remarked. “Our resources have been hijacked by politicians who have built prisons to get votes.” He believes that voters’ dissatisfaction with past approaches partially fueled his victory and the election of other “progressive prosecutors” across the country. When change is not occurring on the national or state level, Krasner argues that through “progressive federalism” municipalities can be a source of sensible solutions to criminal justice and public health concerns.

Known for his fiery and iconoclastic rhetoric, Krasner has courted criticism by some for his approach to his role as district attorney. However, a little over a year after taking office, Krasner listed a few of what he sees as some of his biggest accomplishments. In part because of his decision to decline to recommend cash bail for twenty-five offenses his office has labeled as innocuous or dangerous, Krasner also commented that integrating and welcoming formerly incarcerated indi-viduals back into society and giving people a chance at a fresh start is critical to keeping people out of the criminal justice system and reducing recidivism rates. “How we treat those who are re-leased [from prison] is impor-tant,” said Judge Downer. This was echoed by Herb Dickerson, outreach coordinator and shift supervisor at The Haven, who said that the criminal justice system should do a better job of dealing with the underly-ing issues that lead people into crime in the first place. Dickerson hopes that those involved in the criminal justice system “deal with the individual and not the stigma.”

The next morning, students, faculty, and community members packed WB 101 for the Confronting Racism panel, sponsored by the Minority Rights Coalition and the Black Law Students Association. Meredith Horton ’07, Associate Legal Director for the Southern Poverty Law Center, spoke about her work challenging felon disenfranchisement laws through impact litigation. For example, in Mississippi, felons are banned from voting for life. The only ways for a released felon to have their voting rights restored are through (1) a gubernatorial pardon, (2) an exec-utive order, or (3) a state legis-lator personally sponsoring the person who has completed his felons sentence and submitting legislation to restore his voting rights. This bill must pass with a two-thirds vote and be signed by the governor. Unsurprising-ly, said Horton, very few people are successful with this laborious process. Michael Herring ’90, the Commonwealth’s At- torney for Richmond, noted that while most criminal defen-
ses up to free snacks in Student Affairs. After dropping a whopping $70 on a Barris-ter’s ticket, ANG can’t even afford groceries. Thanks, Lisa, for saving us all from our own poor decisions.

Thumbs down to SBA elections. ANG prefers the leaders of ANG’s pointless bureaucracies to come only from the finest haute-bourgeoisie, none of this grubby NOVA-prep-school-dentists-for-par-ents bullshit.

Thumbs up to last week when ANG was wearing shorts and flip-flops. ANG kindly requests that Stephen T. Part stop being so rude and change the weather back.

Thumbs up to Frank the Law School security guard. Frank’s a longtimereader andisglad“ANG’s got mucho more positive the last few years.” It’s all thanks to rehab, Frank., but ANG appreci-ates it anyway!

Shaping Justice Conference Photo courtesy Rachel Davidson Raycraft.

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Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner keynotes the Shaping Justice Conference.
Malicious Chinchilla: Part the Second

In Which Brutus the Chinchilla Moves In With Our Correspondent

First things first, we should probably discuss the photos that kicked off the last installment of this series (hopefully there’s a new one in place by now). I’ve been thinking a lot about going to it, it’s not a great look. The lumberjack phase is far too visible in and of itself, and I’ve never been good with stu...
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Charlottesville’s Best Donuts, As Ranked by Children and Their Sprinkles

Charlottesville is well-known for its winery scene, craft beer scene, and Vineyard Vines scene. Not to mention, every order is custom-made before your very eyes. My eight-year-old calculates that there are over 800 possible frosting, topping, and drizzle combinations, not including holiday specials. Visit it on a weekend morning and you’ll find the place packed with middle-class families, all probably wishing they were on the Outer Banks but settling instead for soccer practice or swim team.

Carter Mountain Orchard
Score: 16 Sprinkles

Shortly after sunrise on June 4, 1781, Thomas Jefferson crested the top of Carter’s Mountain, spyglass in hand. Having been warned ferson spotted the redcoats, a delay that might have faulted Jefferson for stopping to order a dozen of these delectable fall favorites, a delay that might have left him licking cinnamon sugar off his fingers in British custody. Lucky for us, we live in an era where “Carter’s Mountain” is synonymous with the unrivaled pleasure of savoring a fresh cider donut on a crisp autumn morning while enjoying the best views in town. In case you’re wondering, Carter Mountain Orchard and its donut bakery reopen in 45 days on March 30. But who’s counting?

Krispy Kreme
Score: 16 Sprinkles

Long-time locals know that Krispy Kreme opened its first Charlottesville location in the late 1990’s (in what is now the Raising Canes). The company shuttered the store a few years later amid corporate losses blamed on the Atkins Diet. Everyone on the Atkins Diet has given up, and Krispy Kreme returned from its decade-long externship in 2017. If you’re lucky, you’ll pull up to the gleaming, glassy Fifth Street Station location and find the legendary “Hot Light” illuminated. This neon sign, which has much the same effect as Pavlov’s metronome, indicates that the mesmerizing Rube Goldberg contraption inside is switched on, spewing out piles of fresh confections. I’m told Krispy Kreme sells many varieties of donuts, but if you ask for anything other than the melt-in-your-mouth Original Glazed, you’re doing it wrong.

It’s also worth noting that the Original Glazed has long played a leading role in Charlottesville’s most famous late-night dessert: the Grills-Whitt. The fabled Grillswhit, available at The White Spot and several Corner establishments, consists of two buttered and grilled Krispy Kreme donuts topped with a mound of smooth vanilla ice cream.

Take that, Dr. Atkins.

Sugar Shack Donuts
Score: 15 Sprinkles

Richmond-based Sugar Shack sold its first donut in 2013. Six years later, the company boasts eleven locations across Virginia and D.C. The Charlottesville store opened in 2018, making it the new kid on the block. And what kind of kid is it? Sugar Shack occupies a storefront on Main Street under the long-mourned

Faculty Quotes

S. Prakash: “Hey, dam- dumb.”

K. Ferranz: “Oh, it’s that day. I’m The Wet Bandit and I’m go-ing to engage in my habit.”

J. Setear: “I don’t know why I don’t murder people, if indeed I don’t murder people.”

M. Collins: “Is half-assed an allowable word to say?”

L. Kendrick: “Anyone famil iar with Hunter magazine?? ‘si-

meme?’ Let me rephrase that… how many yards of Hunter magazine?”

C. Nelson: “Suppose I go off to commit a drug trafficking crime—as is my wont. It’s how I afford the Lamborghini on cir-cle blocks outside my house.”

C. Nelson: “There’s Latin for this so that means it’s well established. Don’t ignore the power of Latin. If there’s Latin it has to be law.”

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Grill (The Corner)
Grill is in a cozy, old building, a former house by my estimation, and serves excellent coffee, and is within walking distance of the Law School. I strongly support the upstairs for a comfy chair and the downstairs if you want to try and be productive. The garden had ginormous okra at some point. I don’t mean like “big,” I mean like “you could take this to the state fair, it’s the size of my left arm” big. Unfortunately, it is also walking distance from the Under-dog Hordes and perhaps a bit too cozy. Do you want to hear loud conversations about drama? Not as many food options in C’ville listed below.

Mudhouse (Crozet)
A nice little tea and coffee place in Barracks. Good food and excellent pastries but it’s not perhaps the best atmosphere to get work done in. Very old lady-ish, so naturally well suited to me. But it is not great for working, I do strongly recommend their cakes.

Madhouse (Crozet)
This place is big, Pastry selection appears to be good. Has good variety of coffee. Comfy. Unfortunately, it’s too far away and I am not sure what the marginal utility of going that far for, well, a coffee-shop. Even if you really want to be away from it all. Even a really good one. Maybe on a weekend.

Verdict: A good weekend or dart-leap trip, not so much for afternoon studying.

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tired of watching men killing each other badly and being forgiven under the guise of "sympathetic anti-hero." I am also tired of watching romantic comedies where the male characters prove their love by being ultimately creepy. For Oracles, the male is tired of watching romantic comedies where the male protag- onist is so blindly in love that he ignores all of these red flags? Eventually, I had to admit to myself, I couldn't even be in the same room as this character. Other people said the same thing, or so I hear. However, the genius of this show is that Joe was the nar- rowly defined character on a television show, it was because I started asking myself how Beck could be so blind. How could he ignore all of these red flags? Eventually, I had to admit to myself, I couldn't even be in the same room as this character. Other people said the same thing, or so I hear.

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not been elected President of the United States, we would, right now, be in a major war with North Korea.” While I admit that my information on the subject is infinitesimally small compared to the Commander-in-Chief’s, the President’s hypotheticals seem unrealistic, pandering, and unnecessary as the hypotheticals posed by gunners a minute before the end of class.

President Trump also posited that the only things that could stop the “economic miracle” happening in the United States were “politics or ridiculous partisan investigations.” The President’s statement undoubtedly gave the geriatric members of Congress flashbacks to Tricky Dick Nixon’s final SOTU. Although unconfirmed, some claim to have heard Alaska Representative Don Young (R-Geriatric) say, “Haven’t we seen this one already?”

On a more serious note, I found the rhetoric of the President’s address to be subpar, not (only) because of my own bias, but because of the ham-fisted nature of his rhetoric. What happened to subtlety and innuendo? If I’m going to be told what to think, I’d rather believe my own information on the subject. But because of the ham-fisted manner his address was delivered, I’m getting there myself. For what to think, I’d rather believe nuendo? If I’m going to be told what to think in the near future are: stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, building a “physical barrier . . . or wall,” and tie or Mitch McConnell’s 1/3 inch, blue and white, pinstripe shirt coupled with his hot pink tie. I don’t know what’s more of a mismatch, Mitch McConnell’s shirt and tie or Mitch McConnell and AOC working on a bill together. Either way, the end product is hurtful to the eyes and should not be allowed on the floor.

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The State of the Union Address following the midterm elections often signals the policy agenda for the remainder of the President’s term. Generally speaking, President Trump’s agenda for the next year seems to be a mixed bag of old causes and enemies. Some of those policies we will be seeing in the near future are: stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, building a “physical barrier . . . or wall,” fighting socialism, reducing the price of prescription drugs, and watching Kim Jong Un honey-pot our Government.

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Mini Crossword

Across:
1. Tricky with chopsticks
2. Go crazy (with runs)
3. Can reveal shells
4. Gaming sys. which introduced Yoshi

Down:
5. “Let’s do it!”
6. Da Vinci
7. Barely wins (with out)

The Docket

The Ugly
To be honest, I only included this section to mention Mitch McConnell’s 1/3 inch, blue and white, pinstripe shirt coupled with his hot pink tie. I don’t know what’s more of a mismatch, Mitch McConnell’s shirt and tie or Mitch McConnell and AOC working on a bill together. Either way, the end product is hurtful to the eyes and should not be allowed on the floor.

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The State of the Union Address following the midterm elections often signals the policy agenda for the remainder of the President’s term. Generally speaking, President Trump’s agenda for the next year seems to be a mixed bag of old causes and enemies. Some of those policies we will be seeing in the near future are: stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, building a “physical barrier . . . or wall,” fighting socialism, reducing the price of prescription drugs, and watching Kim Jong Un honey-pot our Government.

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Mini Crossword

Across:
1. Tricky with chopsticks
2. Go crazy (with runs)
3. Can reveal shells
4. Gaming sys. which introduced Yoshi

Down:
5. “Let’s do it!”
6. Da Vinci
7. Barely wins (with out)