New SBA Leadership Seeks Transparencies, Diversity, and Community

I must admit that the first fifteen minutes of writing this article were spent looking up funny quotes about democracy. I wanted to seem witty, like my esteemed colleague Jacob Jones ’21 in his coverage of Barris-ter’s, but I couldn’t find the right quote. They were all cynical, and that simply isn’t my personality, especially given the fact that I just won an uncontested election to be the News Editor for the Law Weekly. As I followed the SBA candidates along the campaign trail, I have come to feel a certain pride in the direction the organization seems to be heading and the priorities its members seem to embody. As we look forward to a new year of socials, bar reviews, and other events, I hope to show the UVA Law community what we can expect.

Big Themes

Transparency: It is only right to begin with the initiative that dominated the election cycle. Newly elected SBA President Jasmine Lee ’20 has cited transparency as her primary initiative, emphasizing the need to make SBA more accessible to the student body, and for students “to know that SBA wants to hear from them.” While meetings are open to the general public and minutes are posted online, President Lee hopes to continue conversations with the new student government to make sure that students feel their government represents their interests. Most of the new 2Ls, Senators share Lee’s goals; four of them mentioned the need for transparency in their candidate statements. 2L Senator Christina Luh is pushing for SBA to more regularly update its website with its initiatives and to possibly send out a “State of the SBA” summary each semester. Senator Lee’s new colleagues Eli Jones, Savannah Williams, and Page Garbee, all class of 2021, made transparency a similarly important part of their campaign platforms by emphasizing that SBA should not be operating behind closed doors and that students be talking to the student body to identify certain goals and priorities. This need for transparency includes the organization’s finances; newly elected Treasurer Trevor Treweeke hopes to make the budget available for student viewing as an important measure of accountability and student involvement.

Diversity: A number of SBA’s newest officers choose to focus on diversity. In one of the most illuminating presentations given at the debate, new Honor Committee Representative Stephen Paul ’21 brought attention to international students under the honor system. He called for more direct engagement between “Honor” and international students, such as intermediaries for students who may not feel comfortable approaching their professors and TAs. New 2L Senator Will Hinton also hopes to use his role to promote diversity, emphasizing the need to make students who belong to historically marginalized backgrounds comfortable voicing their concerns. Senator Luh plans to meet with leaders from affinity groups around North Grounds to identify areas where SBA can offer support. In fact, a large part of why Senator Luh ran for office was because of the year’s Diversity fair, saying: “At the event, the diversity tables had been set up outside in Spires Garden while SBA hosted its own social inside ScoCo. The setup was unfortunate, because SBA had effectively barricaded half the doors leading out to Spires Garden with its own food tables. Given the relative darkness and chill of late evening, attendance at the Fair was predictably low. One memorable guy did make it out to the APALSA table—he came to grab a plate because SBA had run out. Standaround north grounds

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It means “stupid lawyer.” As an attorney, I must say if you are fine to call me a sociopath, uninteresting, and you divest me of undeservedly self-serious. But you can never call me stupid, like someone who reads my readers are not stupid lawyers, and never have been. We are law students, and we know you are not a lawyer. So if that isn’t apply to myself, I apologize to my readers for publishing that insult.

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The Future of Originalism: Conflicts and Controversies

In recent years, no theory of judicial interpretation has been as widely praised, criti-
cized, and debated as originalism. An outgrowth of constitutional law scholarship, originalism seeks to interpret the Constitution as it was understood by the Founders at the time it was ratified. This approach is based on the premise that the Constitution is a living document whose meaning is fixed at the time of its adoption and that, therefore, judges should not attempt to infer or project a meaning that is not contained in the original meaning of the text. Originalism has been embraced by a number of scholars and practitioners who believe that it provides a principled and objective basis for judicial decision-making.

However, originalism is not a monolithic theory. Rather, it encompasses a range of perspectives that differ in their assumptions and methodologies. One of the most prominent forms of originalism is textualism, which focuses on the literal text of the Constitution and seeks to interpret it according to its original meaning. Another form of originalism is structuralism, which takes into account the structure and history of the Constitution and seeks to interpret it in light of its original purpose and function. Still another form of originalism is non-substantive originalism, which seeks to limit the role of the courts in interpreting the Constitution to the original understanding of the Framers.

Despite these differences, originalism has gained widespread acceptance among legal scholars and practitioners. Its proponents argue that it provides a principled and objective basis for judicial decision-making that is superior to the more subjective and ad hoc approaches that have prevailed in the past. However, its critics argue that it is too rigi-
don't provide the requested plain text representation.
After a messy breakup, George Grey and Alex Stevens brought suit in the Court of Petty Breakups. That Court misappalled the Petty Law of the land, resulting in an inaccurate division of property and assets. This Court applied the fairness doctrine and best interests of the (fur) child to reach an appropriate division of assets.

Petitioner George Grey and Respondent Alex Stevens began dating during their first semester 1L year. Stevens and Grey became fast friends; their relationship started off strictly platonic, because they were the same friend group, classes, and study habits. They went to the same parties and bars. Second semester, Stevens and Grey arranged to take one of their two electives together—Family Law. While taking Family Law, Stevens and Grey learned about prenuptial agreements and became concerned about what would happen if they ever broke up. They decided to make a prenup to divide their friends and assets in case they divorced.

The agreement was as follows:

1. Grey will take custody of the following friends: Izzy Wilson, Preston O’Malley, and Mark Montgomery.
2. Stevens will take custody of the following friends: Medith Yang, Miranda Robins, and Christina Kepner.
3. Stevens gets the exclusive right to be in ScoCo between 12 and 1. Grey gets the exclusive right to be in ScoCo from 1 to 2.
4. Stevens will take custody of the dog because she picked up Toast’s poop more often and that she should get to keep the apartment because it would be more of a hassle for her to move. On the other hand, Grey could easily move in with his friend O’Malley. The Court of Petty Breakups agreed. It found the prenup agreement enforceable, gave Stevens custody of Toast, as per the terms of their prenup, and issued a remedy to totally screw over the fertile octogenarian.

How can they be expected to come to a fair division of ScoCo time? —J. Elicegui

Faculty Quotes

S. Walt: “I hate this, I really hate this, but it’s my job, so…”

K. Abraham: “Get to be a 3rd year associate as quickly as you can. That’s my advice about children too.”

L. Kendrick: “Some people are excited that the Jonas Brothers are back doing music again. I didn’t know they left.”

M. Haskins: “I told you that I was on drugs and wasn’t feeling my best. “Pause” Legal drugs.”

A. Hayashi: “Think about the beneficial deductions just sitting there in those big Navy ships”

R. Harmon: “So what if you got yelled at? Take a punch.”

A. Bamzai: “At the end of the day as an associate you’re responsible for, like, holding words. Not, like, winning cases.”
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bank as the moment at which the government’s role reached its nadir. By Clark’s calculation, the government’s rules fall into a such a forty-year cycle of diminishing the role of government itself.

The government theory and the shareholder theory of value reign supreme, even as major issues go unaddressed by big business, and our po-
sitions in foreign affairs are in conflict without any comprehensive strategy. Now is the time to force can-
didates to come to terms with the issues the private sector has been unsuccessful in ad-

Meanwhile, as America veers toward dystopian ideolo-
gical posturing and part-
sanhip, a nation on the other side of the world that was the greatest on Earth for millennia 
ites to reclaim that position. China is the birthplace of silk, porcelain, and the tea itself, and its education system. Socialists, the Chinese government, is the leading force on the basis, much like its university system. General Clark recalled how the Chinese almighty once described China as the in-
dispensable nation, one which must take the lead in every-thing. Once upon a time, Great Britain ceded leadership of the world to the best friend, the U.S.; now China is justing to become the U.S.’s best friend and the next recipient of this title. During the 2008 down-
turn, China invested heavily in infrastructure and fared bet-
ter than the U.S.; according to General Clark, this took a toll on China’s view of the U.S. The challenge for the U.S., then, is to prove that the rules made by a group of men over two hun-
dred years are the problem and not go to war unless it is for- 

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What's your favorite hobby to avoid the stress of school? I don't believe in celebrities.

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What's your favorite place to vacation? Southeast Washington’s Blu-

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What's the best meal you've ever had? When I worked in the berry

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petedly getting a pair of thighs covered in honey and hot sauce to the face is not exactly a good time. The sandwich is delicious though, and I give it a 9.1/10 for taste.

However, since Fitzroy is Anglo-Norman for “son of the king,” I also give it a 9.1/10 for problematicness. Great chicken sandwiches should never be gender biased, and this is an anti-nepotism column.

Chick-fil-A – 350 Woodbrook Dr.

I would first like to say that if you haven’t tried the chicken breakfast burrito at Chick-fil-A, you haven’t started living life. But we are here for the chicken sandwich, and more specifically, the “spicy deluxe” (Chick-fil-A sauce included) with a large fry and an iced water.”

It seems that Chick-fil-A’s sandwiches has ruffled the feathers of my media colleagues over at The New York Times and The Washington Post. I, for one, choose to be open minded about my chicken, and do not discriminate based off of a chicken’s religious background. I make room for chickens of all religions. As for the sandwich itself, the spicy deluxe with pepper jack cheese is consistently a revelation to eat. What’s more, unlike Michael’s Bistro, which appropriated Oaxacan queso onto its sandwich, I see nothing of the sort done with Chick-fil-A’s “spicy deluxe.” On the contrary, calling something more exciting than a glass of milk or Chief Justice John Roberts “spicy” is the most American act of all. The use of “spicy” here is American, through and through. As a result, and for the first time ever on this column, I am awarding the Chick-fil-A sandwich a perfect 66/66 books of the Bible for taste, and a one-way ticket to heaven for having nothing problematic whatsoever. A simply incredible finish to an even more incredible column!

Final Rankings:
Chick-fil-A
Taste: 66/66 books of the Bible
Problematicness: None—one-way ticket to heaven
The Fitzroy:
Taste: 9.1/10
Problematicness: 9.1/10
Michael’s Bistro:
Taste: 17/180 LSAT
Problematicness: 3.54 GPA
Iron Paffles:
Taste: 175/180 Press Freedom Index
Problematicness: 147/180 (still very high!)
Whiskey Jar:
Taste: 10/12 eggs
Problematicness: (Brioche tastelessness)-47/50 freedom fries
Dorf Taproom:
Taste: Louis XII /Louis XVI
Problematicness: Louis XVI / Louis XVI
Zinburger:
Taste: 3.5/5 stars (Southwest airlines food rating)
Problematicness: 3.5/5 stars (td.)
Cookout:
Taste: 163 LSAT
Problematicness: Tune in next week!

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