In what is certain to be a relief for those students who find themselves academically in the middle of the pack at the Virginia School of Law, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse ’82 was never on the Dean’s List or a candidate for a Supreme Court clerkship. By his own account, the Senator’s law school career was “relatively unistinguished.” Justice Richard Neely of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia once quipped, on a visit to UVA Law during Whitehouse’s 3L year, “I sometimes find it difficult to be always serious about the law and that is reflected in the fact that my law clerk next year will be in Sheldon Whitehouse.”

Nevertheless, through his own dedication to the pursuit of public service, Senator Whitehouse now finds himself as one of UVA Law’s most venerable alumni. Serving as the junior United States Senator from the State of Rhode Island, Senator Whitehouse’s access to the office shows us that success is not determined solely by grades and accolades but rather by one’s undaunted passion and willingness to contribute.

In February of this year, Senator Whitehouse graciously spoke the Virginia Law Weekly about his journey through the public sector and reminded us that it is not about where one begins their path but where they end it—and the journey along the way. The Law Weekly is pleased to share his insights with this Milestone.

In the most extraordinary admission throughout our interview, Senator Whitehouse revealed that one of his favorite courses at UVA Law was Civil Procedure. Taught by former Virginia Law Professor Stephen Salzburg, Senator Whitehouse commented, “I could not be found the class, which is a bane to most first-year students, but not me, I was having fun.” As a show of good faith that Senator Whitehouse has not lost touch with the common law student, he vigorously conceded that this was an “astonishing” thought. Although Senator Whitehouse was a law student without a clear career path or particular

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Remembering Allison Angel ’19

Allison Angel, a member of the Class of 2019, passed away in February after a battle with cancer. In tribute to her memory, Jansen Vender-Mauldin ’19 of Charlottesville, Virginia, organized a benefit concert at the University of Virginia in support of Allison’s family. The Class of 2019’s gift campaign is dedicated to her memory. The concert featured a range of local artists and was held in the University of Virginia’s Pavilion. The proceeds of the concert will be used to support Allison’s family and the university’s programs in Music and Theater. The event was organized as a way to honor Allison’s legacy and raise awareness about the challenges faced by families dealing with cancer. The concert was a success, raising over $200,000 for the cause. We hope that this story will encourage others to support our campaign in memory of Allison Angel. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. May Allison be at peace, and may her memory be a reminder of the power of music and the strength of the human spirit.
Professor Sánchez Talks International Human Rights Law with the Law Weekly

What Camilo Sánchez doesn’t know about law will uncomfortably soon as this is published, is

Saw Pickert ’21

New Media Editor

that my goal since coming to law school has been to frame the best question

to learn more about how cool he is.

E-mail Jen Kelso at jkelso@virginia.edu to learn more!

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lar academic bent, there was no question about whether he would enter private practice or public service. As the son, grandson, and nephew of For- eign Service Officers, the sense of duty to serve one’s country was inculcated in Senator Whitehouse from a young age. Raised outside of the tradi-
tional champaign circuit of politics, his childhood con-
sisted of rural communities, powdered milk, and non-

able people at home. Senator Whitehouse doesn’t have the sense of pride that was baked into his personal code of ethics before he ever reached the halls of UVA Law.

On Senator Whitehouse’s desk is a collection of quot-
ations that he compiled and published in 2012. The book starts off with a reference to the Senator to easily access quotes whose breadth made reat-

UVA’s Final Four Through a Tar Heel’s Eyes

When you walk into my apartment, there are a few things you can’t help but notice. First, the Carolina blue. It looks like it was decorated by an old UNC fan. Second, I have more than two game passes displayed on my walls. When people ask about them, I say they are from my past life. Before law school, I worked in the sports information field, which is kind of like media relations plus keeping sta-

tistics for university athletic teams. It’s misleading to say that sports are my past life. Watching sports will always be one of the most consistent things in my life, and this weekend is a good example of what I mean. Thursday, like many oth-
er days, I attended the men’s basketball game. The Eagles were playing against Duquesne and turned on the TV. Ulti-

mately, I fell asleep on the couch with the Hoos top the Ducks.

Friday, I downloaded the March Madness app on my phone so I could keep track of the UNC-Auburn game while at-

tending UVA’s basketball games. Sat-

day, after watching Caro-

l’s Men’s Basketball defeat Duke in its ACC game of the season, I attended a party, which turned into a basketball watch party as UVA earned its first trip to the Final Four since 1984.

The other interesting fact you can at-
test is that I said I would fly to Geneva for the chance to send the game to over-
time (even though I never thought it would work), and 2) I told everyone to calm down and not celebrate too much.

Sunday, I went to another Men’s Lacrosse game as UVA hosted its first-year program Utah, which is helmed by former UNC volunteer as-
sistant coach and all-around great human Brian Holman, before heading over to the most important game of my life. All the while, I kept a close eye on the scores from the remaining Elite Eight games, even watching over Editor-in-Chief Eleanor Schmalzl’s shoulder in the dugout.

This is a typical weekend for me. If I’m not attending 

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and not of the dead; that those who exist not, can have no use 

over it; that one generation of men cannot foreclose or burthen its use to another.

These are axioms so self-ev-

ident that no explanation can make them plainer.”

Professional Sánchez has been motivated by a 

passion for learning and a restlessness that led him from Colombia to the United States and back. He is 

for the first twenty years of his career was to explore the world and to figure out what he could find to do, and then to spend the next twenty years focusing on that. While Sánchez’s ca-

reer hasn’t been quite this frenetic, he has rejected the com-

plex issue of transitional jus-

tice and negotiating a politi-

cal solution to the Colombian armed conflict. In fact, Deju-

sicat would have been more 

better for him to have ac-

cess to the Levine Center for the Study of Law, Justice, and Society (Dejusticia), where he spent the next twenty years focusing on the complexities of transitional justice and negotiating a political

solution to the Colombian armed conflict. While Dejus-

ticia contributed to the peace negotiations by acting as an intermediary between the two sides and dealing with controversial problems—like balancing the ideals of inter-

national law with the practi-

cal necessities of ending a civ-

il conflict, such as providing amnesty for rebels soldiers. Yet it was a whole lot of this, Professor Sánchez had time to get his Ph.D. and write his dissertation on property law in societies in conflict and post-conflict.

As Colombia began to maneuver through the diffi-
culties of a post-conflict so-

ciety, Professor Sánchez de-

cided that it was time for him to take one last journey, one that would allow him to continue growing as a person and an academic. And thus he arrived at UVA. Here, he has the time to learn the additional time and student interaction that has come with teaching, which he has found to be a never-

ending learning process that gives him the opportunity to interact with new people and new subject areas all the time.

His reflective approach is evi-
dent in how he structures his International Human Rights Law clinic. Students do not just work with international human rights law—they in-

vestigate how the law inter-

sects with diverse subject matters and they work to in-

ject the knowledge, sensibili-

ties, and principles of human rights into a wide range of the world’s industries. The clinic members also have a signifi-
cantly impact human rights by promoting the develop-

ment of global norms and, this year, they will be

traveling to Geneva for a con-

vention of the UN Committee on Human Rights. If you want to take a class with the man Amanda Yale (called “the nicest person I’ve ever met”) and who everyone agreed was a fantastic choice for lunch, then I would encour-
ge you to take a class with Professor Sánchez. Or to go see a talk by him. Or to go to any human rights event and talk with him. Or you can be like me and just walk into his office and ask him to help you start your career in inter-

national human rights. He cer-

tainly has the experience to do so.

Steven B. Whitehouse

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Jenny Lewis ’20 and Blake Steinberg ’20 as Vice Dean Leslie Kendrick and Professor Micah Schwartzman

Professor Kordana, but a few parts especially the portrayal of Professor Old Man Wilikers had to be the best sketch of the night. This will be a tough show to beat next year, and I can’t wait to see what next year’s cast comes up with.

Daniel Grif ’19
Staff Editor

Each year, Libel showcases the wide-ranging talents of the Law School student body, and this year was no exception. Over the show’s sixteen skits, the cast’s singing, dancing, acting, and writing abilities were on full display. The writers did a particularly good job of including new and timely material, like the Kavanaugh hearings, along with classic jokes on topics like the curve and professor impressions.

I particularly enjoyed the “Weakest Spouse,” in which a game show host decided which member of professor couples could continue to teach at the Law School. This was a funny way to talk about the seemingly high number of professor couples, and it is the first time Libel has touched on it in the last three shows. I can never go back to studying in the Gambini Room, but it was a great way to put an end to the classic Goldhoff v. Schrage debate.

I also enjoyed “Butts R Us,” in which an attorney assigns a summer associate a big project that he is not equipped for. In the video, the summer associate seeks help from other summates, who provide little help. The summer associate ultimately completes the assignments to realize that the attorney no longer needs the report. This caricature of life as a summer associate was funny and addressed fears that many hold before working for a big firm. The video also included great music and slo-mo effects.

The professors’ three-song response was also very impressive. While “We Will Stamp You,” sung to the tune of We Will Rock You, brought back repressed memories of L’Oreal calls, the professors finished with their own version of Bohemian Rhapsody, with harmonization that would put Freddie Mercury to shame. The professors seemed to enjoy poking fun at the student body and the audience appreciated their funny outfits and air guitars. It will be a tough act to follow next year!

This year’s Libel Show was certainly a success. It was funny and well executed. It also felt a little shorter than last year’s which seemed to run a little long. I enjoyed watching such a talented cast put on a great show!

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Faculty Quotes

A. Woolhandler: “Sustained success is a must for me. I guess Thanksgiving was kind of weird that year.”

K. Abraham: “The only state that doesn’t require minimum auto liability insurance is New Hampshire. Live Free or Die.”

S. Walt: “Questions, comments, groans?”

J. Setear: “I’m getting Game of Thrones... or maybe, more Settlers of Catan.”

J. Fore: “Don’t answer questions in gift form.”

Ad. Bamzai: “You might say to the extent this is a problem, it’s something like shuffling the chairs in the titanic.”

Heard a good professor quote? Email editor@law-weekly.org!
Holocaust Survivor Allan Hall Shares His Story and Insights with the Law School

In the shadow of the 2017 white nationalist rally, Allan Hall, a law professor, engineer, and Holocaust survivor, spoke to the UVA Law community about his harrowing experiences under Nazi occupation and the role of lawyers in fighting extrem- ist ideologies. Hall began the talk by describing his shock and consternation at the 2017 white nationalist rally as his motivation for hosting the talk in UVA. He felt that it was important for students to hear about his experiences and be vigilant in stopping extrem- ism. As a prelude to his story, he posed two questions that nestled into the minds of the attendees: “Can it happen to you? Can it happen now?” Hall was only four years old when Nazi Germany oc- cupied his childhood home of Krakow. Throughout the war, his family fled from one city to another, narrowly avoid- ing capture at each turn. In the early years of the war, his father attempted to avoid capture by bleeding his hair and obtaining a rhinoplasty, which he described as a home surgery in the dead of night, with nothing but “vodka anes- thetic.” Later, his family was identified by the Nazis and moved to the Jewish ghettos where he was taken to a holding camp along with hundreds of other children. Although his father was ultimately able to free him, he vividly remem- bers, to this day, the faces of the children he left behind. Hall’s family then obtained 1Ds and posed as Christians but were taken to the Gestapo headquarters after a near-neighbor informed the Gestapo of his suspicions. Hall nar- rowly escaped being sent to a death camp at the age of eight. After the train he was board- ing was delayed due to the war, the attending police, realizing they would infect their soldiers. Al- though he was subsequently rescued from his family and sent to an orphanage, Hall reflected fondly on his time there as it returned some sem- blance of normalcy to his life. He was eventually reunited with his mother and hid in an office storage closet during which time his younger broth- er, Andrew, was born. Follow- ing Germany’s surrender, Hall and his family lived under Soviet occupation. Hall and his father were sent to Sibee- ria despite the fact that there were “no formal charges,” but were eventually reunited with their family in France. In 1947, he was immigrated to this country where he and his brother studied law. However, the scars of the war remained with him throughout his life. He stated, “everyone faces de- pression at some time or another,” and thanked his mental health workers for enabling him to share his story so that others may learn from it.

Despite all that he en- dured, Hall remained thank- ful to those that helped him through it. He was “humorous and a bit hoarse throughout the talk. He spoke with deep gratitude to the lawyer who helped reunite him with his family. He wished he could thank the Medical staff, the nurses, even his brother, but knew nothing about him. Hall emphasized there were “no heroes in the war. There are people with an ex- treme moral compass.” He described his brother’s birth and joked that we shouldn’t criticize Pepsi too much for off sugar water despite being only two pounds at birth. Al- though there was an ocean of sorrow in his story, Hall felt it was important for the younger generation to hear it and remem- ber that it was not so far removed from our current re- alities. He encouraged everyone to engage in the type of anti- Nazi denier, we could say that we shook the hands of someone who lived through this.

In his opening remarks, Hall asked if what he lived through as a child could happen to us today. His answer was an unequivocal yes. He stated that the rhetoric he hears today is horrifyingly similar to the rhetoric heard during Nazi occupation. Hall went on to explain that “when the Nazis took control of Ger- many, they only represented six percent of Germans,” and that “the world as a whole might have been worse.” ALLHOFER, Staff Editor

What are your favorite English words? Michael McGuire ’19

What do you eat for breakfast? I have a bowl of cereal every morning. How do you make your coffee? I don’t.

What sound or noise do you hate? Birdsong. My grandmoth- er, Andrew, was born. Follow- ing Germany’s surrender, Hall and his family lived under Soviet occupation. Hall and his father were sent to Sibee- ria despite the fact that there were “no formal charges,” but were eventually reunited with their family in France. In 1947, he was immigrated to this country where he and his brother studied law. However, the scars of the war remained with him throughout his life. He stated, “everyone faces de- pression at some time or another,” and thanked his mental health workers for enabling him to share his story so that others may learn from it.

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What is your favorite holiday? Thanksgiving dinner with my family.

What are your favor- ite ways to escape the stress of law school? Cooking for friends. Playing piano and singing. I also buy myself a new (old) book or album every other month.

What is your favorite place to vacation? Bald Head Island, N.C., book in hand and phone at home.

What were you like in elementary school? I was a bit of a thorn in my teachers’ sides.

What is your favorite sport? Basketball.

What do you like to do on your days off? I have a bowl of cereal every morning. How do you make your coffee? I don’t.

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lacrosse, then I’m attending soccer or wrestling. If I’m not falling asleep to the late basketball game, then I’m falling asleep to football or hockey. So, sports are very much a part of my life—particularly in- cluding softball at UVA Law. I’ve only played in one serious softball game. I dressed like Benny the Jet Rodriguez, and I stood in left field, playing the ball would not come my way. However, I have found that my way to con- tribute to my section, and my way to make a lot of en- emies, is by keeping a love-hate relation- ship with softball statistics, but it’s pretty safe to say that the umpires and the other teams have a hate-hate re- lationship with me keeping stats as well. And my section just ap- preciates that I keep the lineup up to date. This weekend was particularly special for our section softball team be- cause we hosted the all-star third base coach and all-star PA Alexander Hof- farth ’11 to North Grounds. So as much as I care about section softball—and let’s be honest, I care a lot—some people cannot bring themselves to care about UVA sports. Alexan- der, the perfect counterpoint.

What advice would you give to a child who is a die-hard UVA fan? Some say an all-star third base coach and all-star PA Alexander Hof- farth ’11 to North Grounds. So as much as I care about section softball—and let’s be honest, I care a lot—some people cannot bring themselves to care about UVA sports. Alexan- der, the perfect counterpoint.

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UVA Law students, especially those hoping to enter public service, Senator Whitehouse stated clearly and emphatically, “Dive in! Do not be picky! Try to be helpful! And trust that your behavior in that fashion will attract the attention of people who will want you to come work for them.” Even the most verbose Law Weekly editor cannot make this advice any less helpful. And trust that your words, “A man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for?” If we can learn from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse ’82, regardless of where we are from, where we are now, or where we will be, we can all reach just a little bit higher.

The Virginia Law Weekly thanks Senator Whitehouse and his deputy press secretary Richard Davidson for their time and efforts in making this interview possible.

Senator Whitehouse will be visiting North Grounds on Friday April 5 to speak to current students. The Law Weekly encourages you to attend.

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