This year, the Student Bar Association (SBA) is running a contested election for both the President and Treasurer positions. Each of the candidates’ arguments are featured below, and voting will be open from Thursday, February 20 until Sunday, February 23. The Law Weekly Facebook page and Instagram have more information about the debate, held on Tuesday, February 18. We encourage you to learn more about the debate and the candidates, as well as exercise your right to vote for your upcoming SBA representatives.

These statements are presented unedited so that you may consider the candidates based on their own work.

Candidates for President

Katharine Janes
Hi, UVA Law! My name is Katharine Janes, and I am running for SBA President. Over the past year, I have loved serving as Secretary of SBA. While some of the highlights of my tenure have included organizing memorable events like the NCAA Tournament game watches, what I’ve appreciated most in my position has been helping to facilitate everyday student activities on a more individualized basis. This has, for me, included aiding in the establishment of new student organizations, coordinating communications amongst student representatives, and (yes) sending bi-weekly emails about everything happening on Grounds. I deeply appreciate the way that working with SBA has allowed me to connect students to resources and opportunities they may not have known existed, particularly to the extent that it has promoted an inclusive environment at the law school. I hope I can continue this work next year as President, and your vote!

Daniel Seidita
UVA is a special place. I have loved every moment of my time here as a member of this community. I am running for SBA President because I want my fellow students to know that they have an institutional advocate—one that will constantly strive to make students feel welcome, included, and capable of thriving while at UVA Law.

Our time here is short, and I have too often heard murmurs of students that want to attend. Having an office in WB, but rather an active and open; one in which no opinion on any matter goes unnoted. I will always feel that way. I am running because I hope the SBA can be a more active force at enabling members of UVA Law to express their voices. Indeed, I am running simply because UVA isn’t perfect, and the SBA is a brilliant platform that has the ability to be a catalyst for change.

I am running for SBA President who is accessible; one who actively listens to each member of our community. I am running for SBA President who is a strong supporter of students that want to attend. Having an office in WB, but rather an active and open; one in which no opinion on any matter goes unnoted. I have loved UVA because of the people—because every day I walk through the halls and know I have a community that supports me. I want to ensure that the SBA is an active part of each of our lives.

Candidates for Treasurer

Chace Maginness
As Treasurer, I want to make sure that we’re directing funds towards events that benefit a majority of students—such as Fauquierfield, Barristers, and SBA socials—and doing so in a way that keeps costs low for students that want to attend. Having served on SBA for a year, I’ve seen how we allocate our funds and create our budgets, and I want to make sure that we’re prioritizing our budgets in a way that maximizes the student experience. I want an SBA that is adaptive and responsive. I want an SBA that is open and transparent. And I want an SBA that is not just an office in WB, but rather an organization in which each student feels like they serve an important role. I want an SBA that is a bridge to change.

I want an SBA that is more inclusive. I want an SBA that places student groups and their missions at the forefront of the student experience. I want an SBA that is capable of thriving while at UVA Law to express their voices. Indeed, I am running simply because UVA isn’t perfect, and the SBA is a brilliant platform that has the ability to be a catalyst for change.

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Malpractice in the Making: JD/MD Mixer

In the darkness of a cold February night, law students seeking refuge from the Hal- Jacob Jones ’21 Features Editor
mark tirade of Valentine’s Day reminders- ers some slit (but not much) in the warm glow of a packed downtown bar. Around 10 p.m., the lonely hearthrobs of UVA’s most prestigious graduate schools were like invae- travenous drip into the Fitz- roy, a bar of class standards. On this Valentine’s Week end fea- turing two big events, it was the “business in the front” part of the Law School week- end mullet.” The Health Law Association’s Safe Sex Med School Mixer provided a thoroughly strange opportu- nity for everyone to enjoy slightly discounted beer and tonics at the Fitzroy, all in the presence of drunk class-mates, strangers, and a pile of condoms that was awkwardly sitting at the end of the bar. The description for this event was “The cause half of all y’all went to abstinence-only boarding schools in Connecticut.” This is probably fair, but I didn’t get a whole lot of learning at this Libel event on Sat- urday night being the party in the back. Is there another kind of boarding school?”

The night proved that, for the most part, law students avoid talking to non-law students, even at an event branded as “mixed,” and revealed that we’re not yet scared enough of coronavirus to make any attempt to avoid ridiculously crowded spaces. It was very packed. I thought about asking a med student about the transmission of diseases in such a cramped room, but that would have required (1) standing up from my cozy table in the corner and (2) talking to someone who was not a law student. Astute readers of my Law Weekly Wines will remem- ber that the last time I wrote about law students and med students mixing, harsh words were traded, with me calling a med student Dr. Pepper and him calling me Suits. 4

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Try as we might to escape Valentine’s Day, law students couldn’t fully get away from the awkward reminders of their single-ness. For example, the Fitzroy rebranded their sig- nature tonic drinks as “love tonic.” Some law students refused to order them because they did not want to say those two words in sequence. Who can blame them? But, the tonics themselves were quite good, even if they were sickeningly sweet.


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Diversity in the Academy: BSLA Hosts Professor Panel

On Wednesday, February 12, the Black Law Students Association (BSLA) hosted Amy Fair, Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics, to speak on the topic of bias in the medical profession.

“Some of my colleagues worry that medicine is a ‘white boy’s club,’” said Fair. “They are concerned that we are losing diversity in our field.”

Fair shared several statistics on the current state of diversity in medicine. She explained that although there has been a slight increase in diversity over the past decade, black and brown physicians still make up less than 10% of the medical profession. She also noted that the percentage of minorities in the medical field has stayed relatively constant since the 1980s.

Fair emphasized the importance of diversity in medicine, stating that a lack of diversity can lead to biased treatment and care. She discussed the concept of ‘societal racism,’ which occurs when healthcare providers make assumptions about a patient’s health based on their race or ethnicity.

Fair also addressed the issue of bias in medical education. She pointed out that medical schools may unintentionally perpetuate stereotypes and biases through their curriculum and teaching methods.

Professor Lovelace explained that the field of medical ethics is a relatively new field, and that there is still much to be learned about how to ensure fairness and equity in healthcare.

Fair concluded her talk by emphasizing the importance of diversity and inclusion in medicine. She encouraged students to take action to promote diversity in their own fields and to advocate for change. She noted that the work of promoting diversity is ongoing and requires the involvement of all individuals in the medical profession.

Professor Lovelace then took questions from the audience. Students asked about the challenges of promoting diversity in the medical field, and the importance of intersectional perspectives. He also discussed the role of medical schools in promoting diversity and inclusion.

The event was well-received by attendees, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about diversity in medicine. Many attendees noted that they had never heard a talk on this topic before and found it incredibly enlightening.

Overall, the event was a success and a valuable addition to the BSLA’s programming. It highlighted the importance of diversity and inclusion in medicine and provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in this field.
Depriving other law students of an entire tray of Michie Tavern fried chicken goes beyond self-serving gamesmanship of the free food table and into the territory of a high crime and Honor Code infraction. - Justice Wunderli

there are certain undeniable restraints on what one can and cannot do with free food on the free food table. And while there are certainly limited circumstances in which taking items not intended for immediate consumption is permissible, given that the property in question took place at peak dinner hours, and Michie Tavern fried chicken is a highly sought-after commodity, these two students must be held accountable for their greedy act. If acts like this continue to go unpunished, the whole institution of the free food table will be obliterated, and various clubs and organizations will feel inclined to take the extra food home themselves, rather than look out for the vociferous vultures of hungry law students who throng the free food table at the first sight, smell, or sound of sustenance. The free food table must live on, and the basic rights of access to the free food table must be protected.

The defense, citing Eight Cartons, argues that once the free food has been left on the table, it is abandoned property and anyone who wants to can claim it to all or part of what remains based on her own volition and moral conscience. The defense argues that the free food table provide a precedent for this, and although taking the fried chicken may not be morally sound or the right thing to do, it is well within the bounds set by this Court on how much one can consume from the free food table in the moment.

J. Monahan: “Bail reform is it! What does it mean?”

T. Nachbar: “Everyone is in favor of the Bill of Rights, it’s like a middle class tax cut.”

P. Mahoney: “Debit is like alcohol. Some people are able to use it responsibly, others get a taste and can’t get enough.”

M. Collins: “Somebody please tell the Federalist Society to stop holding all their events from 1-2 on Thursdays. I can compete with the
enter Dean Davies’s snack room to grab a bite of one’s candy and Goldfish cravings, one cannot take the entire bag of Goldfish or candy and bring it to wherever one pleases. There are lines to draw and depriving other law students of an entire tray of Michelle Tavern fried chicken goes beyond self-serving gamesmanship—mishandling of the free food table and into the territory of a high crime and Honor Code infraction. While this Court doesn’t have a clear or enforceable mechanism to bestow Honor Code violations upon constituents of the Law School, this Court would like nothing more than to see these two students tried in a front jury composed of mostly under- grad frat bros, as they debate whether this offense constitutes an Honor Code violation, thus warranting dismissal from the school.

In conclusion, although the Court cannot dissuade this Court has followed a general rule upfront the rights of students to game the Law School’s free food according to their will and pleasure, the facts of this case compel us to rule the two Michelle Tavern fried chicken thieves guilty of first-degree free food table pilfer, as well as a potential Honor Code infraction to be decided in a future hearing on hangover undergrads. The rights of the many will not be infringed upon by any gained impulses of the few.

VANDERMEULEN, J. (Ret.), dissenting, in which CHIEF JUSTICE LEE joins.

Because the majority bra- tantly disregards our own precedent holding in Eight Cartons, I respectively dis- sent. The majority dispenses with that case’s clear hold- ing, articulated famously by Justice Ranzini: “In the case of food abandonment and placement on ‘free food tables’ and other customary loci of disposal and disper- sion, that placement, in some cases, may create a presump- tion of intention to abandon to the free consumption of others.” Basically, it’s a ritual. The majority says, “I would not so lightly throw our Court’s precedents to the wind.” I dissent.

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A Valentine’s Day Pick Me Up

Stan Birch ’22
News Editor

FedSoc is Red
ACS is Blue
ANG was alone on Valentine’s
So, this poem’s for you

“A Law Student’s love
For the law is Supreme” Is the lie we all tell
To make interviews dream
Virginia is for Lovers Is a lofty goal
When readings and assignments Pulls time like a black hole
Hitting the books Instead of hitting the gym
ANG keeps on wondering How these 1Ls stay slim
These books are so heavy My back is getting a hunch
ANG doesn’t have anyone To take to a boozey brunch

As temperatures drop With a wintry outlook
Law/Loos’ hearts turn the color
Of the hated Bluebook
As it gets cold and we All look for our cuffs
The most important question

1 FedSoc is a non-partisan organization.

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Is, do they have Disney +?

A L’il’s first crush
Might be someone attractive
But ANG knows a hottie
Keeps their Quimby account active

The new-found fling
Goes out for a cute Valentine’s
But the lasting romances
Share their elective outlines

A Med school mixer
Seemed just the place
To meet a non-JURIS doctor
Who had George Clooney’s face

At the end of the night
ANG was left without a rose
Because ANG didn’t do
Moot
And doesn’t know how to close

Single’s Awareness Day
Has come to pass
So ANG is back to reading
Dreading the Monday morning class

As this Hallmark day passes
No matter how you’re feeling
Just remember
UVA Law found you appealing

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