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SBA Presidential Address

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SBA 2021-2022 President

Fellow Members of the Virginia Law Community,

A little over a year ago, on the first Saturday of April, I spent the afternoon with a small group of law students on Copeley Field. It was a balmy, spring afternoon in Charlottesville—yet the walking paths and streets around North Grounds were eerily desolate. For those of us who would remain in town for the duration of the semester, such a scene would soon become all too familiar. This particular Saturday was especially momentous, however, considering what *should* have been. Copeley Field was supposed to be packed full of players and spectators from law schools around the country for the 37th Annual North Grounds Softball League Invitational—the first of many classic UVA Law traditions to be derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, a little over a year later, we are faced with the formidable challenge of rebuilding and restoring our once-unwavering sense of community.

Although brighter days are undoubtedly on the horizon, our student body remains—in many respects—at a crossroads. The pandemic continues to take a toll on our mental and physical health. Our viewpoints on critical issues are increasingly at odds. A number of students feel isolated and disconnected from the Law School administration—and, in many cases, their fellow classmates. Meanwhile, Reddit posts and GroupMe discussions have highlighted our dire, longstanding need to curate a drastically more diverse and inclusive student body and faculty.

Too often when faced with these challenges, we, the student body, elect to debate for the sake of debating (we are future lawyers, after all). Words alone, however, are not the way forward. Our current state of affairs calls for strong and decisive action, and it is for precisely this reason why I decided to run for SBA President.

Since assuming office last month, your SBA representatives have hit the ground running. My fellow Executive Board members and I have met with student leaders, raised sensitive concerns to our Law School administrators, and strategized ways to reestablish the events, activities, and traditions that bring

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The Definitive Rec List: Charlottesville Wineries

Grace Tang '21
Ousted Foreign Correspondent-

Charlottesville is a wine lover's dream. The city is right in the middle of the famous Virginia wine trail with numerous award-winning vineyards within easy access. Full disclosure, I am not a big wine connoisseur, but I really enjoy visiting the different vineyards and learning about the history and people behind each winery. I highly recommend doing a wine tasting at each winery, because it provides a sampling of different wines available, and it can help narrow down favorite wine options at that location. Winery views are usually gorgeous, and the drive to the winery is usually beautiful, since wineries are often located in the Virginia coun-



We drink wine for sophisticated, Nobel Laureate reasons. No ulterior motives here. Photo courtesy of: Grace Tang '21 at Chisholm Vineyards.

tryside. As Ernest Hemingway once pointed out, "Wine offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased."

I think going to a local winery is wonderful, because you can learn about the winemaking process while drinking wine made from locally grown grapes, and support a local business. Additionally, a winery offers a lovely place to gather outside with friends and relax while enjoying nature and lovely scenery. It is also perfect for socially distant get-togethers. Whether you are a seasoned sommelier or trying your first winery, I hope this list of recommendations helps you plan the perfect vineyard adventure.

I could not have written this article without the help of my favorite wine specialist. Huge thanks to my wine expert Natasha Halloran '21 for her advice and tips.

Overall Wine Selection – Thatch Winery
1650 Harris Creek Rd, Char-

lottesville, VA 22902

Thatch Winery has it all. With over a dozen wines made from over eleven grape varietals, this winery produces a



Spring is for softball and wine flights. Photo courtesy of: Grace Tang '21 at Thatch Winery.

broad spectrum of delicious wines. This is the one winery where I have consistently enjoyed every type of wine offered. Thatch has wonderful floral and crisp whites, and a delicious, fruity house red with bright flavors. They have a number of award-winning wines available to sample as a wine flight or by the glass. All of Thatch's flights are fantastic, and they offer a sweet flight, a white flight, red flight, and their medal-winning flight. There is ample seating out front or in the back of the building, and the staff are very knowledgeable and helpful. Thatch also offers snacks, cheese boards, and chocolate for purchase along with wine.

Red Flight – Chisholm Vineyards

135 Clan Chisholm Ln, Earlsyde, VA 22936

Chisholm Winery is located close to the airport and I recommend visiting on Friday evenings in the summer as they have live music and food trucks. Chisholm offers great



Supplemental award for best photo of the edition, awarded to Grace Tang for her attention to detail. Even the phone case matches! Photo courtesy of: Grace Tang '21 at Chisholm Vineyards.

flight options and their reds are particularly good. They also have special flights depending on the season, which are worth checking out.

Stunning Views and Spacious Seating – Mount Ida Winery

5600 Moonlight Dr, Scottsville, VA 24590

Mount Ida is absolutely gorgeous. They offer lots of seating outdoors, with a breathtaking view of the mountains. I recommend visiting on a weekend because the bar offers a rotating selection of wine-based cocktails. I tried the berry pomegranate mimosa made with bubbly white wine and it was very good. There are fire



A mountain sunset just before the fire pits are lit. Photo courtesy of: Grace Tang '21 at Mount Ida Winery.

pits around the outdoor seating and rooftop seating is available. Mount Ida also offers a large selection of food along with craft beer.

Best Eats – Pippin Hill Winery

5022 Plank Rd, North Garden, VA 22959





Come for the wine, stay for the finger foods and sunshine. Photo courtesy of: Grace Tang '21 at Pippin Hill Winery.


Pippin Hill is a Charlottesville classic. Located only 15 minutes from the law school, it is one of the closest winery options. If you want table seating, I highly recommend making a reservation well in advance because they get very busy. Otherwise, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the views of the rolling hills while enjoying a glass of wine. While the wine at Pippin is good, I think their food is the real star of the show. Pippin has an excellent food menu, and my


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around north grounds


 Thumbs up to the Administration for making the second "Spring Break" over Master's Weekend. ANG was going to skip class no matter what to watch the Masters, but now ANG doesn't have to feign guilt for watching golf all weekend.


 Thumbs down to the 1Ls who made a faux website for LRW to clown their co-section for oral arguments. ANG loves to be petty, but name calling over a pass/fail class is too far.


 Thumbs up to Professors who are clearly Zooming from their vacation spot. ANG will take this as a signal that these professors don't mind if ANG does the same.

 Thumbs down for UVA not providing an extra day to recover from our mini spring break. ANG needs that 24 hours to procrastinate before easing back into the grind of law school.

 Thumbs up to the end of the worst law school year on record since a tsunami washed away the law school in '69. And let us not forget about the great invasion of the WB snakes of 2006.

 Thumbs up to Usher for putting his own face on \$20 bills and giving them to workers in the service industry. This gives criminal law professors a great example to use about the mistake of fact doctrine.

 Thumbs up to the random Wednesday students off before finals. ANG already skips class for the week before finals, but its the thought that counts.

 Thumbs down to people saying it is the start of finals season. It is not the start of finals season until the day before the last day of exams. ANG starts studying that day and then takes all of ANG's exams at the same time on the last day.

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us together and strengthen our bonds as a student body. Before the semester ends, I will be establishing the inaugural President's Roundtable with leaders of each of our law school affinity groups. The purpose of this roundtable discussion will be to identify issues facing our students and to develop action plans to bring our community forward. Because many of the challenges faced by our affinity groups are deeply-rooted and persistent, we will be hosting this discussion on a regular basis throughout the upcoming year. Further, I will be working with our Senators to circulate a class-specific, semi-monthly survey designed to obtain feedback and insight on a number of matters (e.g. administrator accessibility, academic challenges, social events, and general concerns). With this information at our disposal, the SBA can take targeted action to efficiently address the many issues facing our student body today.

Despite our many differences, we all possess a common desire to make our school a better place. During last month's contested SBA elections, we witnessed record voter turnout across the board—a testament to the passion and care that we all share when it comes to our Virginia Law community. Now, we must channel our passion and unite as we lead our beloved institution into the future.

As we embark on this journey together, I am extremely grateful to be a part of the all-star team that is SBA 2021-22.

Moreover, I would be remiss not to give a major shout-out to my predecessor, Katharine Janes '21. Despite assuming her position amidst the calamity of an unprecedented public health crisis, Katharine navigated our student body through this uniquely challenging year—beginning with our transition to virtual learning and the pass-fail debate—with vigor and grace. I, like the rest of us, am thankful for her leadership, and I look forward to building upon her successes and accomplishments.

As we leave this difficult year behind us, please know that the process of restoring our community is going to take us all. Together, however, we have the opportunity to leave our school a little bit better off than it was when we first arrived on North Grounds. I implore you to continue to embody the qualities that best represent what it means to be a student at the University of Virginia School of Law. Be compassionate and kind. Uplift those around you. Say hello to a member of our diligent custodial staff. By doing the little things right each and every day, you can make a difference. We all can make a difference. It is an honor to be a part of this community, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together. The best is yet to come.

Very truly yours,

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personal favorites are the beef sliders and the burrata pesto.

Best Chocolate and Wine Pairing – Glass House Winery
5898 Free Union Rd, Free Union, VA 22940



Plants in a greenhouse, chocolate in fancy boxes, wine in jello-shot cups. This place gets us. Photo courtesy of Grace Tang '21 at Glass House Winery.

Glass House offers lovely views indoors and out, along with their house-made fancy chocolates. What more could you ask for? Like its name suggests, Glass House has an indoor greenhouse area full of tropical plants, and seating outside overlooking the lake. The winery has an in-house chocolatier that makes amazing fancy chocolates to go with the wine (that is literally the coolest). They have wonderful wine and chocolate pairings for purchase, and you can buy the glasses (both stemless and stemmed) for only a few dollars which make for perfect souvenirs. Pro tip: order their sweet wines as an add on to an existing chocolate-wine pairing.

They are excellent.

Polo Match and Picnicking – King Family Vinyard

6550 Roseland Farm, Crozet, VA 22932

King Family is famous for its beautiful views, great wines, and weekend polo matches. King Family hosts food trucks, live music, and polo matches throughout the year. The polo matches start at the end of May and run through mid-October on Sundays. I think King Family is a great place to take family or friends who are visiting Charlottesville because the wine tastings are great and the Sunday polo matches are a unique and memorable experience. It's a beautiful sight to see horses dash across the field against the backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Best Sweet White and Mansion Ruins – Barboursville Vineyard

17655 Winery Rd, Barboursville, VA 22923

Barboursville winery has my favorite sweet white wine in town: their Phileo. It's floral and sweet, with hints of honeysuckle, which pairs well with cheese. Barboursville Vineyard features a fantastic (and spacious) tasting room, lined with stocked shelves of local foods and products. The building has a rustic feel, filled with big barrels and wood paneling. The vineyard is also home to Palladio Restaurant, which serves up excellent local food. Additionally, the Barboursville Ruins are only a few hundred yards away from the vineyards. In 1884, a Christmas Day fire

destroyed the brick mansion designed by Thomas Jefferson for his friend James Barbour who was an American lawyer, governor of Virginia, senator, and Secretary of War.



Wine and dine with history. Photo courtesy of Grace Tang '21 at Barboursville Vineyard.

“Sick of Grapes?” Special Mention – Hill Top Berry Farm and Winery

2800 Berry Hill Rd, Nellysford, VA 22958

Hill Top Berry Farm and Winery offers a fun and interesting alternative to the traditional grape wines. Their winery features meads and alternative fruit wines with names such as Pounding Branch Persimmon, Dragon's Blood, Eden, Blue Heeler, and Madison Peach Sangria. Hill Top is currently offering \$5 flights that can be paired with cheese and honey. Definitely give them a try if you're looking for something new!

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Things I Learned During Law School

I learned a lot during law school. Notice that I said *during*, not *in*. This isn't to say that

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I didn't get a good legal education, just that no one would read an article recapping it. At least I hope no one would read it. That sounds boring as hell—and there are better ways to spend your time, like writing fanfiction about Jimmy Carter. So here's a non-exhaustive list of things my brain decided to retain in the years that I was also studying here.

Practical Lessons

If you return from a trip and find that your sink has transformed into a portal to a dimension in which *there are only ants*, and you wish to deal with the swarms of bugs post-haste, you can utilize what I like to refer to as “Formula Three”: a concoction of Drano, vinegar, and baking soda that smells bad and looks worse but is, to say the least, *extremely* effective. Pour it upon the ants and smite their ruin across the breadth of your plumbing like an avenging god of household maintenance. If you find yourself cackling maniacally, just roll with it.

On the topic of housekeeping, I learned that a touch of greenery really ties a room together. I first considered getting into bonsai but didn't want to deal with the requisite fight with Cobra Kai at the All-Valley Tournament (my skills have

gotten rusty ever since I was barred from the dojo for practicing forbidden techniques).¹ After that, I tried growing a cactus, but it died of thirst (which was a downer). That's how I ended up with my fake tree, Carlos. He's quiet, but a good listener. And we've got similar tastes in film.

I learned that it's not *necessarily* the best idea to engage in cryptocurrency trading while drunk. You might blunder around and break even, sure. Or you could become a *billionaire*. There's literally no way anything could go wrong.² Still, there are better things to do while drunk, like getting into petty disagreements about what level of eroticism is appropriate in Jimmy Carter fan fiction.

It's only half as hard to be fashionable when no one is wearing pants for a year and a half's worth of Zoom calls. I've gotten really into robes, personally. The robe is a versatile garment. Not as versatile as, say, a full suit of plate mail, but still.

Interactions with Others

My ever-present partner in crime, Brutus (a conniving chinchilla from New Jersey who may or may not be the reincarnation of Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon), rode out a lot of strange times with me over the past few years. That's saying something, given that most of his formative experiences occurred in the assorted hives of scum and vil-

1 None of this is even remotely true.

2 There are several ways in which this could go wrong.

lainy that served as our places of residence during undergrad. I was pleased, then, to observe the continuance of our uneasy détente, despite the need for regular travel. This may be—at least in part—a result of an increased level of nuance in our communications with one another: he chirps to tell me when he's hungry, squawks to tell me that the food I bought him isn't good enough, and fires a series of poison-tipped blow darts into my face to let me know when he wants to sleep. I also discovered that he enjoys Bond movies, and occasionally get the feeling that he regards me as something of a disposable henchperson along the lines of Oddjob, or Jaws.

I've found that discussions of pop culture go much more smoothly when the parties involved *don't* insist that everyone else share their exact opinion. Relatedly, it's generally good to avoid lecturing people about the details of a movie that you think is an essential component of the zeitgeist if they haven't seen it. That's how I pissed off the blind community.

Speaking of folks with bad vision, I learned that people above the age of 65 who are also my parents possess personal electromagnetic fields that short-circuit or otherwise screw up electronic devices at inopportune moments. This is a problem. Have you ever tried to explain to a baby boomer how to host a Zoom call? It's a Kafkaesque descent into madness. My parents are great, but I do occasionally wish that they would adopt a more Amish lifestyle. You don't need to down-

load systems updates for a butter churn.³

...And Finally, Some Preachy St**

I've begun to think societal problems are better thought of in terms of institutions rather than people. I don't really have a joke for this one. I just believe it's better to go into discussions with the objective of fixing *institutional* wrongs and shortcomings instead of going after individuals who we see as representative of those shortcomings. While the latter method may be helpful in the short term, I don't think that being animated by a desire to triumph over perceived enemies—as opposed to honestly attempting to address broader, structural issues—is a recipe for long-term success. Here's a super obvious example: the Chinese government is horrid, but that doesn't mean the *people* of China are. I assume their ratio of regular folks to a**holes is the same as it is anywhere else.⁴

I also learned that being a mildly venomous cynic isn't the best way to go through life. This may appear obvious, but to

3 Does Apple or another company produce smart butter churns? They could call it an “iChurn.” It would tell you the weather and send tweets and it would sell like *hotcakes*.

4 At the risk of being called out by LeBron James for talking about things I don't understand, I'd like to say that Chairman Xi should take a long walk off a short pier.

me it was a bit of a revelation. There's a difference, I think, between being a wince-inducing “nice guy” (you know what I mean) and endeavoring to be a kind person, and I missed that for a while. That's what I get for spending too much time on the internet (well, that and the eye strain).

Finally, these last couple of years really made me appreciate a tidbit of wisdom I picked some time ago: that even when we can't see a good path to walk, it doesn't mean we should stop walking.⁵ New responsibilities can really knock someone (like me, for example) for a loop, and make a person second-guess themselves at every conceivable opportunity. Sometimes second-guessing can't be helped, I suppose—but we can't allow ourselves to be paralyzed by doubt. At the end of the day, there's no shame in needing help every now and then, and there's no shame in giving it, even if you're working things out as you go.

Until next time—stay golden, Ponyboy. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have some fan fiction to write...

5 From Brian Staveley's *The Providence of Fire*. If you want the page number, read it yourself. It's a good book.

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Dicta: Qualified Hope for Criminal Justice Reform

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Dicta features overviews of, musings about, and recent developments in Law School professors' scholarship, as well as their views about current events and happenings in the law. The Law Weekly is excited to reintroduce Dicta and hopes that it will provide an outlet for professors to share their research and reflections with the Law School community.

Professors interested in submitting a piece are invited to contact the Professor Liaison Editor, Jacob Smith (jszhp@virginia.edu).

In the early days of the pandemic, there was a brief moment of hope for those working in the criminal justice reform world. Maybe, just maybe, the crisis could provide the sort of “shock” the system needed, impressing upon prosecutors, legislators, jailers, and parole boards the need to radically reduce the number of people we incarcerate. Now, over a year in, it’s clear that such optimism was misplaced.

Like a lot of UVA Law faculty members, I sometimes do legal work outside of teaching and scholarship. Working with clients keeps me sane, generates research ideas, and (sometimes, I hope) gives my students a richer understanding of the material we’re covering in the classroom. So, when the *Virginia Law Weekly* offered me 800 words to write about “anything you’re working on,” I figured I’d tell you about some of my cases during the pandemic. (Preview: it’s

mostly disappointing.)

In the federal system, Congress has authorized judges to revisit previously imposed sentences if there are “extraordinary and compelling” reasons to do so. As you might imagine, a lot of prisoners have argued that the pandemic (and the impossibility of meaningful social distancing in prisons) qualifies as a pretty good reason. Some have been successful; far too many have been denied. I’ve consulted on a handful of these, but the one compassionate release motion that I filed was basically doomed from the outset—my client was convicted of a sex offense, and despite having some serious health issues, hardly anyone convicted of a sex offense has won compassionate release. Still, my client wanted to give it a shot. When we lost, he was the one consoling me: even though the judge denied relief, it was important to my client that the judge had read about what prison officials were, and were not, doing to keep him and his friends alive during the pandemic. (Incidentally, UVA Law has a clinic specializing in sentence reduction work with Professor Lisa Lorish! You should do it!)

I’ve also been working on some federal habeas cases. In September, I filed two habeas petitions for clients who had exhausted their appeals in state court. It’s hard for a petitioner to get relief through federal habeas—thanks AEDPA!—but the state court rulings were so egregiously wrong that I thought we had a chance. Seven

months later. . . silence. When one of my clients fell ill in December, I filed a motion for expedited consideration, but the magistrate judge’s answer (I’m paraphrasing here) was: “A lot of people have COVID-19. We take it seriously and we’re doing the best we can. Have you seen all these compassionate release motions I have to rule on?” It’s hard to argue with that, especially if you’ve just filed a compassionate release motion. (Incidentally: For those of you considering clerkships, definitely consider clerkship for a magistrate judge! It’s “less prestigious” or whatever, but they do the lion’s share of the work on important matters like habeas petitions!)

It hasn’t been all bad. A bright spot from the past few months was working on the resentencing of a client named Nelson Davis, who was released from prison in November after serving forty-two years. Technically, Mr. Davis’s release didn’t have anything to do with COVID-19; the original judge just screwed up back in 1978 when he imposed the sentence. But I think the current judge recognized it was important to rectify the situation quickly, before Mr. Davis (or his elderly mother) got sick. Since he’s come home, Mr. Davis has been doing great, despite the enormous challenges formerly incarcerated people face. To give one Kafkaesque example, prison officials gave Mr. Davis the wrong Social Security number when he was released. It took months to track down

the other documents he needed (and, eventually, assistance from a congressional office) to get the correct number. Without a Social Security number, Mr. Davis couldn’t open a bank account and had trouble accessing other benefits he needed. (To be clear, I didn’t do any of this: 100% of the credit goes to the First 72+, a non-profit organization based in New Orleans that’s been working with Mr. Davis since his release.) By the way, every time we talk, he asks about the Section “E” students who watched his resentencing hearing over Zoom; he says to tell y’all “study hard.”

So, what’s the takeaway from all this? For me, it’s less that the pandemic has caused a crisis in our criminal legal system, and more that it’s laid bare problems that have been building for decades. We have precious few vehicles for giving convictions or sentences a “second look,” regardless of changed circumstances. Discretionary actors who *do* have such power are reluctant to grant relief, particularly outside of the “3 nons” context (nonserious, nonviolent, nonsexual offenses). And when people do come home, they often face daunting challenges. These are difficult issues, but they are problems we’ll have to face if we’re serious about ending mass incarceration.

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sued during the finals periods of Spring 2018 or Spring 2020.

- Roughly 3.8 citations were issued per day during the finals periods in which they *did* enforce parking. In Fall 2020’s finals period, five citations per day were issued.
- Citations were issued on the first day of school, the last day of school, Halloween, Valentine’s Day, and during Thanksgiving week.
- Several citations were issued *after* the posted end of enforcement at 5 p.m., including some in October and December of this year, and six citations in a row after 5 p.m. on May 9, 2019.

I do not claim this is a “smoking gun.” It doesn’t show malfeasance or corruption, or that DP&T is deliberately creating ambiguity in order to target us during finals weeks (though the very irregular enforcement during finals has created an atmosphere that is fecund for misinformation). However, the data does provoke a question I’ve been struggling with for some time, and that is “What would it look like for the Law School to be truly, fully devoted to its students?”

It certainly would not look like issuing expensive citations to students for parking in nearly-empty parking lots outside the school they are paying \$70,000 per year to attend. It may look like issuing a parking-days allotment, as is done with printing. It may look like allowing students to purchase a reserved spot, and to share it with their classmates as they wish. But these solutions—or any others—are unlikely to happen without a shift in mindset to what I call the Student-Centered Law School, one in which student success and wellbeing are the ultimate ends sought by every single decision.

The Student-Centered Law School would see when policy will result in an untenable result, and refuse to let that happen. It would not, for example, force the withdrawal of a student called up by the National Guard. It would present students with options and autonomy for how they want to attend and engage in class, how they want to demonstrate their mastery of the material, and how they want to be evaluated. It would allow students to withdraw from courses or take leave for personal reasons without having to plead their case before administrative strangers. It would unceasingly seek opportunities to serve and support and stand with students, first and above all. It would allow students a space—in the parking lot, in the classroom, and in the community—where they can thrive.

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Sad 3L Rationalizes Away Nostalgia

As my time at UVA Law comes to an end, I’m beginning

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to get nostalgic. These days, I’ll stop for a moment to watch law students playing softball at Copley and reminisce on my softball glories.¹ I’ll pause across from the Law School, admiring the building and reflecting on how lucky I am to have been part of the Law School community, to have met the wonderful people I’ve met. I am aware, of course, that this is incredibly cringey and embarrassing. I mean, I even got emotional thinking about how this will be my last ever *Law Weekly* article. But I’m a 3L—I’m supposed to be embittered by three years of dealing with another bureaucratic institution! And with that in mind, I decided to embrace my inner type-A law student and to ease my nostalgia by coming up with a list of things I will and won’t miss about law school. These thoughts represent my attempt to use humor to cope with my sadness as I enter the professional workforce for the first time.

I will miss: The bond that only last-minute panic studying can create between people.

There comes a time whilst outlining when every student comes to a sudden realization: I don’t know what’s going on.

1 Fall 2019 Softball Champion.

I thought I understood *insert topic here*, but it turns out I don’t. And that is when you beg your much smarter friend to teach you something and when they do, you feel such a sense of relief that you are forever bonded to them. I mean, that sounds healthy, right?

I will NOT miss: Pretending like I know what’s going on. Too often in law school, I am expected to be aware of what is going on. I’m supposed to know what the reading was about, what the professor is saying, and what my classmates are opining on. I’ve had enough of it, and I cannot wait to embrace a life where ignorance is bliss.²

I will miss: Bar reviews at Bilt. Is there anything better than running into random acquaintances and yelling over the music into their ear in an attempt to have a conversation? God, I miss it and would do anything to be back there right now.

I will NOT miss: Only being able to afford bar reviews at Bilt. As much as I love my \$4 doubles, I am excited to have standards on where and what I drink once I enter the workforce.

I will miss: Having wonderful, qualified professors who understand the material and teach it brilliantly. Shoutout to all the

2 This is, of course, completely untrue, as I imagine I will have to pretend even harder in professional life. But roll with me.

professors who have taught me well and especially those who have given me good grades.³

I will NOT miss: Having professors attempt to sabotage the administrative state from the inside.

I will miss: Long weekends and vacations. This semester, my week ends at 12:30 on Wednesday. I mean, THAT is the life. And I’ll never have it again.

I will NOT miss: Having my spring break broken up into little pieces and scattered throughout the Spring semester in an attempt to break me mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. I can’t wait to decide when I want to take vacation.⁴

I will miss: Hearing and learning from my peers in the classroom.

I will NOT miss: Hearing from my peers in the classroom.

I will miss: Law IT. I don’t really know them, but they’re very kind and seem very sweet. I wish them the best.

I will NOT miss: Receiving emails from the Law School about what to do if I have a mental breakdown/anxiety attack during an exam. It’s like

3 This is a joke.

4 Assuming the partners at my firm let me.

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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 comprises eight 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 pjt5hm@virginia.edu

UVA Law Student Body v. Microsoft 73 U.Va 23 (2021)

J. GLADDEN delivered the opinion of the Court, in which QUERNER, TONSETH, C.J, TANG, KULKARNI, WUNDERLI, BIRCH and LAKE join.

JUSTICE GLADDEN delivered the opinion of the Court.

JUSTICE BNINSKI concurs in the judgment.

Today we have before us a civil suit brought by the UVA student body, plaintiffs, against Microsoft, defendant. Plaintiffs bring suit under 18 U.S.C. Section 1030(g) (the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act or CFAA), as well as an action alleging trespass to chattels. Specifically, students are seeking to enjoin Microsoft SignIn Verification from calling their phones or requiring signing in on their app less than seven days apart.

The facts are indeed egregious. UVA students, attempting to sign in to their law school accounts, suddenly and without warning find a notification flash upon their computer screen: “We’re calling your phone. Please answer it to continue.” Before students can react, their phones are accosted by a call that is impossible to ignore. Students must answer and press the pound key, and only then are they allowed into their Zoom classes or email accounts. Moreover, when Microsoft SignIn Verification calls a student, the statement “Don’t ask again for 7 days” appears next to a box that can be checked. However, plaintiffs who check this box are then faced with a brutal reality: Microsoft does not wait the full seven days. Rather, plaintiffs report being called multiple times within the span of a week. In a more horrifying account, several individuals recount having Microsoft SignIn Verification calling them multiple times *within minutes of each other*, continuously

rejecting their frantic pressings of the pound key before finally declaring that the request has timed out and the student must start over, wasting precious minutes. This Court will not stand for such an atrocity, and it will grant the requested injunctive relief immediately.

First, we turn to the CFAA claim. Clearly, Microsoft has exceeded its authorized access under contract-based restrictions.¹ Seven days means seven days. It is well-established that law students are not great at math, but an expert witness need not be provided here. We may take judicial notice here that seven quite clearly equals seven. This language explicitly places a restriction on Microsoft’s ability to access students’ devices, and even if it did not, a lack of authorized access may also be implicit or norm-based.² It should be evident by now that calling any person without warning should be recognized as implicitly taboo; regardless, the plain text of the statement is precise. Therefore, when Microsoft SignIn Verification calls students within that precious seven-day window, it violates that contract-based restriction.

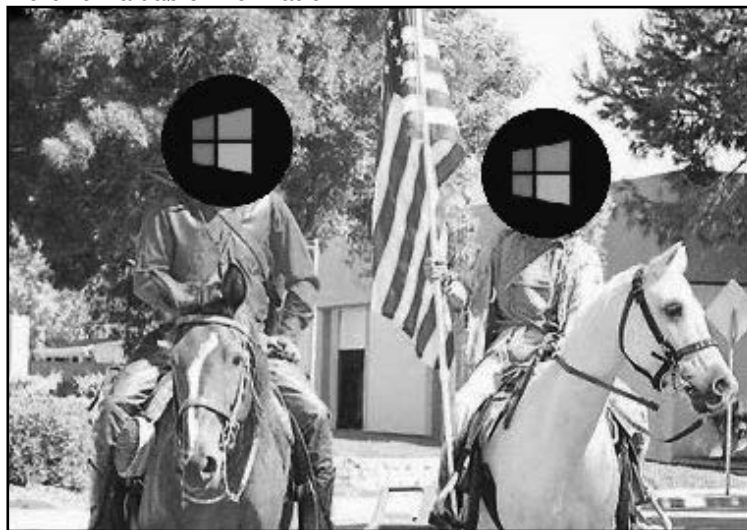
Second, we hold that there is a viable trespass to chattels claim here. Plaintiffs certainly have a possessory interest in their phones. Defendants cite *Intel v. Hamidi* to argue that there was no damage to the physical phones, thereby nullifying this claim. However, they failed to properly distinguish the facts. The emails sent by Hamidi did not affect Intel’s email system, and the only other harm alleged was a decrease in employee productivity associated with the constant emails.³ By contrast, it is a far more dire situation

¹ *U.S. v. Nosal* (9th Cir. 2012).

² *EF Cultural v. Zefer* (1st Cir. 2003).

³ *Intel v. Hamidi* (Cal. 2003).

when students are three minutes late to class because Microsoft is hampering their ability to sign in. A three-minute delay is enough to miss several tomes’ worth of valuable information in



Sorry, Microsoft, you’re no Kourosh Kenneth Hamidi. And it’s too late for you and your white horse to come around. Photo courtesy of Kelleen Gladden, ’21.

a Nelson class.

Furthermore, plaintiffs have taken self-help steps by checking the box pleading with Microsoft not to call them again for seven days. The potential for irreversible harm from missing valuable classroom instruction or compromising professor relationships is beyond debate. Honestly, there should have been an emotional distress claim thrown in here just for making Millennials and Gen Z’s answer their phones. All individuals in these age brackets know all too well the horror of being called unexpectedly and without warning, let alone being forced to answer.

There is no possible conclusion other than that we must immediately remediate this situation. Defendant’s additional argument—the “1Ls always lose” rule⁴—is inapplicable here because 2Ls and 3Ls are joining the complaint. When the collective good of the upperclassmen is at stake, 1Ls may enjoy the subsequent windfall. Finally, the defendant forgets the cardinal rule of this Court: “We do what

⁴ See *1Ls v. God*, 73 U.Va 16 (2021).

we want.”⁵ Unfortunately for them, SCOTUS precedent is no good here—who do you think we are, *Law Review*?⁶ It is so ordered.

BNINSKI, J., concurring in the result.

I write to express my qualified agreement with the opinion ably written by my colleague. While the importance of the interests adversely affected by Microsoft’s failure to honor its contract terms indicate the propriety of ordering specific performance, in my opinion, public policy requires us to go further. I believe that Microsoft should be enjoined from calling anyone.

It is an accepted principle of judicial review that, when a justice perceives that an issue may have an adverse impact on her or his own life, that the legal question becomes subject to strict and capricious scrutiny.⁷ And let me say: this justice does not relish receiving phone calls from robots.

Let us examine custom within the sign-in verification community. DuoMobile, that stalwart and stultifying staple of the UVA Law experience, sends a push notification. A diverse sampling of online services requiring security – from my banking app to the systems used by various food-delivery schemes, which I have oft encountered this semes-

⁵ See *Zoom v. HopIn*, 73 U.Va 21 (2021).

⁶ This Court has said before in no uncertain terms, “Like we’d want anything to do with *Law Review*, gross.” *Law Weekly v. COPA Copiers*, 999 U.Va 963 n.1 (2019).

⁷ Orin S. Kerr, *A Theory of Law*, 16 GREEN BAG 2D 111 (2012).

ter as the Law School attempts to ameliorate despair with RSVP-contingent nutrition – utilize SMS, sending a “code” that a party must “enter” in order to “verify” that one is, indeed, who one purports to “be.”⁸

This brief survey indicates that placing a verification phone call departs from industry practice. One might go so far as to term it an abhorrent anomaly. For public policy, as the opinion of the court explains, strongly supports action that minimizes the number of robotically placed calls—and indeed, the number of calls from anyone other than parties attempting to hire the holder of the telephone in question.⁹ Moreover, these alternative methods indicate that technological advancement has far outstripped any need for pound-sign-pressing in order to attest to the truth of one’s being.

The nature of Microsoft’s business also merits consideration. As a pioneer in information technology, it has the resources to use verification techniques which do not, as my colleague notes, amount to the intentional infliction of emotional distress. Microsoft can muster no convincing showing of necessity.

Microsoft is no one’s mother, nor anyone’s best friend. Microsoft’s verification call lights no one’s cell phone screen with the smiling photo of a loved one. Its calls embody only the worst parts of telephonic communication. Not only should Microsoft refrain from calling would-be signers-in multiple times within the seven-day window, Microsoft should never call anyone again.¹⁰

⁸ Let us set aside, for now, the issue of imposter syndrome and the question of what existence means.

⁹ We discovered documented incidents of parties receiving career counselling being told to “answer your phone” or at least to “actually set up your voicemail” and “call back, for Pete’s sake. Do you even want a job?” This places a substantial call-answering burden on already emotionally fragile law students, which should not be unnecessarily increased by telephone calls from robots.

¹⁰ Unless, of course, it’s offering entry-level in-house positions...

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Faculty Quotes

C. Barzun: “I’m not sure I understand your question, but I like it.”

C. Hwang: “Now you trust me . . . now I will teach you the law.”

A. Bamzai: “You can tell how old I am by the fact that I have a yahoo.com email address.”

R. Hynes: “... Alright, let’s do a hypo.”

R. Schragger: “Don’t internalize not understanding something. Externalize it. It’s like a rule of law school.”

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

S. Prakash: “Libertarians love Lochner. You could put that on a bumper sticker.”



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Goodbye, Law Weekly 3Ls!

Christina Luk



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Run your own race.

What is one class you think

everyone should try and take?

Negotiations with Professor Molly Shadel.

Reveal a favorite “secret place” around Charlottesville.

Moge Tee – the new bubble tea place that opened on The Corner. It’s not a secret, it’s just new, and you should all go immediately. I love their fruit teas, but they are famous for their cheese foam. Just get something, you’ll thank me later.

Reveal a favorite “secret place” around North Grounds.

The Law Weekly office. I heard it’s undergoing renovations and it’s going to be lit.

What’s the best meal in town?

YO. I’ve plugged it before, I’ll plug it again, go to Bamboo House on 29 for Korean food.

Name the 7 wonders of the Law School.

Here are the seven wonders of

#onlinelawschool: 1) the mute button on Zoom; 2) recorded lectures; 3) giant stand-here-to-social-distance stickers in the hallways; 4) that one bottle of UVA LAW hand sanitizer Student Affairs gave me; 5) school-sponsored GrubHub accounts; 6) getting to walk graduation; and 7) Diddy Morris.

3L Superlative: Could Kill a Man with a Comma

Sam Pickett



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

At some point in your 1L career, everyone will start simultaneously using a word you don’t know. For me, this word was “dispositive” (which I still can’t really define). After never hearing or seeing that word, I heard it 3 times in one day and thought I was going to have a heart attack. My advice would be to simply ask what it means—because there are likely several other stressed 1Ls wondering the same thing!

What is an underrated Law School event?

I’ll tell you what an OVER-RATED Law School event is. Foxfield. It was so hot and so miserable that people were sitting by the dumpster so they could get in the shade. Never again do I need to experience that.

What is a UVA Law “hack” that you wish you had known sooner?

Most law school professors keep the textbook for their class on reserve. You can save a lot of money by renting an old version of a textbook and then scanning whatever you need from the textbook on reserve! You just have to deal with the hassle of the different page numbers.

What was the hardest thing about Law School to you?

Trusting myself. It’s really easy to look at what other people are doing and feel like you’re falling behind or doing something wrong, but everyone really just has their own method of achieving success. That doesn’t mean there aren’t ways you can improve, but have faith in the methods that got you to UVA.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

Suing Coronavirus for patent infringement. Has Coronavirus wreaked havoc on all of our lives? Yes. Did my lawsuit change anything? No. But, was it cathartic? Absolutely.

What is one class you think everyone should try and take?

Legislation with Michael Gilbert. I think it really changed the way I read legal opinions.

3L Superlative: Most likely to establish social dominance at his workplace

Will Palmer



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

School won’t be too bad – it’s the other stuff that’ll sandbag you.

What is the best for-school purchase you made over the last three years?

Pants, probably.

What is one class you think everyone should try and take?

I recommend anything taught by Prof. Setear – it’ll be interesting, I guarantee it.

Reveal a favorite “secret place” around North Grounds.

The pool on the roof

What’s the best meal in town?

Waffle House

What is a UVA Law “hack” that you wish you had known sooner?

The faculty bathrooms (accessible from the first floor of the library) are extremely well-appointed.

What was the hardest thing about Law School to you?

Balancing new responsibilities with academics.

What will you miss the most about Law School?

The people

3L Superlative: Most likely to publish his own comic book series

Michael Schmid



What is the best for-school purchase you made over the last three years?

I bought noise cancelling headphones last spring, and I don’t know how I got through law school before that.

If you could change one

big thing about your time here, what would it be

COVID.

Name the 7 wonders of the Law School.

1) Mandy; 2) Lisa, Dean of Snacks; 3) Spies Garden; 4) Emerson Spies’ boa; 5) the layout of the second floor of Slaughter Hall; 6) the cow painting; 7) Section F, Class of ’21

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

Putting the paper together on Monday nights and hoping the program doesn’t crash while Lena Welch ’20 entertained us

with gossip and the occasional High School Musical rendition.

Library, ScoCo, or home? Library as a 1L, ScoCo as a 2L, and home as a 3L. Balance.

3L Superlative: Secretly Professor Caleb Nelson

Jacob Jones



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Don’t even bother reading cases written before 1900. Just go

straight to Quimbee.

What is one class you think everyone should try and take?

Legal Research and Writing. Absolutely essential for real world lawyering as well as for graduation. Also it’s pass/fail!

If you could change one big thing about your time here, what would it be

I would make there not be a pandemic.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

One time I saw the WB snake and took a picture for the paper. Building Services followed up to see how the snake could’ve infiltrated their foolproof 2-factor security system. The snake was by the vending machines, he probably was hungry just wanted a snack.

3L Superlative: Most likely to wear flip flops with a designer suit

Drew Calamaro



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Everyone is, in fact, making it up as they go along. Per usual you were right.

What is the best for-school purchase you made over the last three years?

Quimbee like the 18 or 20 dollar a month tier.

Reveal a favorite “secret place” around Charlottesville.

Spring Creek Golf Club.

What is a UVA Law “hack” that you wish you had known sooner?

Don’t overdo it. But definitely don’t underdo it.

What will you miss the most about Law School?

The time. And the golf. You have so much time in law school it’s incredible.

Name the 7 wonders of the Law School.

Molly Shadel, Mimi Riley, Lois

Shepherd, Spring Creek Golf Club’s 1200 dollar a year price for students, ANG, Paul Mitchell roasting someone, and the constant references to the NYT crossword guy but like who the hell cares oh my god find someone else to talk about we get it he’s quirky

Free Space: Write What you Want

Just listen to Kevin Donovan for the love of God. But also listen to your heart. Just know it’s wrong.

3L Superlative: Most likely to have started the Law Weekly

Grace Tang



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Try to explore the law school and city with friends! There are so many things to do in the area, includ-

ing wineries, alpaca walking, cave tours, glass making and the Saturday Farmer’s Market (one of my personal favorites). For food ideas, check out the Charlottesville 29 list. When you graduate, you won’t remember the hours spent in the library, so make memories that matter ☺

What is a UVA Law “hack” that you wish you had known sooner?

The library offers so many fun things for rent! You can rent out DVD’s and DVD players for a movie night, board games to play with

friends, and outdoor lawn games like Kubb which can be played right outside the law school.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

Dairy parties, laughing with friends at law weekly, the witty banter. Everyone has an excellent sense of humor, and I always enjoy the jokes on zoom, GroupMe or in person. It’s been a joy and an honor to be on law weekly for all three years of law school, and the paper is a school treasure. I love that Virginia Law Weekly allows us to write about what

we like (for me it was food and fun things to do), and the paper is all the more interesting because of it.

Proudest UVA Law Moment: When Bodo’s approved of my homemade bagels, I have peaked in life. Also, any time I managed to hit the ball in softball during my 3 year stint here.

3L Superlative: Most likely to know the answer to any question concerning food or taxes

Maria Luevano



What is the best for-school purchase you made over the last three years?

The Sharpie S-Gel 0.7 pens are life changing and an Ember

mug will seriously upgrade your day if you’re a slow coffee drinker like I am.

What is an underrated Law School event?

The UVA Law Families Halloween Carnival!! It’s the cutest event of the year and is the biggest mood booster when that late-October-it’s-almost-finals-season anxiety hits.

What is a UVA Law “hack” that you wish you had known sooner?

The Bookstore sells Diet Coke for like \$1 per can!! \$2 at a vending machine? Couldn’t be me.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

Writing our first edition after the pandemic had started and everything was closed. It was great to get together and commiserate, but also put a funny spin on the whole situation. I’m really proud of everyone’s efforts in those first few weeks to

work on the paper during such a chaotic time.

Speed Round: Doctrinal Classes or Practice Classes? **Practice!**

Office Hours? **Only when dragged there by a friend.**

Library, ScoCo, or home? **Library**

Biltmore or Crozet? **Bilt.**

Zoom, Teams, WebEx, Skype, or HopIn? **Ugh.**

3L Superlative: Most likely to stick to her 15 year plan down to the day

Raphael Cho



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Don't worry too much about grades, there's safety in the middle of the pack.

What is the best for-school purchase you made over the last three years?

Extra monitor.

What is one class you think everyone should try and take?

Any class with G.E. White. The man is a legend.

Reveal a favorite "secret place" around Charlottesville.

The Pie Chest.

What's the best meal in town?

Doma.

What is an underrated Law School event?

Bar Review, I miss it.

What is a UVA Law "hack" that you wish you had known

sooner?

The JurisM extension will save you a lot of time doing citations for papers.

What will you miss the most about Law School?

Living within walking distance of your friends.

If you could change one big thing about your time here, what would it be

I regret not exploring more of Charlottesville while I had the chance.

Any ideas for a fun/silly/dumb tradition you think the Law School should start?

Cake eating contest a la "Matil-

da".

Name the 7 wonders of the Law School.

Free Food Table, Statue of Jefferson, Gunner Temple/Pitt, Hanging Portraits of Slaughter, WB 3rd Floor Labyrinth, Career Services, ScoCo.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

Drawing caricatures of political figures.

3L Superlative: Mysterious Non-Existent Art Person

What is a UVA Law "hack" that you wish you had known sooner?

Your fellow law students can be great sources of advice and support. I know that seems obvious, but for too long, I felt like I basically had to go it alone in law school and that it would somehow be "cheating" to ask for guidance and input from other students. Don't be like me. Find folks who will support you (and support them back, obviously), and learn from them.

Favorite Law Weekly Memory?

During 2L, my birthday was on a Monday (when *Law Weekly* editors and staff normally meet), and I was surprised at the meeting with a birthday serenade and chocolate chip cookie brownies (the internet tells me these are apparently called "brookies"). I still have no idea whether it was just a coincidence that it was my birthday or whether the food was actually planned, but I LOVE birthday surprises, so that was really special.

Where are you headed after graduation?

The District of the District of Columbia, also known as Washington, DC.

3L Superlative: Most likely to have an alphabetized hit list

Bill Re



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Get a law dictionary and look up all the legal terms in the syllabus headings and textbook chapter titles, even if you think you know what they mean, and then read the cases.

What was the hardest thing about Law School to you?

Having to read in silence for hours.

What will you miss the most about Law School?

Randomly running into friends in the hall.

Where are you headed after graduation?

Milwaukee, WI

Speed Round:

Doctrinal Classes or Practice Classes? Doctrinal. **Office Hours?** You mean waiting in line

for 40 minutes to ask a 5-minute question? **Library, ScoCo, or home?** Library, but before the plague. **Biltmore or Crozet?** Crozet. **Attend the event or Free-Food-Table?** Attend *most* of the event. **Zoom, Teams, WebEx, Skype, or HopIn?** In person.

3L Superlative: Eaten alive in the Law Weekly Archives

Leah Deskins



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Find your people. The Law School has an incredible community of students, faculty, and staff. Building strong relationships with friends and mentors will add significant value to your experience here.

Doug Graebner



What is one piece of advice you would give to your 1L self or any 1Ls?

Drink enough water, and if you're stressed and upset ask "did I eat a sufficiently large and nutritious breakfast/lunch/dinner" before you do anything else.

Reveal a favorite "secret place" around Charlottesville.

ville.

Sugar Hollow, but specifically the trail PAST Big Branch falls

Reveal a favorite "secret place" around North Grounds.

The trail behind Bodo's from the frisbee golf course to like the train tracks.

What is a UVA Law "hack" that you wish you had

known sooner?

Talk to people about your classes and studying! People like talking about what interests them and it's just a good habit to get into bouncing ideas off each other

If you could change one big thing about your time here, what would it be

FREQUENT AND REILABLE

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Library, ScoCo, or home? The little flat tables at Twisted Branch, perfect for Big Desk Energy and good vibes

3L Superlative: Most likely to put milk, and then cereal

Kolleen Gladden



What's the best meal in town?

Okay I'm sorry, I can't narrow it to one. Go to Iron Paffles, order a vegan paffle with hot fried tofu, Mac and cheese, sriracha Mayo, avocado, and grilled onions. The Green Giant and tofu balls at Now and Zen. Panang curry and drunken noodles at Chimm. The hell fried rice at Monsoon Siam. The totchos

and hoagie at Firefly. The golden latte at Mudhouse on 10th street. Anything Kunchok orders at Taste of India. And all foods prepared by Grace Tang '21.

What is one class you think everyone should try and take?

Education in U.S. Prisons. That class opens your mind up to concepts that rarely get touched on anywhere, let alone in law school. And Professor Gerard Robinson is spectacular. His background is as an education specialist, and he brings incredible perspectives to the table. He has such an unbelievable wealth of experience, and it is nothing short of a privilege to

take a class from him.

Name the Seven Wonders of the Law School

Mandy at Greenberrys, Cookie Fridays (The *good* cookie Fridays, circa fall 2018), A plate of fresh veggie wraps from Mezeh left on the free food table, randomly running into Professor Coughlin and having her bestow upon you some glorious nugget of wisdom, funny story, or thought-provoking question, The library squad dressing up in incredible coordinated costumes for Halloween and roaming the halls, The massage chair that allegedly exists somewhere in the school, spotting a Jake Weeks original tie dye tee.

What will you miss the

most about law school?

There are so many things I'll miss. Watching the 1Ls perform at Dandelion. My section (H-team Habeas Porpoise) winning the softball tournament our first year. Getting lunch with your friends after a final. Going on hikes with the outdoor club. Snagging Bodo's before a volunteering event. Taking a professor out to lunch and hearing about their amazing experiences. Running into someone in the hall and having an hour long conversation punctuated by appearances from your other friends. Getting together to rehearse for Libel and packing everyone into the auditorium to laugh together. Drinking the

coffee and tea in the library, not because it's good, but because it's free. Going to Feb Club events and watching the law school bands perform—and having your crush ask you out on the last day of Feb club.

3L Superlative: Most likely to invent a new genre of music

Parking and the Student-Centered Law School

This past December, during the final exam period, I was issued a fifty-five dollar parking

Michael Berdan '22
Opinions Editor



citation for parking my beloved Volkswagen Beetle in the lot outside Slaughter Hall. I was surprised by this, since I had been told by my Peer Advisors and other classmates that parking was not enforced once classes ended, as demand for parking drops dramatically. This meshed with my experience on that day, since my car was one of only a handful in a lot that boasts well over 100 spaces.

So, like any enterprising millennial, I took to the Class of '22 GroupMe. I found that

several other students had been similarly ticketed, having relied on the same information. A poll I submitted found that nearly seventy percent of the respondents were under the same impression as I was: namely, that there was open parking once classes ended. I shared this information with UVA's Department of Parking and Transportation (DP&T), and they simply said that because the faulty information was not supplied by their office, but rather word of mouth, it wasn't grounds for appeal. A 2L in the GroupMe who had been ticketed then proposed that we talk to Dean Davies, noting that "if anyone will go to bat for us, it's her."

Unfortunately, Dean Davies echoed the position of DP&T, seeming surprised that I or anyone else would have such

an idea, and suggested that I "purchase daily parking" and "pass on to people who have not reviewed the parking rules that their understanding of the rules [is] incorrect." I suggested that since this misconception appeared to have been held by a strong majority of the student body and was passed on to many of us by our Law-School-assigned Peer Advisors, perhaps the Law School could ask DP&T to waive these tickets as a professional courtesy, allowing admin to correct the misinformation. Dean Davies declined to do so.

I eventually won the appeal of my parking ticket because my wonderful peer advisor, Sam Thoma '21, wrote to DP&T, telling them that she and many other PAs passed this information on to me, as well as many,

many other students. I asked DP&T to similarly overturn the fines imposed on all my peers who were ticketed during finals season because of this widespread misinformation from a fairly official source. They declined to do so.

This got me wondering about parking enforcement at UVA Law. How much money does the university generate by ticketing its students? When are we most often ticketed? Are more or fewer tickets issued during finals periods? Many students report parking in the lots during previous semesters without a problem. Do the numbers bear that out? So I used the Freedom of Information Act to get that information.

In response to my FOIA request, I received a breakdown of every citation issued

in the lots surrounding the Law School during 2018, 2019, and 2020. Here is some of what I've learned. Anyone who wants the raw data can email me for it.

- Each license plate gets a warning first, then a \$55 ticket for the second infraction, and, it appears, a \$250 ticket for the third infraction. Seven \$250 tickets were issued during the 2018-2020 period.
- A total of 1,508 citations were issued, totalling \$34,140.00 in fines. This equates to roughly \$60 a day for the Law School.
- Roughly 2.4 citations were issued per school day, on average.
- There were no citations is-

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