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What's Up Fellow Lawhoos?

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My Fellow Lawhoos, Welcome (or welcome back)! The *Law Weekly* and its writers are very excited to have everyone back on campus and a somewhat return to normalcy around North Grounds. To set the stage, for 1Ls and LLMs who may not know who we are (or 2Ls and 3Ls who haven't been in the Law School in awhile), the *Law Weekly* covers everything that makes this school tick. Whether it be serious matters such as registering for classes or the stances of the candidates running for SBA office, or fun things like reviews of the best local wineries and breweries, the *Law Weekly* is here to cover it all. Our goal is to tell the story of the law school through various students' eyes, covering a wide range of interests and ensuring any voice that would like to be heard, will be.

To all of those with an opinion that they'd like to share, I welcome you to stop by a meeting of the *Law Weekly* and see what it's all about. We meet every Monday in SL279¹ at 5:30. This is where we plan our next edition, edit pieces that writers have submitted, and gossip/chat about what's going on around the school. Plus, and I cannot stress this enough, we have free Domino's pizza every week. While it's not Ivy Provisions or Chipotle, free is free and we're all trying to ball on a budget with our loans. Even better, the *Law Weekly* has been confused by employers for being either VLR or a scholarly journal,² so your resume will benefit regardless.

Even if you don't think journalism is your thing, I encourage you to get involved in the school. This could be sending me funny quotes that your professors say that we can run in the next edition,³ joining some of the amazing organizations and clubs we have throughout the school, or just hanging out with your friends in ScoCo to make memories you won't soon forget. UVA Law is more than just a stel-

¹ Right above the bookstore.

² Probably because the Supreme Court has cited us, but NBD. See., *Patterson v. New York*, 432 U.S. 197 (1977).

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Review of Bar Review Bars



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Anna Bninski '23: Tonic

To those willing to venture beyond the Downtown Mall, I recommend Tonic on East Market Street. The prior occupant of this cute space with a leafy adjacent courtyard was the Tin Whistle – when that Irish pub closed, I was bummed. I am now less bummed because Tonic serves up a tasty selection of cocktails, including a rotating seasonal G&T, as well as beer that is not exorbitantly expensive by Cville standards.

Tonic is an especially good option for folks hesitant about indoor hangs; the courtyard features a pleasant pavilion with its own bar.

The reservation system is a hassle. Ergo, I have avoided using it; thus far that has worked out for me. Being a little off the beaten track, Tonic is generally lively but not packed.

Rating: 20/20 juniper berries.¹

Jonathan Peterson '23: The Biltmore

So I went to Bilt once and it was the first and only time a guy slapped my ass in a bar. I can't say that the experience was enjoyable, but the bar itself served as more of a positive slap on the ass, done by one you love and

¹ Disclosure: Tonic is also walking distance from my apartment, which could absolutely potentially bias me in its favor.

respect, and not some random guy whose name you don't know. Unfortunately for me, when I arrived it was late in the night, and I'd reached my "okay maybe just two more" limit. As such, I experienced relatively few of the drinks Bilt has to offer.

However, a friend did order an intriguingly-blue



drink: the trash can. Sure, I felt like a can of trash the next morning, but this drink was anything but. However, I'm not sure I'd suggest it for a Bar Review. It felt like more of an "I'm a happy undergrad with a full life ahead of me" drink than the "I am a law student, you can fill in the rest" beverage that I anticipate drinking when I finally experience the true trials and tribulations of Bar Review.

Rating: 3.74+ ass-slaps out of 5

Sai Kulkarni '23: Crozet Pizza

I can't think of a better spot than Crozet Pizza as a spot for Bar Review. Live music or DJs depending on the night, actual food, and spots to both sit and dance on tables. Bar Review (I've heard) is an experience meant to be open for all




law students. Crozet allows the olds to sit and eat, the youths to dance, and the in betweens to spend 30 minutes trying to get a single pitcher at the bar. Can you ask for anything better? I don't think so. Crozet is like the older brother of Bilt, with the same outdoor resources but without the wild energy that comes with a bar that serves only as a pregame to Virg. You absolutely have to love a place that allows you to dance on the actual roof. Crozet, much like Ryan Reynolds, is the complete package and offers everything that a person looking for a good time needs.


Rating: 36 Montana Tomatoes out of 41





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around north grounds


 Thumbs up to the new beef between Kanye and Drake. Kanye has been resting on his laurels since he dropped *Graduation* in '07, so ANG would appreciate a motivated Kanye actually dropping *Donda* so we can see if Kanye is as washed up as ANG is.


 Thumbs down to Pfizer being fully approved by the FDA for vaccinations. ANG was really enjoying nobody getting close enough to question ANG becoming a degenerate forest creature.

 Thumbs up to the 2L picnic party. There were so few people there that ANG was able to stay socially distanced!

 Thumbs down to the jersey party last week. ANG totally thought that meant to dress like Snooki, not like one of the hosts on any given Tuesday. If ANG knew this, ANG would've just asked the same host for a jersey like everyone else did!

 Thumbs up to YikYak coming back. It makes it really easy for ANG to know who is too young to be legal at Bilt when they ask, "what's YikYak?"

 Thumbs down to the lack of social planning for large events this semester. ANG knows as well as everyone else that SBA is incompetent, but now the 1Ls are learning that way too early. #Bring-BackFauxfield

 Thumbs up to not having access to class recordings. ANG forgot what professors' voices sounded like when they weren't at 2.0x speed.

 Thumbs sideways to FedSoc is diversifying their food choices for their events. While ANG loves equality, ANG also loves chicken sandwiches.

Professors, Legal: We Want to Hear from You!

Long-time reader of the *Law Weekly*? New to North Grounds and joining us for

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Professor Liason Editor



the first time? Either way, thank you for reading us! I want to remind you that the *Law Weekly* staff is always very glad to receive letters to the editor. Letters need not be in response to one of our articles.¹ Rather, letters on any topic of interest to the Law School community may be sent to editor@lawweekly.org.

This invitation goes out to all members of our readership, even brand-new 1Ls embarking on their legal careers. As we wrote in our inaugural 1948 issue, "This school is here primarily to encourage the development and dissemination of ideas. Let not one of our readers ever discard the notion to publicize [their] thoughts with the alibi that no one would be interested in receiving them!" We really do want to hear from you.

But the main reason I

¹ Such letters are certainly welcome (we like knowing people actually read what we publish).

am writing today is to assure our legal professional readers, and especially our amazing Law School professors, that we are especially eager to hear from them. Professors can and do write letters to the editor, but we also have a space specifically set aside for their learned insights—our Dicta column.

Dicta began in our inaugural 1948 issue with the ambitious goal of considering "basic aims of the law and [the] role of [law] schools." Dean F.D.G. Ribble wrote about the role of the law school in the first Dicta column. The rest of that year's column focused on criminal justice. Dicta ran on the front page every single week that year, featuring the opinions of judges, attorneys, professors from multiple law schools, and at one point even the Head of Scotland Yard. Where necessary, the *Law Weekly* published distillations of pertinent law review articles. The final column of that year was written by (or taken from a writing by) Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter.

Since then, Dicta has had its ups and downs. The column probably reached its peak when it was cited by the Supreme Court in 1977. However, as the *Law*

Weekly gradually became less stuffy and more entertaining, Dicta became less of a focus. At some point Dicta stopped (for the most part) covering one topic at a time and turned into a general forum for thoughts on any legal topic. In 1987 and 1988 the since-discontinued Vanguard column took shots at its popularity, claiming that "Dicta is read about as often as the Boston Red Sox win the World Series." The 1990s saw efforts to "revive" Dicta. The *Law Weekly* even tried to get students involved, hosting a student essay competition in 1995 and urging 3Ls to submit excerpts from unpublished journal articles in 1996. But Dicta finally reached its nadir in the 2005-2006 academic year when Volume 58 of the *Law Weekly* failed to publish any Dicta at all. Dicta was resurrected in 2008, flickered out again from 2011 to 2014, was briefly restored in the 2015-2016 academic year, dropped out again in 2016-2017, featured one column in 2017-2018, and then was silent until last year, when Leah Deskins '21 managed to get two columns published.

Now, today, as the editor who has received the Dicta mantle, I am determined to

prevent this from becoming another Dicta-less year. Professors and alumni, I want to hear from you! At this point, Dicta has evolved to more generally feature recent developments in your scholarship, as well as your views about current events in the law. It's basically an outlet to share your research or thoughts with the legal community. Writing a Dicta column is a great way to explore a new idea in a less formal medium, get the word out about recent scholarship, or just communicate something that's on your mind.

Writing a column is ridiculously easy, too: we publish online and in print every week during the semester, ending a few weeks before finals. No need to get pencilled in for a particular week, just send us 800 words whenever you are ready and we will fit it in. You don't even have to cite your sources. Past Dicta columns have discussed a wide variety of topics: lessons from the life of the late legal philosopher John Gardner, the Takings clause, *Obergefell v. Hodge*, and D.C. voting rights. UVA professors—I WILL read your law review articles and hunt you down if I have to, but please do give it a shot

this year. And non-UVA lawyers, professors, judges, justices, and Heads of Scotland Yard—this invitation is for you too! Regardless of your affiliation, we thank you for your readership and would love to hear your insights.

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Downtown's Maru Restaurant Worth Checking Out

If you are a person who has had roommates your

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whole life, the transition to living alone can be a bit jarring. This is especially true for folks in long-distance relationships. Sharing a living space with other people does more than keep the sink full of dishes and lower the rent—it keeps you accountable to a certain standard of behavior. You can't be too weird and still maintain a successful roommate situation. Living alone, you are accountable to no one. The great freedom to be as unhinged as you want in the privacy of your own home is mitigated only by the knowledge you are making the hurdle back to normalcy higher with every day that passes. This is a realization I had recently when visiting my partner over the summer.

When I left for school, we were comfortably within the vanilla rain sounds population, falling asleep to the sounds of gentle rain and the occasional roll of far-off thunder. Things escalated quickly in the fall semester without his temperance. Gentle rain sounds became rain on tin roofs, became rain in the jungle with birds cawing and monkeys howling, became howling snowstorms. By the spring, I'd moved onto the sounds of coffee shops.

Finally, my night time white noise radicalization brought me to Korean street food videos, where for the last five months the repetitive sounds of chopping and deep frying have mixed with the noise of crowds and customers to produce the perfect ambient noise to fall asleep to. Or at least it's perfect if you have followed your own escalating ambient noise progression, which my partner had not. Rather than soothing, he found the videos jarring, and the irregular noises distracting instead of blending together into one great comforting blanket. We switched back to regular rain sounds.

You might be thinking to yourself at this point, wow. This is the worst restaurant review I've ever read. This writer ought to run a recipe blog if she's so willing to overshare personal details that no one asked for before getting to the real content. And while those thoughts might hurt my feelings, they aren't wrong. The point of all that background is to say, I have been dreaming of Korean street food both literally and figuratively for months. When the chance to try Maru came up, I had to seize the opportunity. Maru is a modern take on traditional Korean food, with a great location on the downtown mall. I ate outside and enjoyed some people watching while our food was prepared, but the indoor dining also looked great

with comfy booths and a big open kitchen. It's a great place for a group outing or a date, with very reasonable prices.

For appetizers, we ordered the Kimchi Jeon, a delicious kimchi and scallion pancake. This food can get spicy if you aren't used to Asian cooking, but there are plenty of safer options like the pork dumplings, which come deep fried and perfectly crisp. For entrees, there is a lot to choose from, ranging from the amazing Korean fried chicken to the tteokbokki I ordered (and highly recommend). The spicy red soup runs the gamut on chopstick skill levels, from the easy-to-grab rice cakes that act like sponges for the delicious broth, to the master level hard-boiled egg and melted mozzarella. If no one at your table orders a chef's special

which comes with the daily banchan, make sure to ask for it. The servings of kimchi and various pickled vegetables and salads are worth adding on. Finally, don't miss out on the house made sodas. The yuzu citrus soda came very fresh with candied citrus peels—the perfect drink for a warm summer evening.

Maru is worth checking out. If you can resist the urge to slip the very cute reusable metal chopsticks into your purse on the way out, you may even be able to visit twice. Send your restaurant recommendations or places around Charlottesville you think everyone should try before graduation to dlguh@virginia.edu.

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Pictured: Some Truly Delicious Food. Photo Courtesy of Author, Who Totally Embarrassed Herself to Take it like Some Wannabe Influencer, so Please Appreciate the Effort.

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lar institution to learn at, it's really a family that we can all learn and grow together with. I urge you all to not focus so much on making Law Review, beating "the curve," or starting to outline before fall break, because you're in the good ole days now and need to take advantage of them!

If I haven't already sold you to either join our staff or another not-as-cool organization, I have to brag on my staff and the *Law Weekly's* resume some more. The *Law Weekly* was named the best law school newspaper for three years in a row recently by the American Bar Association. You wouldn't just be joining one of the coolest clubs in the school, but also a nationally recognized one at that. We aim to keep our semi-satirical weekly dopamine dump going for the long haul, and it's contributions by y'all that keep us going.

No matter what, we wish all of our readers a debauchorous but enlightening year. Remember, Latin phrases are overrated, don't live in the library, and always take up the opportunity to go play softball instead of reading for class. The *Law Weekly* hopes to cover all of these events and more this year, and we hope you enjoy reading about them in our paper along the way!

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The Withdrawal from Afghanistan

Like many other Americans, I have been glued to every available form of me-

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dia over the last ten days trying to make sense of the catastrophic events that have so radically altered Afghanistan in so short a period. My thoughts about whether the overall policy of withdrawal from the country was in the best interests of the U.S. quickly became a sideshow to a more immediate question: how was such a chaotic, horrendous exit allowed to occur? How, after twenty years of continuous operations and one of the largest foreign policy investments of the twenty-first century, was the U.S. military backed into a civilian international airport adjacent to Taliban-occupied Kabul trying to regain control of the tarmac from thousands of terrified, desperate civilians? In a war that has been defined by unclear objectives, shifting goalposts, untold waste, and gross miscalculations, it is easy to be cynical and say that it was inevitable that the conclusion of the U.S.'s involvement would be a mess. Yet, it was the one thing about the mission that the U.S. still had very much within U.S. control, even if it meant

prolonging our presence just a bit longer.

While such a choice would have imposed its own costs, a dignified exit was the last opportunity to pay tribute to the enormous efforts of the Soldiers, diplomats, and civilians from across our country, Afghanistan, and many of our allied nations who gave everything to honorably carrying out the work that was asked of them. Over the course of my life, starting from the 9/11 attacks when I was seven years old to my last job before starting law school at age 26, I had various opportunities to observe and later contribute to the U.S. and international mission in a civilian capacity, and I intimately understand the dedication brought and sacrifices made by so many of these individuals over so many years. While there remain conflicting accounts about the mission they were asked to carry out, and various ways to characterize what has been gained by their toils, it should be acknowledged that the work they did made the tragic desperation of the current moment far from inevitable, and our decision-makers need to take a long, hard look at why it was allowed to happen this way.

My observation of events over the last few days has also been strongly informed by my Afghan heritage. I

know many Afghans who wholeheartedly embraced the U.S. and international mission, believing in the vision of a democratic Afghanistan where rights would be protected, and free expression could be exercised. They put themselves out there in the public sphere based on that belief, and now face the fear and uncertainty of watching that vision collapse. Even worse, they were given no opportunity to plan their response to the enormous shift and its consequences. While I have not yet heard of evidence of mass reprisals, they have good reason to fear for their futures, or at least to believe that they will face a new reality where many of the freedoms that they enjoyed for a generation will be rolled back. It is easy to forget, sitting in the U.S. and talking about matters of policy, that our country's choices have very real implications for the lives of people. While the rapid Taliban takeover may prevent some of the worst consequences of our withdrawal — such as protracted, bloody civil conflict, mass displacement, and destruction of infrastructure — their shocking sweep, unmoderated by political compromise, means an almost certain return to silence for millions of women and deep anxiety by those who dared to believe in a liberal order.

Not much can be done about this now, besides helping those put most at risk by the Taliban's return to resettle in new parts of the world. However, Afghanistan must be a lesson to those who have the hubris to attempt massive undertakings like reengineering a country, and who do not have to live with, or even have an inkling of, the everyday consequences of those decisions.

Like many others in the diaspora community, I remain committed to seeing Afghanistan thrive, and hope one day it can be a country that is not only talked about in terms of its problems. It is a beautiful land, with a vibrant, ancient culture, friendly, hospitable people, and so much to contribute to humanity. The takeover by the Taliban will not take away those attributes, but it will mean that generations of Afghans will not be able to count on a government that will protect fundamental human rights. This is a very unfortunate reversal, and even if the now deposed government was far from ideal, it at least was premised on values that promoted self-governance and equality for all. If there is any silver lining to the last twenty years of effort, it will be that Afghans will not accept an end to the progress that was made, and even as they transition to a new system there will

be those who remain steadfast in demanding a country where all can live with dignity and reach their full potential as human beings.

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Summer Series in Review

Does every article I write have to begin with a reference to You-Know-What? I hope not and remain positive that this will be the last

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one. But like someone unable to get over a breakup, everything I talk about tends to include a reference to That-Which-Sucks. Anyways! This last year sucked. Plain and simple. There was no social scene, and for good reason. The Class of 2023 missed out on all the great things that our predecessors had, such as Dandelion, Bar Review, and most of all, Feb Club. What everyone who stayed here for the summer got, though, was Summer Series. This was 29 days of partying in the month of June, organized by our now-disappeared alumni of the Class of 2021, given the fact that a lot of people were working virtually and decided to stay in Charlottesville.

Now if you talk to any of the alumni, I'm sure some of them will tell you that the event was organized for their own sake as a last hurrah before taking the Bar. I choose to believe the interpretation I was told frequently: it was to give my class a real taste of law school. It brought people together, got us outta the house, and introduced us

to some stalwarts of Charlottesville culture. With all that introduction out of the way, it's time to talk details. The most important part of hosting a party is always the guest list. Locations change, plans adapt, but you have to meet your desired turnout level. The illustrious organizers chose to create an open invite GroupMe with a few of them as admins. Of course, there was no way for this to get out of hand (*cough* med students *cough*), but between alumni Nicole, Sam, Danny, Ines, Will, Josh, and one of my closest friends' boyfriend (I think his name starts with a Z?), they managed to get a massive crew together and get the party started.

Did you notice how even after I said "all that introduction out of the way," I kept giving background? Yes, of course my summer job liked my writing, how dare you insinuate otherwise. Anyway! The Summer Series was kicked off by a toga party at a specially opened Bilt where there were epic speeches, creative outfits (especially by our benevolent overlord at the *Law Weekly*), and good vibes. It set the tone for a large, inclusive event and introduced me to my favorite place in the city. The ball kept rolling that week with a Pav pool party featuring a rare appearance by our beloved Stan.

The one event I missed

involved a wedding and a bachelor party but I'm sure that the happy couple is off in Croatia honeymooning in peace. That's just a taste, so you can imagine that the events that followed were great as well. Rather than running through each remaining event, let's talk highlights. By far the best event was Bar Golf. In a creative rebranding of the traditional bar crawl, this involved a game based on points for tasks completed at each location. It was a great way to introduce a lot of Corner classics and brought everyone together on the same task. As one of the few present from the first to the last location, it was a crash course in unique places and seeing people cut loose.

There were, of course, plenty of house parties hosted by various people, celebrating everything from birthdays to the color of the moon. Different people also got the chance to host themed events like Paige and Brian's 1L party and Ines and Jennie's goth party. If you want to learn how to make everyone feel like a participant in the party process, the Summer Series Admins were teaching a master class.

While I think each of these events were awesome, I think the real stars were the people. At the end of the day, this is law school, people have strong personali-

ties, and that can cause conflict. But despite all of that, people from all three classes (plus some med students that snuck in) came together for a common purpose: to get **lit**. That's really beautiful to me. Everyone was so open to partying hard together that it gave me hope in a time like law school when hope is anathema. I am optimistic that a lot of the new friendships formed this summer will stay for a while. I know that this year will mean a return to usual events. But the legacy of a project created by a few enterprising law school graduates through Summer Series will last for a while (especially on my Instagram profile).

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Jack Brown '23: Miller's Downtown

Miller's is the best place to end a night out on the downtown mall. A narrow space off of Main Street, you can expect amazing service, a great drink list and of course the best chicken tenders in the city.

But what really makes Miller's an unforgettable dive is its vintage aesthetic, with both its ground floor bar and second floor dining area evoking the feeling of a forgotten corner of New York instead of a town in the middle of rural Virginia.

This vibe is accentuated every Wednesday and Thursday with the return of live Jazz at 8pm. The bands that perform are universally wonderful and help complete the Miller's experience.

For those looking for a mellow spot to wind down the night, you cannot do better than Miller's, though you may run into med students there which is the only knock against this important Charlottesville establishment.

Rating: 520 Chicken Tenders out of 528

Phil Tonseth '22: Random Row Brewing Co.

Some people like running. More people like beer. A few people like combining

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

2Ls v. 1Ls 74 U.Va 2 (2021)

J. PETERSON delivered the opinion of the Court, in which KULKARNI, LAKE, CHENELLE, and SMITH join.

CHIEF JUSTICE TONSETH vehemently dissents, joined by BIRCH, WUNDERLI, QUERNER.

Today, the court is faced with a question of both fairness and justice. Specifically, the court is asked to assess whether a class of individuals, the 2Ls, are owed anything by another class, the current 1Ls, as penance for the joyous orientation activities that were torn away from the class of 2023 by the cold and ruthless hands of a global pandemic.

It is abundantly clear to the Court that the current 1Ls, a hearty and youthful bunch, are not at fault in this matter. They had no hand in the pandemic; nor are any current members of the class a part of the Law School's faculty.¹ However, this does not mean that nothing is owed to the victims of these tragic circumstances, who only ask to be made whole. It is a simple equitable request these 2Ls bring: respect, adoration, and recognition. And while the Court is prepared to grant that request today, it seems appropriate to make additions.

The 2Ls cite history itself as their argument. They received no luncheons. They received no guided tours. They received only bleary eyes and heavy hearts at the hands of hours of Zoom-conducted info sessions and speakers. Hell, to be honest, the 2Ls don't even remember orientation: most spent the day folding laundry or

1 If any of you are and had a hand in this, best to keep that quiet. You will find you have many enemies at the law school quite quickly.

sleeping.² Yet now they must watch, their FOMO rising, as their less-experienced compatriots receive the one thing that truly pulled us all to this school: free stuff. While they acknowledge that the 1Ls are not responsible for this injustice, they allege that this does nothing to remedy the pain they feel.

The 1Ls, buoyed by a compelling amicus brief from the 3Ls, claim they had no part in this. They claim that all of us, students and faculty alike, have suffered, and continue to suffer, since March of 2020. And while they are not wrong, this argument misses the mark. It does so for one very

simple reason; I am a member of the 2L class, and I want mine. And we 2Ls are nothing if not vengeful and drama-filled future mentors.

The 3Ls argument has some merit however, if only because I know them and have an interest in being invited to their homes.³ They point to their own situation as abundantly worse than either class, having gotten a taste of the heavenly setting that UVA Law truly is, only to experience a fall from grace proportional to Adam and Eve being torn from the Garden of Eden. They claim that ignorance is bliss, and there is no class more ignorant than the 2Ls, and yes, they are right. However, again, this argument ultimately does not

2 I sincerely do not remember orientation.

3 And firms.

serve them. I too am an ignorant 2L, and I too refuse to sympathize, let alone empathize, with those above and below me. Unfortunately for the lot of you, you've encountered the wrong judge.

As such, it is an easy ruling for the Court today. The 2Ls prevail; history is apparent.⁴ And history demands compensation. The faculty, protected by sovereign immunity, is unreachable as a party, despite being considerably more solvent than most others here. The 3Ls are scary⁵ and I want invites. The 1Ls, however, have yet to build any clout. And while I love them, like a 23-year-old father loves his

much older and more experienced daughters and sons, sometimes fathers must come down on their children with the swift and righteous hand of the law.

The Court unequivocally orders that the 1L class appreciate what they have been given this year. The gift is invaluable: the opportunity to have three beautiful and (hopefully) untainted years of Law School that will be some of the best years of their lives. As such, the 1Ls must play softball. They must not sit in the gunner pit. They must drink and be merry. And most of all,

4 Let's not get into a philosophical debate about this one.

5 They aren't, and I love them. You decide whether I'm brown-nosing for invites or being sincere for yourself.

they must be chill. This, truly, is what the 2L class requests: the chance to be the 2Ls we all want to be for the bright new faces at our school. Any test brings the same conclusion, be it balancing or bright line: the 2Ls ask for little and hope for much, and if all goes well, all will be well.

And, finally, the Court recommends that all understand that the situation the 3Ls and 2Ls were forced to face has not yet concluded. Have fun but be safe. If you're feeling sick, don't mess around. Make use of testing. The last thing any of us want is to return to last year.

Mirroring the all too familiar feeling of looking at my credit card statement after a good Bar Review, I have been bamboozled and will not stand for this.

Before I begin my diatribe, Justice Peterson deserves some credit. Although he did not outright say it, the implication that 1Ls always lose continues to be the bedrock of this esteemed Court.⁷ Where the Majority errs is both in relying on substantive due process to grant 2L rights which they do not inherently possess, all the while undermining the amicus brief and respect that 3Ls deserve. This travesty of justice and "bit of interpretive jiggery-pokery"⁸ must not extend beyond this opinion.

From my perch in my ivory tower, I sleep easy at night knowing that I administer justice in the only proper way, strict textualism.⁹ The majority, through an analysis that rivals the confusion and complication of a Justice Breyer opinion, attempts to both cede rights to 1Ls and 2Ls without

7 1L Gunners v. Everyone Else, 324 U.Va 22 (2019).

8 King v. Burwell, 576 U.S. 473, 506 (2015) (Scalia, J. dissenting).

9 Students v. Labor, Generally, 73 U.Va 4 (2020) (Tonseth, J., dissenting); see also John Does v. Open Bathroom Doors 73 U.Va 2 (2020) (Tonseth, J. dissenting).

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"From my perch in my ivory tower, I sleep easy at night knowing that I administer justice in the only proper way, strict textualism."

TONSETH, C.J., vehemently dissents.

"I do not join the Court's opinion because I am not sure what it means."⁶ In assigning Justice Peterson to write this opinion, I hoped he would properly administer justice in accordance with the Court of Petty Appeal's Constitution.

6 Edwards v. Arizona, 451 U.S. 477 (1981) (Powell, J. concurring).

Faculty Quotes

M. Collins: "I have lived off the fee-shifting statute for years."

J. Mahoney: "The law favors alienability, except when it doesn't."


C. Barzun: "He's a professor! End of story! Any professor is an expert on all topics!"

C. Hwang: "This isn't Texas—we don't put people in jail just for standing around!"

L. Solum: "I love this theory, because it allows me to say 'antidisestablishmentarianism.'"

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E. Kitch: "A merger is like a very powerful MixMaster. Two corporations go in and something very different comes out."



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pointing to their origin. The majority opinion should've been issued per curiam, as "emotional distress is a harm within the risk of attending school."¹⁰ Thus, neither party should win and the case should've been dismissed for a lack of standing. However, my colleagues in the majority countered with the first Petty Rule of Civil Procedure, "we do what we want,"¹¹ and thus I must further denigrate their actual argument.

It seems as though my reign of terror from atop my ivory tower has failed in inspiring my colleagues to reach the correct conclusion in this case. Justice Peterson, in attempting to give his own classmates rights which they do not deserve and benefits they do not need, fails to forget how easy and relaxed his own 1L year was. The class of 2023 "... already got an easier journal tryout, the ability to attend class from the comfort of their bedrooms, and to avoid all of the embarrassing stories that would result from one bad night at Bar Review."¹² I cannot see any reason why additional rights or privileges should be laid at the class of

2023's feet, especially in violation of *stare decisis*.

Justice Peterson tried to assuage his utter grafting of our Constitution by attempting to befriend the 3Ls with offers of friendship and party favors. This is laughable. I'm not one to spill the tea, but the recent social gathering hosted by 2Ls, which was an attempt to have 2Ls and 3Ls make up for lost time in meeting each other, was only advertised to a tiny cohort of 3Ls. Justice Peterson may disclaim responsibility for this oversight, but actions speak louder than words.

Due to the fact that I pushed off writing my dissent until the moment it was due, in true 3LOL fashion, I will cede the floor to the principal from Billy Madison in describing my thoughts on the majority's opinion... "(Justice Peterson), what you've just said is one of the most insanely idiotic things I've ever heard. At no point in your rambling, incoherent response was there anything that could even be considered a rational thought. Everyone in this (school) is now dumber for having (read this opinion). I award you no points, and may God have mercy on your soul."

¹⁰ See., *1L Gunners v. Everyone Else* at 24 (2019).

¹¹ *Law Weekly v. CoPA Copiers*, 369 U.Va 96 (2019).

¹² *1Ls v. God*, 73 U.Va 16 (2021)

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The Green Knight, Reviewed and Recommended

Generally speaking, I concur with Bilbo Baggins's assertion in *The Fellowship of the Ring* that "[i]t is no bad thing

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to celebrate a simple life." This character trait, however, was not the product of spontaneous creativity; J.R.R. Tolkien molded the worthy hobbit's worldview so as to reflect his own. A reader of Tolkien's works may thus intuit the bard's own perceptions of life rather easily by looking to the relationships and philosophy of his beloved shirelings.

Although I hope this analysis proves informative to prospective visitors of Middle Earth, I do not present it for purposes merely educational in nature. Rather, the aim of its provision and my notation of a related congruence with my own beliefs is to convey that I typically do not find psychedelic, experimental, or otherwise bizarre films to be particularly enjoyable (cast me as a plebeian if you will, but ethical journalism mandates honesty). I often find them to be half-baked efforts of half-talented artists clinging to the delusion that, by offending contemporary tastes to a sufficient degree, they will somehow earn the commendation of future generations. David Lowery, how-

ever, bucks this preconception with his film *The Green Knight*. In a remarkable fashion, he manages to push the definition of the word "trippy" to new boundaries while simultaneously doing yeoman's service to the original Arthurian legend. To those amongst my readership who have read or heard the story of Sir Gawain, the film's discipline in avoiding typical Hollywood excesses will prove refreshing. To suspense junkies in love with thrillers or horror movies, the sphincter-clenching experience of watching the young knight struggle to drag himself over each and every hurdle shall offer nothing but sardonic pleasure. And finally, to my readers who indulge in the fruits of illicit horticulture, be prepared to trip major [spherical objects]. In short, the film is a wild ride, especially when viewed in theaters.

Lowery's greatest achievement with *The Green Knight* is his deft balancing of surrealism and realism. He takes full advantage of the traditional mythology to construct mind-bending imagery that combines the story's magical elements with a gritty and surprisingly authentic portrayal of medieval life (e.g. no knights clad shiny plate, just dirty ole' chainmail). The design and temperament of the Green Knight himself may be the most striking piece. Ver-

dant as a jungle and merciless as a wild animal, he embodies the might and brutality of nature, forcing Gawain to check his courage at every stage of his journey. To summarize my point, one cannot look away whenever this chaotic force appears on screen.

Unfortunately, however, this film is not perfect. Most importantly, I found Gawain himself to be rather flat, failing to develop as richly as in the original fable. I do not blame Dev Patel for this problem directly; it lay in the fact that the plot provided him with little opportunity to embody the chivalric elements which the Green Knight actually challenges. Gawain begins his adventure as an uncentered and uncertain youth, and he ends it in very much the same state. Fortunately for Patel and Lowery, this movie stands as one of the exceptional few that offers supporting elements of sufficient strength to compensate for such a major flaw in the protagonist's ark. As a result, I can nevertheless recommend it without guilt to all of my readers with an open-mind and a bit of nerve. However, should you choose to join Gawain in his adventure, be sure to mind your head; you may lose it on the way.

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HOT BENCH



Davin Laskin '22

Interviewed by Devon Chenelle

Welcome to the Hotbench! Why and how did you find yourself at UVA Law?

UVA Law stood out from its peer schools I looked at in that it seemed like it was the only place where people genuinely enjoyed law school. It's hard to describe, but during my law school visits and interviews, I got the sense that at most places students put their heads down to study and slogged through three years to be a lawyer. When I spoke to alums at UVA, it was almost like an undergrad-style school spirit. When I went to apply, I ended up on the waitlist, so I bought an impromptu plane ticket to Charlottesville and walked into the admissions office to plead my case. I guess I'm a good salesman.

What is your favorite place in Charlottesville, and why is it The Gym™?

That place definitely kept a lot of us sane during COVID. Getting the chance to see my friends from the Law School again was great, and as a bare bones kinda guy, a warehouse with nothing but free weights, dogs running around, and the speakers blasting Lamb of God is pretty much my element.

What is the most unexpected experience you've had at UVA Law?

Common Law II with Doug Leslie. IYKYK.

I know you're an avid fisherman. Any fishing tips for anglers new to the area?

I'm probably a bad person to ask, because the real scene out here is fly fishing, which I'm hoping to get more into this year. But as far as traditional bass fishing goes, I always have the best luck in smaller waters, golf course ponds, community ponds, etc.

What is your favorite bar on the Corner?

That's tough, but I'll have to go with Crozet. I'm a sucker for live music, Fauxfield was phenomenal, and on a good night, everyone's dancing. What's not to like?

Any fun experiences this summer?

This summer was great! I spent it in Houston, so it was cool getting to see a new city for the first time. I'd say a recurring theme was Thursday night turtle racing at a nearby bar, which I didn't know was a thing. The associates at my firm love it. They draw a big circle, place about eight or nine turtles in the middle, and whichever turtle walks out first wins. Add in the firm's bar tab and it's a hell of a time.

I consider you one of the avatars of pre-COVID UVA Law. What are you trying to bring back to North Grounds from the before-times?

Live music at Bar Review and house parties. Also, Bar Review and house parties.

Rapid fire round, pick one of two: Skrillex or Galantis, Miami or Las Vegas, Bodo's Bagels or Mellow Mushroom, Torts or Contracts, Squats or Deadlifts, and White Claw or Truly

- Skrillex, because I always find myself at the bass stage. I also peaked about a decade ago, so we've got that in common.

- Miami. All the fun nightlife of Las Vegas with the beautiful outdoors activities of the bay, national parks, etc.

- Bodo's Bagels, but I definitely miss their

drive-thru.

- These were my two favorites from 1L, but I'll have to give the nod to contracts.

- Bench press

- Truly lemonade/tea > regular White Claw > regular truly

Short or Long on Tesla?

Long. They make great cars, and I think the infrastructure package is going to help further the push towards EVs. Their actual technology is years ahead of the competition as well, and they've been teasing a new entry-level car as well. Assuming the competition doesn't catch up and they're able to successfully roll out an economy car, I think they're in a good position over the next decade, even if the stock price doesn't justify itself at the moment. Having said that, I do think Tesla fanboys are a bit optimistic about their ability to take over the world and push their superiority complex. They're kinda like crossfitters or TOOL fans, it's cool that you like it, just stop talking about it.

Tell us about a fun adventure from your sojourn in Miami.

It was great catching up with old friends! On the advice of counsel, I'll leave it at that.

Your cat Bass became a star of the Law

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both. Random Row offers the opportunity for those few people who like both! Every Monday, the Random Row Run Club begins their group run around 6PM for a 5K jog near Preston Avenue. After (or as long as you run the 5K between 4:30 and 9), all are invited back to Random Row to receive discounted beers and run club gear!

For those of you who may just like to drink, Random Row is also a v chill drinking spot near Vinegar Hill and Kardinal Hall. Offering both indoor and outdoor seating, plus a wide variety of brews, RR is one of my favorite spots to kick back. Plus, it's doggo friendly and hosts a variety of food trucks!

Rating: Will Ferrell said don't drink milk after running, drink beer; so a 178 LSAT score.

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Barristers United Season Preview 2021-2022

Some say it is impossible to improve on perfection, but that is precisely what the 2021-2022 version of Barristers United aims to do this year. After a dominant run in the regular season, seeing the Law School soccer team go undefeated in the top co-ed soccer league in Charlottesville, the team continued to sweep aside all of their competition by claiming the Sunday League trophy with an emphatic 4-1 victory over their hated rivals FC Beercelona.

The offseason was far more painful however, with several key pieces leaving for different teams. In particular, team captains Will Pretto '21 and Nathan Eagan '21 were signed by Kirkland FC and the Gibson Dunn's respectively while manager Zach Turk '21 intends to pursue his dream career of event planning in the aftermath of his wildly successful Summer Series.

In their place, commentators expect the legendary UVA class of 2022 to step up and live up to last year's reputation for perfection. Leading the way is fan favorite dog owner Stephen Wald '22, who has promised to bring an attacking attitude to the full-back position along with a tent for fans to watch from.

Other standouts include last season's MVP Day Robins '22, who commentators expect will break her own record of goals from outside the 18 this semester

along with the devastating stiker duo of Sam Mirzai '22 and Ardi Khalafi '22 who is excited to move to his natural position at forward.

These veteran leaders will also get assistance from some Barrister's youth products who are ready to take the next step into the first team. The development staff have long been raving about Nachi Baru's '22 vision and feel for the game, and fans are excited at the prospect of him making his debut sometime this season. Another wild card are the members of softball champions BDE, Ray Roesler '22, Tom Langstaff '22 and Kelli Finnegan '22 who will need to balance their commitments to two championship organizations.

There are some questions that still remain unanswered. Will record transfer Doyle Tuveson '23 be able to come back from his suspension and adapt to the high level of play found in the Cville Sunday league? Who will the team's new defensive partnership be? And how many 1Ls will be able to come out consistently with LRW briefs just on the horizon? Only time will tell, but make sure to check back here every week to get more updates about Barristers United!

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In Case You Missed it Last Week: Actually Helpful Tips for 1Ls

1. Pay for a parking pass. You will be given a ticket starting August 30th.
2. Don't judge a class or professor based on the first week. Things will get better.
3. Don't get wrapped up in the shallow bonding forged by the first week hysteria. Some of your best friends will be people you don't talk to until halfway through the semester.
4. Befriend the librarians and bookstore workers, and Mandy.
5. Don't talk about your LSAT scores. Nobody cares.
6. Nobody cares who wins at softball. Just have fun.
7. Have one hobby that takes you out of law school; don't live your whole life in the gunner pit.
8. Odds are no one will remember your cold calls (unless the *Law Weekly* finds out about it).
9. "Outlines" are simply organized summaries of the material you have covered. Sometimes professors let you use them on the final, and the act of building them can help you learn the material. There are other options (e.g. flashcards), so do what works for you.
10. Make sure you plan ahead on your job search and prep work. It is easy to put it off, but your later self (and OPP) will thank you.
11. Take care of yourself. Try to sleep eight hours every night, eat reasonably healthy, exercise at least a few times a week, and maybe try meditation or yoga. These things will not only make you happier and less stressed, they will make you more efficient and effective at law school in the long run. Especially sleep.