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Faith, Dialogue, and the UVA Law Community

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This past Thursday, I attended Religion at UVA Law, a roundtable discussion event and mixer with students, faculty, and alumni from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. Sponsored by the Rex E. Lee Law Society, the Jewish Law Students Association, the Law Christian Fellowship, the Muslim Law Students Association, and the St. Thomas More Society, Religion at UVA Law sought to foster interfaith dialogue about what it's like to be religious at UVA.

Upon arrival at Caplin Pavilion, name tag stickers were provided for us to fill out. Each sticker in turn had a colored dot that would correspond to the table we would be sitting at.¹ On the table were cards with printed questions designed to start a conversation. What unique experiences or challenges do students of different religions go through? How can the Law School be more accommodating to religious observance, especially with regards to minority religions? What were the core tenants of our religions? How did our faith influence our decision to come to law school in the first place, and what role does it currently play in the way that we think about and understand the law?

This dialogue was inherently difficult. Student religious organizations play a major role in creating a supportive community for those at the Law School seeking peers who understand their struggles, at both an academic and a personal level. Isolation from others outside of the community, however, can be an unintended consequence. Deeply spiritual worries can be hard to communicate to others who, in not holding the same beliefs, lack the same framework upon which all other parts of one's worldview are built. To speak about one's most deeply held beliefs necessarily puts one in a position of vulnerability, especially when in the presence of others who do not hold the same beliefs, and can have the tendency to put

¹ As a result, I learned that I cannot tell the difference between orange and yellow markers. (Sorry, Orange Table)

LawHoos Take On the World Series



Pictured, left to right: Parker Kelly '23, Stan Birch '22, Jack Brown '23, Sarah Walsh '23, Phil Tonseth '22.

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The World Series. The Fall Classic. Every year, 30 teams play 162 games in an attempt to make the playoffs, just to get a shot at the World Series. Some teams see themselves there frequently while some haven't won a World Series since immediately after WW2 (sorry Indians/Guardian fans). So when the chance arose to watch my beloved Atlanta Braves play in their first World Series since 1999, you bet I jumped on it.

My desire to see baseball played at its highest level between the champs of the National and American Leagues was not a lonesome desire. In traveling to Atlanta for Game 5 this Sunday, I was joined by four other LawHoos: Stan Birch '22, Sarah Walsh '23, Jack Brown '23, and Parker Kelly '23. The first two and myself are die-hard Braves fans, with Parker opposing us — and in the minority of the ballpark attendance by being a Houston Astros fan. Jack was just happy to be there and was quickly adopted by the Braves faithful to root, root, root for the home team.

Now you may have a few questions. Weren't tickets expensive? Absolutely. Isn't Atlanta far? Stan and I made it there in about 7.5 hours, so also yes. Is it worth all of that trouble just to watch one baseball game? If this question came to your mind, I'd ask you to seriously re-evaluate whether you can

be friends with me. Baseball is America's pastime. It's a mental chess match between athletes performing actions that few can fathom, let alone execute. Plus, throw in a chance to win a championship, surrounded by friends, with a ballpark hotdog and cold beer in hand? I'd pay almost anything to go to the next game just to experience it again.

For those unfamiliar with the Atlanta Braves, they recently built a new stadium with an adjoining outdoor mall, following the end of their lease to use the refurbished 1996 Olympic stadium as their field.¹ The fact that the stadium buttresses an outdoor mall allows for fans to truly congregate and tailgate before first pitch, which is why Stan and I arrived to "The Battery" five hours before first pitch. We chatted with like-minded fans, heckled those rooting for the Astros, and wandered the mall enjoying the libations. Knowing the stadium would be packed, we entered as soon as the gates opened at 5 p.m. for the 8 p.m. first pitch. With the Braves only needing to win the game to win the seven-game series by a score of 4-1, the stadium was rocking. It was in line near our seats that we met up with Parker, Sarah, and Jack, and the fun truly began.

As any fan knows, you have to dress in full regalia

¹ Also known as Turner Field.


to adequately support your team. Thus, the first stop for our five-some was the team store, where Jack bought a jersey of his new favorite player (the only jersey they had available), Sarah wisely bought a fleece blanket to stay warm, and I bought ANOTHER hat and some pearls.² In being a good sport, Parker held our drinks and remained outside where he was endlessly heckled for supporting the wrong team.


I wish I could write that the rest of the evening went amazing. I mean, the Braves hit a grand slam in the first inning, the first time that's happened since 1960.³ But after that, the wheels began to unravel for the Braves. Sarah said it best in quipping "I refuse to acknowledge anything that happened after the first inning." As the emotions are still raw and I'm running on no sleep writing this, I'll leave the commentary at that. The Braves ultimately lost the game. Never fear, the Braves still have two chances


² Look up Joe Pederson. His swag is playing in a full set of legitimate pearls and it has swept the Atlanta fanbase into a frenzy. Stan did not need to buy any at the stadium because his mom decked him out in the real thing on his way out the door.


³ Citecheck to Jack Brown for this cool find.


around north grounds


 Thumbs up to everyone who participated in the *Law Weekly* Fall Contests! ANG loved every one of them. Thanks for bringing some joy into ANG's dreary life.


 Thumbs up to the law library for being open till midnight (and till 2 a.m. during finals). ANG hated moving out at 8 p.m. every night last year.


 Thumbs sideways to iPhone reminders. ANG knows he set them for ANG's self but ANG refuses to follow the commands of an electronic device.


 Thumbs up to people who had their Halloween decorations down this morning. ANG needs Thanksgiving break to come soon and can't have people stuck on the previous holiday.


 Thumbs down to Kim Kardashian for failing the California Mini-Bar. ANG thinks that with her extensive experience with minibars passing should be easy.

 Thumbs up to the return of the cookie table last week. ANG approves of Student Affairs bending to the will of the Court of Petty Appeals.

 Thumbs down to pumpkin spice season. ANG is still coming down off the Halloween sugar high and can't cope with more gourds.

 Thumbs sideways to Elon Musk volunteering to sell \$6 billion in stock if it could solve world hunger. ANG is hungry and wants \$6.

 Thumbs down to the Barracks Chipotle for a weak serving of guac. ANG does not appreciate defiance of the Court of Petty Appeals.

 Thumbs up to the end of Daylight Savings Time this weekend. ANG truly enjoys spending all of ANG's time in the dark.

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es to win the World Series in Houston. Being the resident Astros fan, Parker was collegial, and in true UVA fashion stated “Atlanta fans were remarkably gracious in their defeat.” This may have been said because he was relying on Sarah and Jack to drive him home eight hours after the game, but that’s yet to be determined.

Did I spend way too much money on tickets, food,⁴ and memorabilia? That’s easy. Have I ever felt the level of euphoria, of pure bliss, as I did when I watched that grand slam leave the park in the first? I will never experience that high again. You may find that sad, but if you’re a die-hard sports fan and you experience a moment that could be so pivotal, surrounded by likewise fans in the tensest environment for the sport, you know that’s a memory I’ll take to the grave. Chop on.

⁴ Getting there 5 hours early, plus the 4 hour game, means I may have eaten 8 hot-dogs. Good thing I don’t need to wear my Halloween crop-top anymore.

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Dune: The Spoiler-Free Review

Welcome to your spoiler-free *Dune* review brought to you by the *Law Weekly’s* of-

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ficial¹ part-time volunteer movie critic. Are you looking for a high-budget, surprisingly diverse sci-fi film that tackles complex issues like colonization, interplanetary drug commerce, and witches? Then have I got the film for you. *Dune* proved to be the epic and immersive experience that known Marvel hater² and director Denis Villeneuve promised us. Many of my loyal readers have asked burning questions like “I don’t like sand; will I still like the movie?” or “Do I need to watch the other eighteen Marvel films before I watch this one?”³ This review will do its best to address these questions and many others.

For those of you not familiar with the story of *Dune*, you might be a little confused watching it. One person who passed me on a park bench described it as “like watching season six of Game of Thrones

1 *unofficial

2 Screw you Dennis, Marvel movies are more than just a copy and paste of one another.

3 Some people do not know what Marvel movies are.

with no other context.” And you know, that’s a fair critique. The writers really dove in head-first with this huge project, and they trusted that the viewer either already read the book or would be able to connect the dots on their own to figure out what’s really going on. What the writers failed to take into consideration is that even if you read the book, it’s still pretty much 800 pages of rough ideas that barely form a cohesive plot. Nonetheless, this modern film adaptation of the novel delivered a mostly faithful retelling of a complex story in a way that casual viewers can still mostly understand and enjoy.

If you’re looking for an oversimplified, almost entirely unhelpful summary that will not give you nearly enough context to understand the plot of *Dune*, then you came to the right place. In *Dune*, there are many different powerful houses spread across the galaxy that answer to one mysteriously elusive emperor. In this fictional realm, spice is the only currency that matters – and it can only be found on the planet of Arrakis. Spice is an incredibly in-demand energy source that fuels space travel and is also a sacred hallucinogen for the native people of Arrakis. The emperor colonized Arrakis to mine the spice and assigned one noble house the coveted job to govern the planet and to reap some of the profits from the spice trade.

Timothée Chalamet’s character is also believed to be some kind of space messiah. Now you’re all caught up, I think.

After I had an extensive search for real-time audience reactions, Effie Kisger '23, passed me in the movie theater parking lot and described *Dune* as “like *Squid Game* but with worms.” Honestly, I couldn’t have said it better myself. This movie really had it all: intense fight choreography, a character named Duncan Idaho, beautiful visuals, and, most importantly, a soundtrack to end all soundtracks. Hans Zimmer’s score of this movie was described as “colossal” and “loud” by known affiliate of the Law School, Justin Ngo. The soundtrack was so colossal, in fact, that it often overshadowed the dialogue between the characters. And by overshadowed, I mean you literally couldn’t hear what the actors were saying, as evidenced by affiliate Justin turning to me and saying “What?” a few times during the film. Which is why I am recommending that after watching it in theaters, viewers should immediately go home and watch it on HBO Max with the captions on. With that being said, I would still like to personally invite Hans Zimmer to inject his score of *Dune* into my veins.

Another critique of *Dune* is that it felt incomplete. Some viewers were not fans of how

the film felt like it was ending “in the middle” or how it was just “building the hype for the sequel.” While I do concur that *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One* was no one’s favorite movie, I would still point to other movies that served similar roles and were still hailed as incredible films despite not being the grand finale. *The Empire Strikes Back*, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, and *Avengers: Infinity War* come to mind. While these movies were incredible and arguably the best standalone films of a major franchise, they also, like *Dune*, ended somewhat in the middle. These movies left you wanting more and ultimately brought millions of people back to the theater to see the aftermath of these films’ endings. I believe *Dune* will accomplish this same daunting task. My only hope is that the sequel lives up to the hype that part one built.

In conclusion, this might be the time to bring up that Warner Bros. has just greenlit *Dune: Part Two*, and its estimated release date is October 2023. Anyways, you guys stay safe out there.

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6 Thoughts On Home Ownership

My wife and I bought a home in Hanover, just north of Richmond, a few weeks ago,¹ and here are a few assorted thoughts on the experience.

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1. Real estate agents have conflicting incentives with their clients at a number of places in the transaction. Our agent was... fine, but if I had not been as assertive and aware, she would have cost me tens of thousands of additional dollars. Her commission structure incentivizes her to get me to offer the highest amount possible, to cause the least amount of friction possible during the time the sale is pending, and to close the sale as quickly as possible. If you can’t tell from my columns in this paper, that is not quite how I roll, and it was to our massive advantage in the process. Next time we will not be using an agent.

2. Homeowners can’t call the landlord. When the sewage drain pipe backed up and started pushing supremely stenchified liquid into the basement, I had to solve it, or pay to have it solved. When the well pressure tank stopped working, I had to solve it, or pay to have it solved. When a contractor notified me there was a snake in our basement, I had to order a pair of

1 Shout-out to Andrea Leeds-Armstrong, Director of UVA’s Office of Virginia Status, who insisted for months that I was lying when I told her I intended to remain in Virginia beyond graduation.

snake tongs and go on the hunt.

3. Homeowners also don’t have to call the landlord. When my wife decided at 11 p.m. that she did not want the upper cabinets in the kitchen, she removed them. When we decided the rotting red oak tree in the front yard was due to come down, we had it cut down, and we are having the wood milled to make our dining room table. We needed no one’s permission.

4. Homeownership is full of problem-solving opportunities. Our water comes from a well, into a pressure tank, then into a filtration system, then to the faucets. The well is literally just a pipe that goes 250-300 feet underground and sucks water up from the aquifer. Consequently, the water can get contaminated by the earth surrounding the water. Our water was tested safe and clean when we closed, but a little while after closing, it started to stink like rotten eggs. By tracing the pipes in my basement, I found out that the kitchen sink was (who knows why) plumbed to receive unfiltered water directly from the pressure tank. I can reroute the pipes myself to serve it filtered water, and we have no need to replace our filtration system, saving us about \$5,000.

5. Buying a house in the country, when you have lived in the suburbs your whole life, is an experience. Who knew that basements just... leak water, and that’s okay? Who knew that hunters just come shoot deer on the adjacent property, or that they release GPS-tracked dogs that may chase their quarry for five or ten miles or more, and that

interfering with one is a felony? Who knew that your Trump-voting neighbors would be so warm and welcoming, bringing cookies and home-harvested honey, and doing free electrical work to help out in a pinch? Also, I was surprised that once I set up the electric bill in our name, I didn’t have any more calls to make. There’s no gas service, no trash service, no sewer service, and no water service. We even have a wood-burning furnace for heat, and will likely get a standby generator for times when we are entirely off-grid.

6. The feeling I got when I walked into a home that truly belongs to us for as long as we want it to, was a deeply personal, intimate feeling of security and satisfaction that I think all homeowners should want for others. However, all over the country, landlords, investors, and corporations buy up property, creating an artificial scarcity and driving up prices, pulling homeownership out of the reach of more and more people. Remnants of redlining and generational wealth disparity continue to segregate homeownership along racial and other lines. Even simple conventional wisdom often serves to make homeownership seem less attainable than it may in fact be.² As I’ve stepped into homeownership, it’s brought me greater commitment to support efforts and policies to make it more accessible to all.

2 Average down payment is only 6%, not the 20% often taken as a “rule of thumb”.

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The Docket

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
WEDNESDAY – November 3				
9:30 - 17:30	Virginia Law Women Clothing Swap	Caplin Pavilion	Free	☺
11:30 - 12:30	“The ‘Shadow Docket:’ What It Is and Why It Matters,” With Judge Trevor McFadden '06	Purcell Reading Room	Free	☺
17:00 - 19:00	Student Bar Association Social	Spies Garden (Scott Commons for inclement weather)	Free	☺
17:00 - 18:00	Rivanna Investments Guest Speaker: Paul Mahoney	WB 104	Free	☺
17:30 - 18:30	Paltrek 102 Information Session	WB105	Free	☺
17:00 - 21:00	POTLE FOR PILA	953 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22903	Paid, show THE FLYER (which will be circulating), or for ONLINE ORDERS use code 9FLNRM8 to give a portion to PILA.	☺
THURSDAY – November 4				
13:00 - 14:00	Fireside Chat With UVA Law Entrepreneur Eric Broyles '95	WB128	Free	☺
13:00 - 14:00	Black Law Students Association Coffee Networking Reception	Caplin Pavilion/ Spies Garden	Free	☺
13:00 - 14:00	The State of Immigration Law	SL278	Free	☺
17:00 - 19:00	VBA’s Fall Student-Practitioner Happy Hour	Random Row Brewing Company	Free	☺
18:00 - 20:00	Black Law Students Association Winter Diversity Reception	Caplin Pavilion/Spies Garden	Free	☺
17:45 - 18:45	National Lawyers Guild Presents: Sumayya Saleh of Civil Rights Corps	WB105	Free	☺
18:00 - 19:00	Fireside Chat With Judge Susan Oki Mollway	WB128	Free	☺
FRIDAY – November 5				
9:30 - 11:00	Morgan Lewis 1L Hospitality Suite	Purcell Garden (weather permitting)	RSVP	☺

UVA Halloween Carnival: Fun for Whole Family

The Law School kicked off the Hallo-week on Tuesday, October 26, with the First

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Year Council's annual Halloween Carnival. Students, professors, and their families dressed up in their spookiest attire and came to Spies Garden for some fall fun. It was a blast to see everyone's costumes, especially the children—there is absolutely nothing in the world more adorable than babies in costume! The event was sweet and very family-friendly, with lots of games for children to play (and a variety of donuts, chocolates and candies for the law students to mainline).

The carnival also provided us with an opportunity for some section bonding and creativity in the form of a pumpkin decorating contest! The weekend prior, students got together to carve, paint, and bedazzle their section pumpkins for display at the carnival. The winning pumpkin was designed by the LL.M.s, and it was a true masterpiece. As much as I'd love to to advocate for the 1L pumpkins, I can't deny that the LL.M.s deserved the win!

Overall, the event was a lovely wholesome prequel to the nights out, costume parties, and chaos that in-

evitably defines every Halloween weekend (but in particular law school Halloween weekend—outlining season doesn't start until November!) If you didn't get a chance to go, I recommend checking out the carnival next year!

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Halloween, Parties, and the End of a Season

Halloween weekend is always a huge time for parties, fun, and socially acceptable

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sugar rushes. This past weekend was a true return to form, after a year when we all lost the opportunity to enjoy such basic things. As we wind down for the semester here at the *Law Weekly*, I wanted to just take the time to talk about this latest series of events and appreciate the good times before the dark days ahead of us known as o**l****g season begin.

As most of my ideas do, this one came to me randomly in the 30 seconds before I set foot in the *Law Weekly* office this past week. Since achieving 2L status, I have noticed that so much of my time is spent thinking about, planning, and attending parties. Seems like I'm almost spending an entire class' worth of energy on it.¹ But nothing compares to the energy required in setting up for and hosting parties. As incredibly stressed-out law students, the people that do a public service by opening their homes and hearts really do

change lives.²

On Halloween weekend, this is doubled. On a daily basis we are all pretending to be real adults who know what we are doing and why. So, during a time when that's not only welcomed but *required*, you can bet law students are going all out. Sometimes that includes moving all your furniture out of your living room to create a strobe light dance floor like the denizens of Morris House, aka Paige, Pi, Jackson, and our own lovely Jon Peterson. Whether through hilarious donut-themed duo costumes³ or several iterations of Olivia Rodrigo, you can bet people showed up hard on that first night. Other notable costumes include three Elles Woods, who jointly won the costume contest.

Much like all of us upon realizing that yes, law school is real, this is happening, the second night of the weekend⁴ was more intense than the first. With at least three open pregames⁵ leading up to a concurrent Bar Review

2 By giving people a reason to leave the library.

3 Shoutout Jon.

4 Which, contrary to popular belief, is in fact Friday, not Saturday.

5 Including one held by a Law Review member who put in as much effort in her decorations as her cite checks.

and party hosted by the 3Ls of Thomson House, it was a lot. Did you know that law students stay up till 4 a.m. for something other than their memos? I know, I was surprised too. Featuring even more intense costumes like a Lizzie McGuire reference, the power couple of Night at the Museum, the hosts dressed as each other, and a Gimli/Legos duo,⁶ people were dressed UP. This party could only be described as a homage to the ragers in high school coming-of-age movies with actors in their mid-twenties: in other words, impressive.

The final night⁷ featured a great pregame/party hosted at Alderman House by Lambda and including a fantastic performance by Torts Illustrated. The famous law school band were dressed to the nines as famous rockstars and musicians.⁸ The party mixed frat basement with concert with a queer-friendly space to truly amazing results. The night ended with a fantastic house party held by the wonderful Skylar, Elizabeth, and Shivani that had the most unique drink decor of the weekend: everything from Jell-O shots to what I

6 Yes, our lovely Jon was part of this duo too.

7 I hope none of you deviants went out on Sunday.

8 Including a great Hannah Montana and a Beetlejuice reference.

think was green jungle juice. Spooky.

As you can probably tell, I just wanted to use my article space this week to talk about my friends. If you've been reading any of my work this semester, you'll have noticed I try to do that a lot. Here at the *Law Weekly*, we try to balance serious advocacy with good vibes. I try to max out those good vibes and I hope, dear readers, you've been doing the same this semester. I wanted to try to use Halloween as a send-off before hunkering down and

joining all of you who've been outlining since July. You see, we will all be successful and do well on these exams. But I just wanted to use the space I get every week to just keep things lighthearted and fun. So, make sure to do that yourself at the end of this fun season before we truly get spooked by f***ls.

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1 <https://www.lawweekly.org/col/2021/9/22/socializing-should-be-a-4-credit-class>

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

The Bois v. Cuffing Season

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TONSETH, C.J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which SANDU, J., REYNA, J., BNINSKI, J., LAKE, J., WUNDERLI, J., and D'ROZARIO, J. join.

KULKARNI, J., concurrs.

STEPHENS, J., dissents.

Background

Let me set the scene. It's Friday night and you're out with the bois (or girlz) at Bar Review. You're feeling your outfit, your hair is perfectly coiffed, and you smell good. Your chakras are aligned. You introduce yourself to the cutie at Bilt, strike up a conversation, and enjoy the night. Fast forward to the next day. Fresh off of a hangover, you grab lunch with your crew, chat about your evening, and plan out your debauchery for the ensuing day. This is a rinse and repeat for the next few weeks, beginning in August until this week. Then, enter cuffing szn.¹

Issue

The complaint today comes from a crew of gents, eager to enjoy their ultimate year of debauchery with their friends before entering the real world, minus one boi. This said boi, eager to repeat the success of his early

1 For the uneducated amongst us, I point you to UrbanDictionary: "During the Fall and Winter months people who would normally rather be single or promiscuous find themselves along with the rest of the world desiring to be 'Cuffed' or tied down by a serious relationship. The cold weather and prolonged indoor activity causes singles to become lonely and desperate to be cuffed." <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Cuffing%20Season>

Bar Review encounters, has become detached from his wolf pack. Knowing that cuffing szn was right around the corner,² the detached boi wanted to ensure he could continue his successful escapades into the cold months when midriffs and short shorts³ would become a mere distant memory. Therefore, he returned to his old haunt and became what his crew called a "simp". While simp-ing⁴ is a generally acceptable lifestyle, Petitioners here assert that they have been irreparably harmed by cuffing szn forcing their now detached friend to only spend time with

"As cuffing szn is an ethereal concept, this Court has recognized the respondent in this case as the detached boi, serving as the intermediary and cuffing szn's representative."

his newfound love interest, to the detriment of their debauchery.

Analysis

As cuffing szn is an ethereal concept, this Court has recognized the respondent in this case as the detached boi, serving as the intermediary and cuffing szn's representative. However, the detached boi was unable to arrive timely to oral arguments, as his newfound love interest "really needed that Bodos to get through PR." Strike one. If you've ever listened to a friend gush over their new love inter-

2 Not "The Corner." The only cuffing there is by University Police, if Tim Longo could ever actually provide any identifying information in his crime alerts.

3 Including his—equal opportunity here.

4 If you don't know what this really means, enter UrbanDictionary again: "A man who puts the hoes before the bros."

est, you know it gets real mushy and normally lacks any coherency on why they actually like the person. Common phrases such as "they're so funny," "we always make eye contact across the room," and "she even saved the last bag of gummies from the Snack Office for me" were all woven into the detached boi's defense of his recent absence. This added nothing to his case, typical for a law student trying to explain away a bad answer on an exam. Strike two came about when the detached boi asked to admit a late amicus brief to the docket, written by none other

than his boo-thang. The copious amount of time they spend together are efforts to "soften his rough edges," "reduce his dependence on Bud Light and his Juul," and "help him focus on studying instead of golfing." This Court rightfully rejected any attempt to have this amicus admitted, but its damage had been done. Alternatively, the detached boi requested a motion to strike the amicus from the record, knowing how poisonous its contents had been. However, as the Court and I don't really understand the "fruit of the poisonous tree" doctrine yet, and one can't unhear things, strike two.

At this point in the opinion, you may be wondering when any actual legal analysis is going to be presented. But here, just as in any opinion written by Justice Breyer, the expectation that there will be any logical analysis in my opinion is "so absurd that it to my knowledge has never been contemplated."⁵ Well, the

5 *Minnesota v. Carter*, 525 U.S. 83 (1998), Scalia J., concurring.

final strike in this case comes down solely to the detached boi's being. Ever since Fall Break, the detached boi has resembled Casper.⁶ Nary a call, a text, nor a simple wave in the hall. What used to be a blossoming bromance amongst the bois is now a sad time, as detached boi is only seen when wandering the halls, waiting until his love interest is out of class. Three strikes and you're out cuffing szn.⁷

Conclusion

The Court urges the detached boi to reconsider his choices. Everyone loves love, but don't forget your "ride or dies"

in the process. We miss ya bud, we'll be waiting on the first tee for when you decide to come back to the pack.

KULKARNI, S., concurring.

In a rare event, the Chief Justice and I are in agreement. Cuffing szn is a pox on the houses of all groups of bois and girlz that must be derided when it appears. Disappearing from group events because "I am going over to their house" or "we have a dinner date" or "he's making me vegan pancakes" should be no excuse to abandon the people who should mean most: your crew. But I write specifically to remind our colleague Associate Justice Stephens that here on the Court of Petty Appeals, we are governed by the most important rule: "We do what we want."⁸ If the Court as a whole wished to discuss this important issue then we will. We are not, as Justice Stephens, asserts, some grand forum. We are, by our very nature, petty.

STEPHENS, J., dissenting.

The Court of Petty Appeals serves a grand, even essential, purpose in the University of Virginia School of Law, declaring judgments, acting as final arbiter for the people, and ensuring that justice is served. As such, it has one of the most restrictive

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

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Faculty Quotes

A. Russell: "They held the absence of goo against us."

L. Szeptycki: "And here is the tree you can drive through, which just strikes me as sort of humiliating for the tree."

A. Johnson: "I will become a ghost to hunt you down and haunt you if you ever create a legal life estate."

G. Rutherglen: "Then they looked around and realized that they were all just old white guys. Well, they were young then."

J. Harrison: "Delaware said fine by us if you pay a fee. Which is Delaware's attitude toward everything."

C. Hwang: "I'm going to give you my first lawyering tip, which is always go after the money."

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



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dockets in the world, deciding around two dozen cases a year. Due to this limited docket space, it is imperative that issues relevant to the larger student body be considered, and not act as a mere intervenor in private disputes. Due to this, I dissent from the majority opinion in this case.

Frankly, I do not understand how the Chief Justice garnered sufficient votes to grant certiorari, much less a majority opinion. Having read the briefs and the opinion, I still do not understand what this case is about. The language of the majority makes less sense than James Joyce's *Odyssey*, and reminds me of nothing more than an Alzheimer's test image. As such, I maintain that it should be dismissed with prejudice and all parties should be found in contempt of court. Additionally, under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 11(c)(3) I would order both parties and their attorneys to show cause that they did not violate Rule 11(b), specifically (b)(2), that their arguments are "warranted by existing law by a nonfrivolous argument."

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Counsel's Counsel

A new column, for the hopelessly confused LawHoo. Join us for answers to the big questions on love, life, and the law.

Question:

I'm a 2L, and my boyfriend (who also is a UVA Law student) broke up with me last week. The short story is that he said he wants to stay friends but that he has severe trust issues that stop us from getting more serious. I am confused, and it hurts to not be trusted. Of course, the emotional situation is tough, but I'm really concerned about school. We sit right next to each other in a class that is completely packed and has a seating chart. Before the breakup, I helped him a lot with this class because he struggles with the material—stuff like giving him case notes and leading study sessions. I felt awkward about sitting next to him, so I skipped the past few classes. Obviously this solution is unsustainable, but I don't know what to do. Any advice is appreciated!

Sincerely,
 Anonymous

Answer:

Thanks for writing in! This sounds like a tough situation, and I'm sorry that you're experiencing discomfort because of it.

First of all, your ex's reason behind the breakup is flawed. It isn't a red flag to be distrustful; it's a red flag to think that it's a problem.

Law exists to protect people from each other and from

themselves. Law rests on the assumption that people categorically can't be trusted to be decent on their own. Lawyers are warriors of distrust. For example, transactional lawyers create agreements to cover every conceivable contingency because their clients do not fully trust their business partners. Litigators validate that distrust by finding ways for their clients to avoid upholding their end of the bargain.

The limits of human dishonesty cannot be contained by language. I would caution against criticizing his lack of trust, as it is prudent and fuels our profession. Rather, I would criticize his response to it.

In terms of a solution, you should communicate strength and assert dominance. In *The Art of War*, Sun Tzu writes "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles." Luckily, you know yourself and your ex. He broke up with you, so he may think he won the relationship, but you can win the aftermath.

Skipping class was a good first move. Now, he probably realizes how much work you put into writing briefs and helping him study. He probably sees that he relied on you too much. Without you, he is worse off in a tangible way. But you can't skip class forever.

Once you're back in class, stay in your seat. It's okay to feel awkward around an ex with whom you have a close professional proximity, but he can't know that. One thing that communicates confidence is competition. Here, the solution is quite simple. Manila folders have long served as the tried and true anti-cheating technology in grade schools around the globe. Bring a manila folder to class and set it up between you two to block your notes.

The purpose of this approach is not actually to obscure his view. He has been relying on you for this class, so you know he isn't a threat. The purpose is to make your absence—which he chose by breaking up with you—register on an emotional level.

The manila folder is a clear symbol that you (1) are over him, (2) will not be his on-demand wellspring of academic success, and (3) are a competitive force to be reckoned with. If you can stand up the folder in a precarious way, that would help. That way, if he accidentally knocks it over, he will feel that he encroached onto your territory.

You can forgive his lack of trust, but never forget how it made you feel. Hold onto that feeling, and let it fuel your studies. Best of luck!

RELIGION

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people on the defensive.² Even coming up with an answer to some of the more philosophical questions about morality, justice, and truth required a great deal of introspection that got to the heart of why we want to become lawyers in the first place. What good do we seek to bring to the world?

Overall, the discussion was rich and respectful. It wasn't dominated by a single person or faith, nor were anyone's beliefs dismissed or negatively debated. Instead, the conversation was reflective of the trust that we as UVA students have in one another, that our beliefs and ideas will be respected, and that we can teach others about who we are while showing that same dignity to them so that we may all reach a better understanding about our community.

Though religion is typically a taboo topic when it comes to conversations with strangers, I came to realize through my discussion with others how much I didn't know about faiths outside of my own. When someone teaches you about their religion, from theological to philosophical and cultural elements, you learn so much about them in a way that you otherwise wouldn't get. Religion is rather unique in that regard, because it weaves together history and tradition as well as morality and beliefs about life and community.

All these elements play a key role in the way that we understand the law as well. To be a good lawyer, to have a good relationship with your client, your peers, and your community, I believe you cannot shut yourself off from these considerations. Thus, it's impossible to get the complete picture of how one approaches the legal world without understanding what someone believes and why. Understanding fosters empathy; empathy fosters acceptance; and acceptance fosters diversity and cooperation. The ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and see the world from their point of view is more important now than ever before.

Religion at UVA Law was an incredible experience to connect with other students and to learn about parts of their lives and identities that can otherwise go unmentioned. I ended the night far more educated about others' faiths than I had previously imagined I could learn over the course of just two hours. From the ways in which people learn, to the analytical approach they take to the law, to their beliefs about justice, truth, retribution, and the purpose of the law, discussion was peaceful and fruitful. The genuine desire that students had to understand and to be understood, to live their faith in the service of others through law, was both humbling and inspiring.

² Especially given that law school, and the practice of law itself, can tend to be antagonistic.

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HOT BENCH



Rachel Dalton '23

Interviewed by Dana Lake '23

Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Columbus, OH. A Midwestern gal through and through.

When did you start thinking about law school? Was there a single moment that made up your mind, or was it a long-term thing?

I started thinking about law school during my time teaching. I taught English as a Second Language in Columbus for four years before Law School. I was especially interested in the legal issues my students faced—special education rights, immigration rights, and equity for children of color and low-income stu-

dents. I interned with an education law attorney in Columbus during one summer and that sealed the deal for me.

What's something you know now that you would tell yourself coming into Law School?

I think I would tell myself that Law School is difficult not only because of the intense school work, but because of the identity shift and the imposter syndrome. Then, I would tell myself that everyone I've ever asked ALSO has imposter syndrome, and that it's going to all be ok.

What is your favorite organization you've been involved with? Any stories you can share?

The First Generation Professionals group. I had a pretty rough transition back into school, moving away from home for the first time ever, and feeling like no one here had a background like me. Learning that other students had lower-middle class backgrounds and non-legal families was a game changer.

What kind of impact do you hope to have as a lawyer?

I want to use my place in the law to expand equal justice for all. The law is a tool that can exclude or include voices at the table, and I want my career to continue expanding who is included.

I hear you make some really specific study playlists. What's your favorite one so far?

OMG, I love my study playlists. I make one for each class based on what I think my professor would like and listen to it as I outline and prep for finals (and during the exam too). I actually still listen to my Foreign Relations playlist. It was a lot of 2000s pop punk bops like Avril Lavigne and The Killers as well as 90s hip-hop. My millennial is showing, I know.

Lightning round questions!

Favorite food?

Anything spicy. Flamin' Hot Cheetos are a current fave.

Favorite place in Charlottesville?

Woolen Mills. I love the Wool Factory, the walking trails, and the hybrid coffee/wine shop. I've already planned my end of semester celebration date for the new restaurant Broadcloth, so I'll report back in December with how that goes.

Anti-Stress Hobby?

Yoga: the hotter, the better. Also stress baking.

Favorite word?

Certiorari. No one can spell it or pronounce it and I just love that.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Boracay Island in the Philippines. The best mangoes and the most beautiful beaches I've ever seen!

What's one movie that left an impression on you?

The Lord of the Rings Tril-

ogy. I watch the extended editions every winter with my brother, and yes, *The Two Towers* is the best one.

If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?

Pay off my Law School loans, buy a house with a yard for my pup, Jax, and buy a wine fridge. I'd also buy lifetime supplies of my favorite curly hair products; that stuff is expensive. And take Weekend Thursdays on a bar trip.

If you could pick one song to play in the background of your life, what would it be?

The Jeopardy theme song. Jeopardy slaps, I watch it most nights with the hubs, and I feel like it's just a classic.

What is your least favorite sound?

Any kind of rattling when I'm driving.

What's your spirit animal?

Well, my Patronus is a dolphin. So maybe that?

Where's a place you've never been, but would like to go?

Literally all of South America. Patagonia and Buenos Aires specifically.

If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what would it be?

You can ask a maximum of two (2) questions per class session and an absolute ban on personal hypotheticals.

All's Chair in Love and War

We can all agree that law school involves a lot of sitting and complaining. This article combines those two passions. Here is my definitive ranking of chairs around grounds, from best to worst.

Marlyse Vieira '22
New Media



Tony Hawk of chairs: First floor library (aka the Gunner Pit and the Gunner Dungeon behind it)

Ahh, the gunner pit chairs. They justify the ~~clout~~ shame of actually sitting in the pit. These are well worth their (I'm sure) astounding price tag. Put simply, the first floor library chairs are the gold standard: perfect swivel, back arch, and customizability. The best part is that you forget that you're sitting in a chair. In all other seats,

I find myself contemplating my position, criticizing the chair, acutely aware of my own age and deteriorating spinal health and questionable life choices. These chairs keep me feeling young and inspired. I've been tempted to take one for my home office, but then I remember I am an upstanding law student who would never steal and also that I don't have a home office. 10/10 chairs.

A solid option: Outside chairs

All things considered, these are alright. No cushion, and many lack armrests, but still somehow better than other competitors. Maybe I'm just too busy basking in the sun outside and making wary eye contact with aggressive squirrels to notice the seats' shortcomings (I have my teak-y blinders on, if you will). 7/10.

All beauty, no brains: Red chairs on the library's second floor

This is a begrudging third place because these are really not comfortable, though at least the aesthetic is solid. They give *Legally Blonde*, "I'm a productive law student" vibes. Ideal for aspiring law school TikTokers to film themselves studying. But the large hump at the top of each chair is meant for whom? Perhaps the Law School's Chair Procurement Team is trying to force us to have good posture to counteract the perpetual Law Student Slouch. If so, they've gone too far. These deliver in appearance only what they do not in comfort, rendering an otherwise good floor of the library undesirable. 5/10.

An argument for shorter classes: Classroom chairs (except WB 104)

I may just be conflating being bored in class with being physically uncomfortable (highly possible), but I'm not a fan of most classroom chairs. They're kind of garbage. Special shout-out to the old ones in Brown Hall classrooms. Those have that fun squeak, so everyone stares when you have to jostle yourself awake in Torts by moving around (not at all speaking from personal experience). I suppose the ones

in Slaughter are a tad better, since at least they're not connected to the tables. Still, my lumbar hurts. 4.5/10.

Literal room for improvement: Quiet Sco-Co + east side of second floor Library

These are SO short, and for what reason? I didn't realize having a long torso was a prerequisite to getting into UVA Law, but maybe it should be because asymmetrically elongated people are the only group these chairs can accommodate. I'm a person of reasonable height, and my elbows are at my neck when I try to type here. Makes these spots much more optimal for reading textbooks (ew) than for computer-based studying (i.e. texting on desktop iMessage). 3/10.

Honorable mentions:

Honorable mention to the very comfy chairs and footrests in the Brown Hall lounges. Also to the massage chairs in the Circulation Room.¹ Underutilized, probably because if you're in one, you awkwardly have to face everyone coaxing the printers to work while you struggle to loosen up the knots caused by the aforementioned chairs.

In conclusion, I should probably just do some ab exercises and build some core strength so I don't resemble a C while sitting. Still, I would appreciate it if the chairs we spend so much time in would help me out a bit.

¹ RIP, massage chairs of yore. -Eds.



The Most Chair-ished Seats in the Building. Photo Courtesy of UVA Law Instagram.



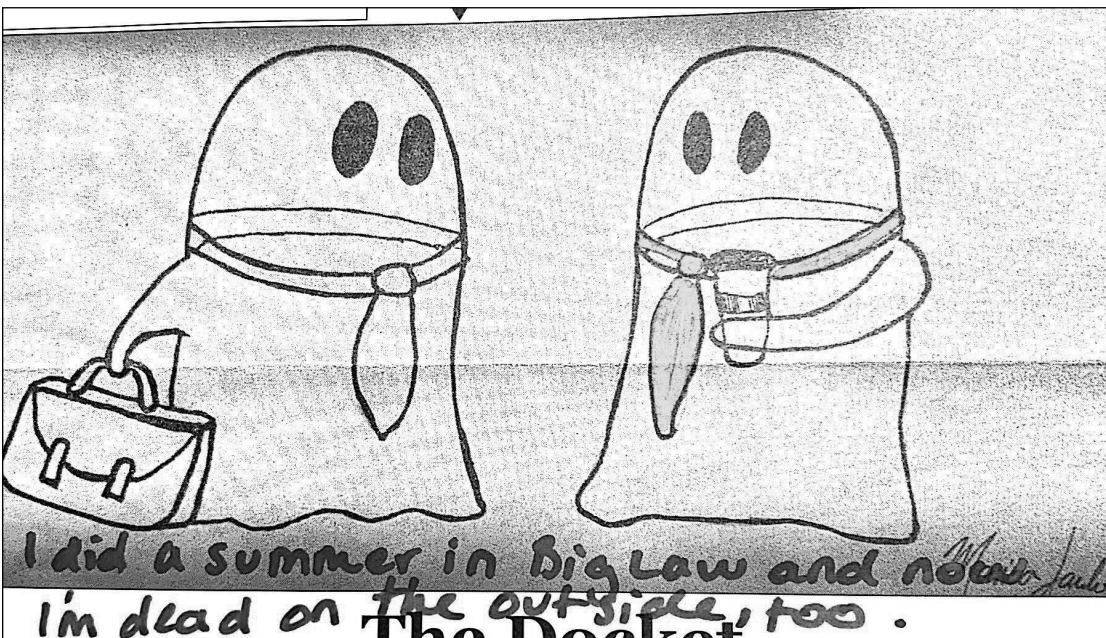
Massage helping a student after a ruff day. Photo Courtesy of UVA Law Instagram.

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FALL CONTEST WINNERS

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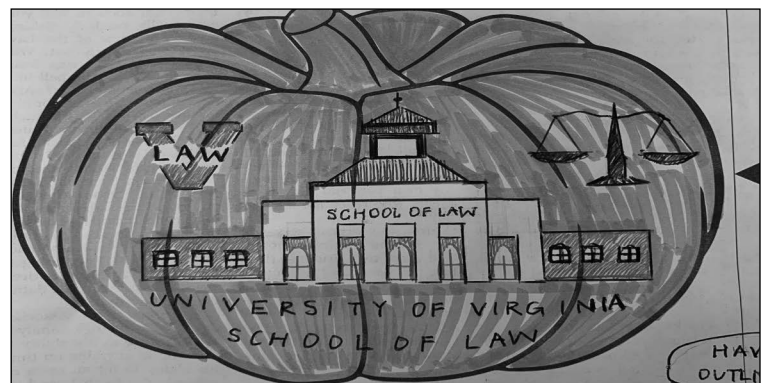
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Runner-Up Caption Contest Winner:

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Nicholas Cummins

Runner-Up Coloring Contest Winner:



Coloring Contest Winner: Claire Reiling '22

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