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Ocelots: Yowls, Meows, and the Language of Love

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Ocelots are a species of cats in the subfamily *Felinae*, meaning they are considered a part of the “small cat” grouping. However, they are one of the largest of the small cats and stand about as tall as a grown man’s knee. And considering that these cats are between twenty-nine and thirty-nine inches long and can weigh upwards of thirty-five pounds, they are certainly still fearsome predators despite their classification as small cats.¹

Ocelots are well known for their beautiful camouflage. Each cat has its own unique pattern.² These patterns consist of solid black markings which create stripes, spots, and closed and open bands on a “creamy, tawny, yellowish, reddish gray, or gray background color.”³ An interesting feature of ocelot physiology that is not exclusive to the species, but inherent in all cats, is the backwards-facing, hollow, flexible, cone-like structures on cats’ tongues, called “papillae.” These structures aid in grooming, eating, and drinking, and have even been the inspiration for new designs for combs and other grooming products, both for people and animals.⁴ These

1 Alina Bradford, *Facts About Ocelots*, LIVE SCIENCE, (June 15, 2016), <https://www.livescience.com/55072-ocelot-facts.html>. Males weigh between fifteen and thirty-four pounds, while females clock in at fourteen-and-a-half to twenty-five pounds. I would further point out that all cats are fearsome predators, regardless of their size.

2 Just like a beautiful snowflake.

3 *Ocelot*, WIKIPEDIA, (last visited Feb. 4, 2023), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocelot>.

4 Carrie Arnold, *How Cat Tongues Work—and Can Inspire Human Tech*, NAT. GEO., (Nov. 19, 2018), <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/understanding-cat-tongues-papillae>. An entire article could be dedicated to papillae and how they function, and, in fact, entire articles have. People more interested should

Shaping Justice Conference '23



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The Law School hosted the 7th Annual Shaping Justice Conference last Friday February 3, in-person for the first time since 2021. Spurred in part by the *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* last June, the theme of this year’s conference was styled “Safeguarding Bodily Autonomy: Examining the Intersections of Health and Justice.” Panel topics ranged from reproductive justice and data privacy issues in the wake of *Dobbs* to the impact of climate change on indigenous health outcomes. But one panel spoke on an issue of some controversy in recent years, both here in Virginia and nationally: access to gender-affirming care.

The panel, titled Youth Health Access: Gender-Affirming Care and Reproductive Justice, was moderated by Professor Andrew Block with Professor Naomi Cahn, Judge Marilyn Goss of the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and Mary Sullivan, an advocate for gender expansive children, teens, and young adults.

On the legal front, anti-trans legislation meets shifting privacy rights to create looming challenges for access to gender-affirming care. Professor Block explained that when it comes to the rights of minors, “A lot of what the law is about is thinking about who gets to make what decision.

When does the state get to decide, when do parents get to decide, and when do children get to decide for themselves?” Framed this way, state bans on gender-affirming care for minors amount to a restriction on parental rights. “There’s some irony in who’s proposing these laws and who typically wants to protect the rights of parents,” said Professor Block. While some courts have held that restrictions on gender affirming care violates parents’ long-recognized substantive due process right to make decisions about how to raise their children, Professor Block noted that the strength of rights based upon substantive due process is uncertain in the wake of *Dobbs*.

Unsurprisingly, providers of gender-affirming care have expressed concern over these restrictions. “I don’t think we can overstate how damaging the rhetoric and the talk of bills that are being proposed are in terms of fomenting fear,” said Mary Sullivan. Sullivan noted that while minors in Virginia can access a variety of reproductive healthcare services without the consent of their parents, hormone therapy treatments still require parental consent. Asked whether these lines make sense, Sullivan answered that it depends on the young person, noting that age is a blunt instrument for assessing development.


Sullivan also expressed disappointment that when it comes to anti-trans leg-


islation, “People in positions of power MSU—make shit up.” Sullivan suggested that legislation targeting trans youth is motivated by hostility to LGBTQ+ people generally, which give its proponents a claim that they are protecting moral values. Sullivan noted Alabama Governor Kay Ivey’s statement upon signing anti-trans legislation that “if the Good Lord made you a boy, you are a boy, and if he made you a girl, you are a girl.”¹

But Sullivan says that in her experience, gender-affirming care is lifesaving. Sullivan noted the significant improvement of mental health outcomes in the over seven-hundred young people with gender dysphoria that she has worked with. “I’ve seen kids who I didn’t think were going to survive who are now thriving through graduate school, who are going to change the world. Even if you didn’t think this was a right, to me it’s an investment in the future.” Sullivan also noted that of the nine people she has worked with that chose to stop hormone therapy, none of them regretted initiating the treatment or felt that they had made the wrong decision.


1 <https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-politics-and-policy/alabama-governor-signs-bill-criminalizing-transgender-health-care-minor-re-na23674>

around north grounds


 Thumbs down to the random chairs sprinkled in the Brown Hall classrooms that look like the swivel chairs but are just regular chairs. ANG can’t handle the emotional ups and downs.


 Thumbs sideways to the beautiful weather. ANG appreciates not being freezing cold all the time, but fears for what spring weather in February means for future generations.


 Thumbs down to the loss of the print office. You never know what you have until it’s gone.


 Thumbs up to the portraits with matching ties in Brown 102. ANG likes to think they were moved together intentionally after discovering the match.


 Thumbs sideways to the automatic lights in the bathroom. ANG hates the environment, but loves sitting in the dark.

 Thumbs up to the Brown 126 horse, who sees all and knows all but has the decency to not raise any hands (hooves) during class.

 Thumbs down to 1Ls who convene in the middle of the ScoCo entrance and block off the Roots delivery person. ANG requires Roots sustenance in a timely fashion.

 Thumbs down to Apple for not including a calculator on the iPad. ANG is a law student specifically to avoid doing math.

 Thumbs down to the *Law Weekly* forgetting the last thumbs down last week. Who is proofreading these things?

 Thumbs up to the mandatory 1L reorientation from a couple weeks ago. ANG believes in having more trials and tribulations for 1Ls, specifically when they’re in the form of meetings that could have simply been an email.

White Lotus Comes to Charlottesville

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If you're cool, you probably know that Lambda hosted the best Feb Club event, a cheeky ode to the hit HBO show *White Lotus*, this past Saturday, February 4. If you're *really* cool, you came to our party in your finest resort wear, equipped with sunglasses, floral tops, and sandals despite it being a brisk twenty degrees outside. But only the coolest people at our party were capable of having a prolonged conversation with me about the virtues and vices of each character on the show.¹ For the HBO virgins among us, and for the benefit of future generations who crave the sort of bacchanalian excess and psychosocial drama that the show entails, here is my authoritative master list ranking some of the main characters in Season 2 of *White Lotus*.² Obviously, spoiler alert.

The Bottom Tier

Tanya

No shade to Jennifer

1 After 9:00 p.m., I sincerely apologize for anyone who had to stomach one of these conversations with me because I was simply on another, spectral plane.

2 Season 2 is objectively superior to Season 1.

Coolidge, who should probably be our next president, but let's be completely honest: Her character in *White Lotus* is morally reprehensible and extremely annoying. I'm all for respecting childhood trauma and its lasting impacts on functioning in adulthood, but girlie: You. Need. A. Therapist. Tanya ravages through Hawaii and Sicily, desperately exploiting the people around her for social and emotional labor, whether it's wellness instructor Belinda in Season 1 (miss her) or her assistant Portia in Season 2 (bleh—more on her later). She's a legend in the queer community for her iconic line "These gays are trying to murder me," but genuinely, getting killed off is her only saving grace. Because, if I had to watch one more moment of her pretending her life was hard while she sat on a net worth of half a billion dollars, I was going to shove her off that boat myself.³

Albie

Ew! Albie is too much. For those who haven't seen the show, Albie is a sensitive Stanford alum on a trip to Sicily with his father and grandfather. He presents himself as a good guy, boy-next-door-type who "loves and respects women," but then, when push comes to shove and a woman (Portia) rejects him early in the season, he acts so wound-

3 Spoilers!

ed and frail that it's clear Albie thought he was *entitled* to her because he played by the rules. Get out of here with your little performative and fragile nice guy persona. I have no time for it. (But also, please don't actually leave. Actor Adam DiMarco is beautiful and needs to grace my television screen more frequently.)

Portia

I know I just defended Portia in both Tanya's and Albie's entries, but to be fair, she also sucks. We don't know too much about Portia's background, but she's introduced to us as Tanya's beleaguered assistant, a role that would give any self-respecting person a nervous breakdown. While I obviously have a lot of sympathy for her as Tanya's confidante, Portia is one of the worst types of millennials: the "omg, I hate my phone, I want to go experience the world and live life!!!" type. This is annoying for two reasons: First, appreciate that you have the luxury of wasting your time on your iPhone 11—that's a privilege, not a punishment. And second, it is quite simply so easy to start "living life." Go on a walk for thirty minutes a day. Try a yoga class. Make yourself a matcha latte. Turn off your phone after 6 p.m. There are so many things that could improve Portia's quality of life, but she seems unwilling to actually do the work to do them—which upon writing

that on paper, maybe explains why she and Tanya get along so well...

The Top Tier

Valentina

A tragic hero: This is a Valentina stan article. The closeted hotel manager of the White Lotus, Valentina is introduced to us as a harsh supervisor who enjoys screaming at her subordinates—but over the course of the season, she's revealed as a shy and lonely woman searching for intimacy in a place incredibly hostile to it. While Valentina's arc is certainly a C plot that doesn't get too much air time, we get to see some touching moments—like her tryst with Mia and her quiet, lonely lunch with village cats—that make her one of the more likable characters in the season.

Daphne

Daphne is the dissociated and detached queen we all aspire to be. Her toxic marriage to Cameron aside, Daphne comes to Sicily with a mission: Have fun and give no f**s. And she does it. As her week at the White Lotus progresses, she goes through everything from facing allegations of her husband's infidelity to discovering a dead body at the beach. One would think that those events might be hard to handle, but not for Daphne. Whenever she faces an obstacle, she just smiles vacantly for a minute, says everything is fine, and goes off

to either get a \$1,000 facial or rent an entire Italianate villa. It isn't the best mental health strategy, but Daphne refuses to let anything get in the way of her experiencing the bacchanalian pleasures of Sicily. And I have to respect the hustle.

Greg

An insanely chaotic pick, but talk about respecting the hustle: Greg was playing the long game. For new watchers, Greg is Tanya (super rich annoying woman)'s husband, who is revealed to have staged a multi-year plan to marry Tanya, then kill her and capture her entire fortune. This is clearly bad (I took Crim Law—first degree murder, baby). But to have spent years carefully cultivating a marriage, especially when Greg is implied to be gay or at least very close to some gay murderers in Italy, is an impressive feat. And given how horrible I think Tanya is, maybe he's almost doing the world a favor by trying to take her out.

I had to leave out so many good characters of the show: Harper and Lucia are well-deserving runners up for the top tier. But I hope this list inspires you to spend some time watching the show, so you can develop your own list, and we can discuss the psychosocial drama of these annoying people together.

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Don't Be a Fashion Square: Finding the Perfect Barrister's Ball Look

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It's early February, and the fashion event of the Law School year is rapidly approaching. With Barrister's Ball on the horizon, I found myself staring into my closet for what to wear this year. I could choose between my maid of honor gown from my sister's wedding a few years ago, the suit I wore to OGI, or (worst of all) the dress I wore to Barrister's *last year*. What's a fashion-starved law student to do?

Thus began the panic for the perfect outfit. When I first began thinking about this article, I envisioned myself venturing through little shops and finding gems that were both stylish and affordable. I desperately wanted this to be more than just saying "shop online," but my efforts appeared thwarted at every turn. It's hard to find a store in Charlottesville that carries clothing elegant enough for Barrister's, affordable enough for a law student, and with enough variety to accommodate a wide range of styles and preferences. So, rather than this being a guide on where to look, here are some tips and tricks on how to choose the right outfit for you, whether

that's in a brick-and-mortar store, through the clothing swap at the Law School, or online.¹

Though often overlooked, the most important step in formalwear shopping, especially online shopping, is having accurate measurements. There is no such thing as true standard sizing, and formalwear sizes often differ from your typical clothing sizes. Furthermore, the same number will differ across brands, and even across styles, within the same brand. A few good measurements to start with are the chest or bust, waist, hips, leg length, and shoulders. You can also measure your arm length if you plan to wear long sleeves. Hold the tape measure such that it sits comfortably around your body, not so loose that it cannot stay up but also not as tight as it can go. Formalwear fabric often has very little give, so make sure that you would be comfortable wearing something that sits as the tape measure does.

1 When ordering online, be sure to check the expected delivery dates. Amazon often lists things as "Prime eligible," but then you only get Prime delivery on certain colors or styles. There may also be additional delivery fees for certain dates.



Pictured: Fashion Square Mall. Credit: Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Round up to the nearest half inch. If you don't have a tape measure, you can use a length of string, ribbon, or floss and then find your measurements against a ruler. When in doubt, size up. It's easier to fix a loose fit with safety pins than it is to spend the night horribly uncomfortable in something too tight. Reference the manufacturer's size chart and online reviews.

The next step is to simply be aware of your plans for the night. Will you be hitting the dance floor for every song? Planning to both pre-game and post-game? Or do you just want to show up for some nice pictures and an evening out with friends? No matter what you choose, make sure that your outfit is one that you feel comfortable in the whole night. If you want to wear high heels,

for example, I would recommend bringing a spare pair of flats as well. Your feet will be thanking you later. I would also recommend avoiding clutch purses unless you're alright with either leaving them unattended on a table or having to hold them the entire evening.² Try to break in your new shoes a few days before the big night; otherwise, they will almost certainly pinch and cause some unpleasant blisters. Carry band-aids and tissues with you in case of emergency. It also wouldn't hurt to have some extra hair ties and anything else you might want to use to freshen up. And re-

2 One advantage of bringing a large bag with you is that you can carry home a lot more of the free firm merchandise offered at Barrister's.

member to bring a sweater! It's cold out there.

Somebody with more knowledge about fashion than me could probably tell you all about choosing the right colors and styles, but my philosophy simply says that if you like it, wear it.³ Channel your inner Marie Kondo. What makes something the "right outfit" is if it makes you happy.⁴ Barrister's is a time to treat yourself and live it up in all your finery. No matter what you wear, wear it with confidence and have fun! In the immortal words of *ANNIE the Musical*, "You're never fully dressed without a smile!"

3 I wore a bright lime green dress to my Junior prom. Live your dreams.

4 And if it falls within the limits of the venue's dress code.



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are also why, if you've ever been licked by a cat, their tongues feel rough and sandpaper-y.

Lifestyle

Ocelots can be found in Arizona, Texas, Mexico, Central America, and all of South America except for Chile. The cats have adapted to a wide range of environments, including thorny scrublands, coastal marshes, mangrove forests, savanna grasslands, and tropical and subtropical forests.⁵ The ocelot is, due in large part to its wide range and adaptability, currently listed as a species of "Least Concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.⁶ However, despite being listed as "Least Concern," this doesn't paint the full picture. The strength of ocelot populations varies widely depending on the region. In Mexico and the U.S., for example, ocelots are considered endangered.⁷ In Argentina, Columbia, Brazil, and parts of the Amazon basin outside of Brazil,

watch Zefranki's Youtube video "True Facts: Cat's Killer Senses." While a bit crass at times, if you enjoy the niche humor, the video is very informative (as are all of his videos).

5 Ocelot, IUCN, (May 10, 2014), <https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/11509/97212355>.

6 *Id.*

7 Bradford, *supra* note 1.



Pictured: An Ocelot. Credit: The Nature Conservancy.

the cat is listed as vulnerable.⁸ This is true because ocelots are heavily impacted by habitat loss and forest fragmentation from logging activities.⁹ They are also negatively impacted by vehicle collisions, as well as other farming practices.¹⁰ Not only that, but ocelots do not have a short list of predators that they need to worry about. Harpy eagles, anacondas, coyotes, and alligators would all happily eat an ocelot for dinner. And, because of habitat loss restricting territories and constricting resources, confrontations between ocelots and larger cats like jaguars and cougars are becoming increasingly common. These end at best in an escape for the ocelot, and at worst in the ocelot's

8 *Id.*

9 IUCN, *supra* note 5.

10 *Id.*

death.¹¹

In order to avoid confrontations with these larger cats and other predators, ocelots are primarily nocturnal animals. During the day, these cats sleep in trees and bushes. But at night they travel between one and five miles, typically killing a prey source every 3.1 hours of traveling.¹² Ocelots typically hunt smaller prey and only need about one-and-three-quarters of a pound of food each day to satisfy their energy requirements.¹³ Usually this consists of rabbits and other rodents, fish, frogs, and birds.¹⁴ At times, however,

11 WIKIPEDIA, *supra* note 3.

12 Ocelot, DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, (last visited Feb. 4, 2023), <https://defenders.org/wildlife/ocelot>.

13 WIKIPEDIA, *supra* note 3.

14 Bradford, *supra* note 1.

ocelots will target larger meals like deer, sheep, peccaries (medium sized, pig-like animals), iguanas, and monkeys.¹⁵ Their choice of diet ultimately depends on the region in which the ocelot resides.

Interestingly, ocelots are quite picky eaters. In fact, they will remove the fur or feathers from their prey before they eat it.¹⁶ Their method of hunting is also quite fascinating. Ocelots follow scent trails to acquire prey. However, they move incredibly slowly while doing it, walking at about 0.2 miles per hour while searching. Some even sit at one spot and wait for thirty minutes to an hour before, if unsuccessful, switching locations at a faster, yet still painstakingly slow, rate of 0.5 to 0.9 miles per hour.¹⁷

Ocelots are typically solitary animals. Males have larger territories—about 3.5 to 46 kilometers—compared to females—0.8 to 15 kilometers. Territories rarely overlap between two ocelots of the same sex; however, it is not uncommon for one male's territory to contain the territories of multiple females within it. Interestingly, one of the more social sides of an ocelot's life is in their bathroom habits. Ocelots have been seen using communal sites for depositing scat (pooping), which have been termed

15 WIKIPEDIA, *supra* note 3.

16 Bradford, *supra* note 1.

17 WIKIPEDIA, *supra* note 3.

"latrines."¹⁸ Kittens typically stay with their mothers for up to two years before heading out on this solitary lifestyle.

Unlike cats in the subfamily *Panthera*—cats capable of roaring—ocelots do not roar; instead, ocelots "chuckle" when excited and may "mutter" to one another.¹⁹ They also employ both yowls and meows during courtship.²⁰ During the mating season, which varies regionally, male and female ocelots will mate between five and ten times daily.²¹ Female ocelots become sexually mature between eighteen and twenty-two months of age whereas males become sexually mature around fifteen months.²² In the wild, ocelots live around thirteen years on average,²³ and they may live to twenty years of age in captivity.²⁴

Cultural Significance

While I cannot hope to cover the true cultural significance of the ocelot to Aztec and Incan cultures, I still believe it is im-

18 *Id.*

19 Bradford, *supra* note 1.

20 *Id.*

21 Jessi Kittel, *Leopardus pardalis ocelot*, (2011), https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Leopardus_pardalis/.

22 Bradford, *supra* note 1.

23 *Id.*

24 WIKIPEDIA, *supra* note 3.

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Feb Club: A Storied Tradition

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By now, you've probably heard of Feb Club. Hopefully, you went to one of the wonderful parties this past weekend and got to enjoy the company of your fellow law students. You might even be asking yourself, "Why am I reading yet another article about this thing that brings out the most wild instincts of LawHoos when I could be doing my readings and learning instead?" Well, first of all, chill out, gunner, it's not even Week Four of the semester yet. But here's the thing: I am going to add to your knowledge base. And hopefully, I even get you to go to these events as well. I want to take the time to explore some history, detail my experience, and talk about the goals of Feb Club.

The earliest records I can find about Feb Club come from the '80s, when someone decided to host a "Feb Club Eve" party that was New Year's Eve themed. Creative. But from discussions with a few alumni friends of mine, I was able to find out where the current iteration of Feb Club comes from. As many things at this institution so often do, it has its basis in some prejudice. Some time ago (those I spoke to were unsure of the specific year), there was a degree of open exclusion of minority



Pictured: White Lotus Party Attendees. Credit: Ethan Brown '25.

students at parties within the month. To ameliorate this, Feb Club was made into a series of events hosted by different affinity groups to foster the spirit of inclusion. Given the importance of February as Black History Month, it makes sense to strive for some understanding and inclusion in our pursuit of the party spirit this month.

Inclusion can often feel like a term that falls on deaf ears at our Law School, with so many people having baked-in belief systems and the constant empty promises from administration. But UVA Law is the school of "collegiality." Put another way, we are the party law school—even a basic Google search will point that out. But using that reputation to bring students together, at least at face value, seems



like the most efficient way to go about it. I don't have any misconceptions about reality, though. I know that simply attending BLSA's semester kickoff event at Zocalo two weekends ago (which was an amazing experience) isn't going to magically fix the prejudices within the student body. But making sure that everybody attending these events knows the purposes driving them will at least—hopefully—be a step towards a better reality.

In my experience, Feb Club has taken on another meaning as well in the wake of the pandemic years of 2020–21. After a time when we could only be with a small group of people and were so isolated from society, such an event was a boon, not only to socialize but also for mental health generally. Large crowds certainly aren't for

everyone, and it's why we see a similar crowd of people out during Bar Review every week. But the idea of getting to bond with other law students is a great one. The 3L class especially is so used to being in small groups from our first year that we often default to spending our time exclusively with said small groups. It's only natural—most adults only have small friend groups. But meeting people from different years, backgrounds, and student orgs has absolutely given me a feeling of closeness to the student body as a whole, and I'm sure others can say the same. Feb Club provided me that opportunity last year, when I got to connect with so many people I had yet to meet. The event that took its place two years ago—Summer Series—introduced me to the LawHoo culture. I'm sure if you take the chance to join the Feb Club festivities, it will do the same for you.

In a time of our lives when we are stressed and busy and feel the weight of the anticipation of "real life" hurtling towards us, something like Feb Club is, at least in my opinion, necessary. From keggers in Spies to Bar Review to 3@3, we have a big tradition of partying at this school. At times, I'm sure those students that don't drink or who are older can feel left out, and that's completely understandable. But

this month is a time to come together for all students, even those who aren't about that #partylyfe. Events like Barrister's have non-drinking options. The weekday events provide an opportunity for far more chill interactions. All in all, Feb Club provides a series of opportunities for togetherness outside of the hallowed comfy chairs of Scott Commons. For 3Ls, this is one of our last opportunities to make the lifelong connections that will keep us sane throughout the tough early years of firm or PD life. For 1Ls and 2Ls, Feb Club provides the opportunity to build community. Whoever you are, dear reader, I hope you come to at least one event and experience this month. I know I'll be there, so at the very least, you can enjoy seeing me fall apart as I progress through my Iron Man attempt.

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LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVA Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court comprises eight associate justices and one Chief Justice. Opinions shall be released periodically and only in the official court reporter: the Virginia Law Weekly. Please email a brief summary of any and all conflicts to dl9uh@virginia.edu

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D'ROZARIO, J. delivers the opinion of the court, in which LAKE, C.J., BNINSKI, J., GRUBBE, J., BROWN, J., PAZHAWK, J., and MORSE, J., join.

PETERSON, J. concurs in part and dissents in part.

WALSH, J. dissents.

D'Rozario, J., delivered the majority opinion.

I. Issue

The class action suit before us concerns an age-old tradition, observed by law schools across the country: Barrister's Ball. The annual event is an opportunity for the great legal minds of our generation to come together, engage in intellectually stimulating jurisprudential discourse, and get blackout drunk in a ball gown. The formal nature of the time-honored event has earned it an affectionate nickname: "Law Prom." This nickname plays no small role in the issue at hand.

The issue requires the Court to consider whether, in adopting the term "Law Prom," law students have implicitly agreed to participate in *all* the customs associated with high school prom (hereinafter referred to as "Actual Prom"). In particular, Plaintiffs wish to compel the student body to plan and carry out elaborate, high-school-style promposals.

II. Analysis

Plaintiffs, a small number of law students who were never promposed to in high school, argue that the widespread use of the term "Law Prom" creates an implied-in-fact contract. Plaintiffs

argue that, in choosing to attend any event which represents itself as a "Prom," attendees implicitly commit to fulfill the traditional obligations of Prom attendees—Actual Prom attendees. These include but are not limited to the obligation to propose to your date.

Less than one week away from Law Prom, and having witnessed no promposals whatsoever, Plaintiffs bring this case for breach of contract. Plaintiffs seek relief in the form of specific perfor-

promposals—as a concept—need to be left in high school, the Court is obliged to deny the motion to dismiss.

Also, I'm writing for the Court here, so I get to base the outcome of this case on what I ate for breakfast. I ate cereal, and I would like to see some promposals.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs' emergency motion for immediate and complete performance of promposals is GRANTED.

"Plaintiffs...argue that the widespread use of the term 'Law Prom' creates a contract implied-in-fact."

mance of this implied contract. Given the imminence of the event, Plaintiffs request emergency relief.

Defendants, for their part, filed a motion to dismiss on the grounds that promposals are unacceptably dorky for anyone past the age of seventeen. The Court finds this statement to be conclusory (and low-key offensive). No evidence was provided to support such an assertion, and weak evidence is provided to contradict the existence of an implied contract.

Defendants argue that use of the term "Law Prom," on its own, is insufficient to create an implied contract. They argue that, apart from the word "Prom," Law Prom is distinguishable from Actual Prom. Distinguishing characteristics of Law Prom cited by Defendants include alcohol use and the presence of disproportionately litigious attendees. To this, the Court says, "You obviously didn't go to my high school."

III. Conclusion

Accordingly, because Defendants have not met the threshold showing that

Peterson, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part.

While I disagree with much of Justice D'Rozario's opinion, as I shall explain below, I cannot dissent in full. Justice D'Rozario is, as usual, on the nose as it pertains to her intuitive jurisprudential practices, a skill that is widely employed, encouraged, and respected on this most petty of courts. As such, while I disagree with the entirety of her analysis, and dissent from it accordingly, I fully support conclusions of law grounded on basic whims, serendipitous moments, and gut reactions. Because Justice D'Rozario ultimately grounds her reasoning in the cereal she ate, any principled Justice must accept that her prudential reasoning is sound.

However, I cannot agree with Justice D'Rozario's actual reasoning. A crucial step needed to come to any sort of principled conclusion is missing from this analysis. If we are tasked with determining whether

law students have implicitly agreed to participate in all of the customs associated with proms, we must first understand all of the customs associated with prom. Today, the Court accidentally sets course on a philosophical mission—what is a prom? The answer, however, is never given. Instead, the Court chooses to enforce its own preconceived notions about proms while ignoring the true original public meaning of the word. This action is a slippery slope leading to a

Court are to truly comport with the original public meaning of this word, we must first look back to sixteenth-century France.² However, before I do that, I would like to ask not only the Court, but also the public: Why? Why would anyone ever want to look back to sixteenth-century France? What next will become a feature of proms around America? Guillotines? We must protect our children from this fate. Because of the authoritarian turn taken by this Court today, I fear for our country, our children, and our souls.

Walsh, J., dissenting.

As a member of this storied Court, I am normally in full support of capricious decisions with little-to-no grounding in either the Court's precedent or actual law. However, I am so op-

prom-language-history-of-the-word-from-promenade-to-hashtag-prahm.html.

² As a more worldly and educated body than the Supreme Court of the United States, we are absolutely willing to venture into the world of French history to decide the original public meaning of words to the citizens of Charlottesville, Virginia. To do any less would be an abdication of our sworn duties.

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jurisprudential world where our Court may import perceived customs into the law in much the same way a magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat: unprincipled trickery. Further, it opens the door to changing proms across the nation—not just in our own jurisdiction—by allowing courts to pick and choose between desirable customs.

To illustrate this, I've detailed the following. The word "prom" gets its origin from the French word "promenade."¹ If we as a

¹ Oxford Dictionaries, *From Promenade to #Prahm: An Evolution of the Night to Remember* (June 19, 2014), <https://slate.com/human-interest/2014/06/>

Faculty Quotes

K. Kordana: "I'm an incredibly pro-mormon guy! I give them two thumbs up! But they have a shit ton of money."

J. Mahoney: "The ducks' interests are also not represented in court."

R. Re: "Does anybody here race yachts?"


R. Ballenger: "I don't give a flip about the Blue-book."

C. Barzun: "Not all lawyers are scheming fraudsters, okay?"

R. Harmon: "You have to ask yourself, is the Court delusional? What the hell is going on?"

M. Collins: "Like they say in Florida, you need a good foundation to make it work."

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posed to today's decision that I must, on both moral and personal grounds, dissent from the entirety of the majority's opinion regarding that historic tradition known as "promposing." For what today's majority opinion ignores in its analysis is not only the original public meaning of what a prom is, as Justice Peterson so astutely points out, but also the emotional and reputational damage that a promposal can inflict on the unsuspecting members of this Law School.

Allow me to provide an illuminating example: my own high school (specifically, junior year) promposal. Picture a large public school cafeteria, the tables long and mildly sticky, with those uncomfortable, weird circle seats—which definitely do not provide ergonomic support to our youth as they eat their lunches—attached. The faces of the school's senior athletes adorn the walls, smiling down upon the cafeteria and its inhabitants like benevolent gods. It was here, during fifth period lunch, where I first became acutely aware of just how awkward and uncomfortable a promposal can truly be.

As I sat at that sticky cafeteria table, I suddenly noticed in my periphery one of my closest friends whipping out her phone and aiming its camera in my direction.

At the same time, one of my closest friends, who I was kind-of, sort-of dating (high school relationships are weird) approached from the other direction. Now, this friend normally sat with me at lunch, so his arrival was not unusual, but the shoe box that he carried with him was. It was this shoe box, combined with the sudden fixing of an iPhone camera on me, that sent a wave of vague unease and a sense of impending doom crashing over me. The promposal itself—which involved a shoe-box diagram based on an inside joke between my eventual prom date and me would have been cute had it not been so completely and unbearably awkward.

And so I arrive at the crux of my anti-promposal position: Promposals can, at best, be called "entertaining." But we must ask ourselves, who does this entertainment come at the expense of? For when these promposals are not done well, they are cringy and embarrassing, and it is downright cruel of this Court to not just encourage but require that the promposal practice be continued past the high school years that all of us left behind so long ago. Accordingly, I dissent.

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Shaping Justice

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Many at the Law School are no doubt already familiar with the slew of anti-transgender state legislation that has been introduced in recent years. In late January, Utah became the fifth state to ban gender-affirming care for minors.² And just last week the Virginia House Education Committee voted to advance two anti-trans bills—one that requires public school employees to inform parents if they believe a student is transgender, and another that bans transgender athletes from playing for the school team corresponding with their gender identity.³ Six other anti-trans bills were rejected by the Senate Education Committee.⁴ Members of the UVA Lambda Law Alliance attended a Monday morning legislative hearing in Richmond to ex-

2 <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/how-utahs-new-ban-on-gender-affirming-care-for-minors-is-affecting-trans-teens-in-the-state>

3 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?231+sum+HB2432>; <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?231+sum+HB1387>

4 <https://www.washingtonblade.com/2023/02/02/va-senate-committee-kills-six-anti-transgender-bills/>

press their opposition to the bills.

Indeed, speakers at the conference's introductory panel noted the uncomfortable relationship between activism-oriented members of the University community and the current Virginia government. Speaking on the University's efforts to remedy racial injustices, Melissa Gomes, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the UVA School of Nursing said that University administration remains committed to its work. "We know what they're talking about up in the Capitol. And we know that maybe not everyone is supporting this work, but we're still here to support the work and we're not going to get rid of it."

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Ocelot

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portant to note here. Ocelots were depicted across both Incan and Aztec mythology and through every artistic medium of those cultures.²⁵ It's clear from the artistic and religious attention these creatures received that they were very significant. However, due to my own cultural incompetence on the subject and a limited amount of space that I've already surpassed, I suggest that anyone interested in learning more do their own outside research.

Interestingly, ocelots can make *okay* pets, although I would highly recommend against it.²⁶ They are energetic, playful, agile creatures. And, because of their size, even a well-intentioned attempt at play from an ocelot could leave an owner injured. However, it is true that when raised carefully, ocelots can be highly affectionate animals.²⁷

25 *Id.*

26 It is, in fact, illegal in many states.

27 *Id.* In fact, Salvador Dali had a pet ocelot named Babou. *Id.*

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HOT BENCH



Yewande Ford '23

Interviewed by Dana Lake '23

Good morning, Yewande! Thanks for talking with us this week. You just won the Swanson Award, which recognizes the UVA Law student demonstrating the same high standards of character as Gregory Hayes Swanson—the first Black student to integrate UVA and the Law School. First of all, congratulations. Second of all, Professors Doran and Kendrick, as well as your BLSA mentee and other BLSA members, all took the time to send in letters of support for you—how did it feel to find out you had been nominated and that you made such a significant impact at the Law School?

Thank you! First of all, I was shocked. I mean, I've just been living my life. I felt honored that Professors Doran and Kendrick, whom I both respect so much, took the time to do this for me after all the time I've taken from them for mentorship and ques-

tions (haha). The mentees really especially meant a lot to me. I put a lot of myself into BLSA, and it was hugely rewarding that members nominated me as well.

You were president of BLSA and helped guide the organization through the transition back to in-person learning and events (as well as the BLSA Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Year). How did being so active in BLSA help shape your law school experience?

I would say it's been the highlight of my law school experience. Having a community you can laugh and be joyful with, but also where you can also be serious and get real help, is so important. We have a strong alumni network that is so generous with their time and their support, which really keeps our organization sustained. The school and other orgs want to collaborate with us as well—BLSA is like the axle at the center with all these spokes coming off. Being able to work with so many different professors, who always want to know how we're doing, and so many different student groups was so much fun and so enlightening.

What do you think was the best event you helped organize?

That's a tough one! We did so many. It's a tie—first, I would say the BLSA retreat last year (shout out to Marley Peters '23) because we had to tackle Covid and build a fun and safe event that all the class years could attend, including the 3Ls who hadn't had a retreat in two years. It was so fun to leave the Law School bubble and see the

shy or quiet people in class really come out of their shells and be themselves. I think events like the retreat are what really help us make BLSA into a community instead of just a club. The second is the alumni event we put on in the Rotunda, where so many alumni came back for a night of food and festivities. It's one thing to say our professors and alumni are active, and another for all these people to come out and for them to bring their families to celebrate Black law students. Meeting so many BLSA alumni who have gone on to do different things and still stay active in the alumni network was great.

How did it feel to pass on the torch to Keegan Hudson '24? I feel like spring semester of 3L is when all the org leaders get sentimental.

I know, I know! He was a 1L rep, so we had bonded a lot through the board. I was honored to pass on the torch to him—more than happy. I knew he had the leadership and the ability to bridge the Millennial-Gen Z gap. He's also the first male BLSA president we've had in years, so he brings a different perspective. The blood (not literally), sweat, and tears that go into an organization as involved as BLSA is something only other BLSA presidents can really get. I'm excited to see who he is going to pass it on to, and he's done a phenomenal job leading our chapter this year.

Reading through your resume, I get second hand exhaustion. Do you have any advice for how to balance school work and job applications with being more in-

involved in Law School orgs?

Well, I'm a bulldozer type of person, so I want to say just do it (haha), but most people aren't like that, so I also want to give real advice. I think it's important to have something that grounds you outside of law school. For me, it's my family and the gym—as long as I have those things, I can do everything else. I am also a huge fan of color-coding your calendar, so you can see your week at a glance. Sometimes, you just know you're going to be busy, like all of 2L spring, but being able to see everything you've signed up for and readjusting as you go is so important to keeping a healthy balance.

Something my mom always quotes is, "Anything worth doing, is worth doing well." If you don't have the time or energy to really give that event or project what it deserves, take it off your plate. In a career like a lot of us are going into, you have to be able to push yourself sometimes, but other times, stepping back is the right decision.

You are EIC of the Law and Tech Journal—do you recommend joining a journal board for more than just getting out of cite checks?

That's a tough question. I would ultimately say yes—it's a great way to get involved in the bigger picture. For me, I was interested in understanding how a final piece gets to publication, from talking with authors and soliciting submissions to the actual publishing. For the tech sector especially, there are topics that might not be hot now, but you can see the discourse building down the road. There are a lot of positions on the board

that lend themselves to different strengths, like Executive Editor if you are interested in polishing off an article. So, yes, worth more than just no cite checks!

You were an analyst at Goldman Sachs before law school—any advice for loyal but financially illiterate Law Weekly readers?

Take any business course you can! Intro to Law & Business, Corporations—any of those will help you build up your understanding. A general understanding of what is going on in the global economy and markets is important for you to have. You don't need to get an MBA to be able to hold a conversation.

How do you take your coffee, and what is your astrological sign?

Gemini, but people tell me I act like a Taurus. No one will tell me if that's meant to be a compliment or not. I take my coffee the same way I've taken it since middle school—Dunkin' Donuts, medium hot, cream, hazelnut swirl, no extra sugar. I drink hot coffee all year round because iced coffee is gross, and Dunkin' is better than Starbucks.

That last part was unsolicited.

I have hot takes!
Watching anything good?

The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City, *The Real Housewives of Potomac*, and *Ginny & Georgia* on Netflix.

Favorite study spot?
My apartment. It's comfortable and has snacks.

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The Midway Toast: Two 2Ls Get Sentimental over Champagne

Darius Adel '24
Staff Editor



"I've always said I'm here for a good time, not a long time. So it's nice to be able to celebrate these milestones." - Dennis Ting '24

It's hard to believe that many of us 2Ls are halfway done with our J.D. To memorialize this milestone, the Law School put on a midway toast for the Class of 2024. Even after the event, it still hasn't set in that we have just halfway to go. In a lot of ways, things have moved faster than I had ever expected. Part of me dreaded putting my life on hold for three years to get this degree, but looking back at the last year and a half, there has been more growth than anything.

"It seems at the same time too short and too long." - Tristan Deering '24

This toast was meant to celebrate both our individual achievements and the progress of my class as a whole. In honor of the achievements we went through, I decided to interview some of my classmates and get their insights on the toast and how they feel about all the progress we have made. Some students didn't know what to expect, while others were just glad to have an excuse to get out of the library to eat and drink with friends. Most everyone felt at least somewhat positive about the toast and what it meant to be halfway done with their J.D.

"Really excited about the personal party pack." - Nik Pham '24

While I don't want to make this into a full-blown review of the event itself, I will say that everything was pleasant. The individual party packs of charcuterie fare were a nice touch, since no one had to awkwardly wait in a line. The Dean's speech wasn't too long and got the point of the event across. While it was a bit jarring to go from class to the event and then straight back to reading case law, the effort put into the toast was much appreciated.

"What if I don't want to be a lawyer? [Jokingly]" - Rowan Adams '24

Most everyone I spoke to had a great time talking and reconnecting, but for the most part, the sentiments were bittersweet. Many of my fellow 2Ls spoke to me about how, despite the school's efforts, they actually felt a bit disconnected from UVA Law compared to our 1L year. While I agree that many of us don't go out as much since the sections have been dissolved, that does not necessarily mean that there is a lack of connection. As Dean Golubuff alluded to in her speech, 2L year is a transitory period where we students get to explore and find experiences that interest us. We get to pick out our own classes and build our own schedule. While our connection to our sections or UVA Law as whole may weaken, our bonds to the ones we choose to spend our time and energy with can grow deeper.

"I literally just arrived forty-five seconds ago." - Grace Zipperer '24

While I saw quite a few sad faces reflecting on the fact that we only have a year and half left, I heard a lot more students busily making plans with friends they hadn't seen in quite some time. When we started law school, much of our time was scheduled out for us. Our classes were set. There were specific section and school-wide events that we were expected to go to. Even time spent studying at the library before and after class was more or less a given. Freedom to choose is a beautiful thing for those of us that don't want to make UVA Law our sole identity. What I heard from my classmates is that the downside of that freedom is that many of us then gravitate towards staying in our comfort zones and keeping a small circle. Now, if you want to see your friends, you have to consciously make time on your calendar. Gone are the days where you would see the same set of classmates taking the same exact classes as you five days a week.

"I like free food." - Alexander Chen '24

I enjoyed my time at the Midway Toast, and I think most everyone else did, too. It gave us an excuse to come together, reminisce, and look to the future. Someday soon, many of the close friends will just be memories, so it's more important than ever to make this coming year and a half special. I don't know if being halfway done with law school is really something to celebrate, but just seeing the people I love all together in one place made it worth it to me.

"I'm invigorated for the second half." - Landon Garfinkel '24

"I wish this was on Friday." - Fernando Mercado '24

Nikolai Morse '24
Managing Editor



I am a deeply sentimental person. I love traditions and rituals, which make me feel a sense of connection from our present selves to generations past. I get teary-eyed whenever I watch a Disney movie.¹ I am genuinely enthralled and gripped by all manner of motivational speeches, commencement addresses, and Charges to the Class.² I am overjoyed at cer-

1 Top ten Disney tearjerkers, in order: (1) Coco, (2) Up, (3) The Lion King, (4) Toy Story 3, (5) Lilo & Stitch, (6) Moana, (7) Big Hero 6, (8) Encanto, (9) Wall-E, and (10) Bambi.

2 If you have not yet watched Professor Nelson's and Dean Jeffries's Charge to the Class on YouTube, I highly recommend them. Also, for those of you who had the fortune of taking Torts with Professor Barbara Armacost, I am sure you'll agree that her midterm and end-of-term speeches were truly inspirational, and full of advice that I have thought of frequently since our first semester.

emonies which bestow recognition on people's achievements—even when I have no idea what they mean! For example, while I just recently found out there is apparently an honor society at UVA called "The Raven Society," my lack of comprehension in no way dimmed my happiness at recognizing the names of our classmates on the list of their new members. I firmly believe we should celebrate our progress, remember our setbacks, and make sure to take time to reflect on how far we have come and where we want to go from here.

Last week, UVA Law's tradition of marking our halfway point provided all of us in the Class of 2024 a moment to pause and reflect during our otherwise-busy schedules. For some, it may have been the first time they saw many of their sectionmates since 1L year. Seeing the familiar faces of those with whom we endured our first cold calls, Bar Reviews, and law school finals makes it difficult not to think of where we started, and where we are now. So, having prefaced my own sentimentality and at the risk of committing the cardinal sin of boring the audience, I'd like to briefly share some of my thoughts upon reaching the halfway mark.

First, I am weekly—if not daily—reminded of how fortunate I am to be at this Law School. Having worked for nearly six years before coming to UVA, I was lucky enough to work with some incredible individuals. But never have I seen an environment that is so filled with people who are as interesting, thoughtful, motivated, engaged, and kind as my classmates and the faculty and staff of UVA Law. Their kindness reminds me how easily we can positively affect someone else. Their intelligence humbles me and helps grow my own understanding. And their hard work drives me to push myself and always improve.

Second, our community is remarkably (brace yourselves) collegial. While of course this word is overused to the point of being a cliché, at moments like this it is worth remembering that clichés only become clichés because they are true: because they express something that is both so plainly obvious and at the same time remarkable, that it bears repeating, over and over. While there have been sharp disagreements and divergent views on important issues during our time here, we should be proud of both the way in which we express our disagreement and our willingness to speak up when we feel it is important to do so. As our nation has become more divided and polarized, and our civil discourse less respectful, we should appreciate that here, people from a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and political standpoints get along so well. And we must do everything we can to protect and continue this culture.

Third, the amount and kinds of opportunities we are presented here is absolutely staggering. Whether it be the fact that professors who are genuinely famous teach courses to 1Ls, or the amount of clinics and diz-

zying array of courses we can choose from, we are all truly privileged to be here. In my experience, when you begin working, you have hardly any time to explore entirely new subjects, let alone to delve into them. And so with our remaining time left, we should be thoughtful about how we spend it. As Dean Goluboff said, we ought to think of everything we would still like to do, and challenge ourselves to branch out into unfamiliar territory. We owe it to ourselves and our communities to become the best, most complete, and diverse versions of ourselves that we can be.

As I thought about the Class of 2024's remaining time at UVA Law, I was reminded of a quote: "The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."³ The trouble with being in an incredible place like UVA Law, surrounded by such incredible people, is that it can't last forever. But until our time here ends, we owe it to ourselves, and to each other, to make the most of every day that remains.

3 Yes, I heard this at a high school graduation speech, where the speaker attributed the quote to Abraham Lincoln. No, I have not confirmed that this actually came from Lincoln and not Dr. Seuss's third cousin. Yes, I know how groan-worthy a corny, possibly wrongly-attributed quote is. I told you I was sentimental!

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One class everyone should take before they graduate?

FED TAX! Take it! It's not that bad! It's helpful for everyone in life! And I know law students don't like numbers, but it really isn't that bad, and we have fantastic and patient professors who teach it.

Best restaurant in Charlottesville?

I admit I'm kind of a food snob. I compare the restaurants here to New York, so I'm kind of jaded. I say, save your money and go to N.Y. or D.C. for some real good food (haha). Locally, I do like Pearl Island.

Favorite type of weather?

Summer into fall, when you can still wear sundresses, but you aren't roasting.

One skill you've always wanted to learn?

Playing a string instrument, since I love listening to them so much.

Childhood nickname?

Hot Rice because I talked fast!

In all the interviews you've done, all those job apps and leadership positions, what was your favorite interview question? Or do you have a question you've always wanted to be asked?

This was a really good question I got, and it made me stop and really think. It was: What would someone who doesn't like you say about you?

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Feb Club 2023

Feb Club is an annual tradition to bring the Law School together and have some fun. Try your hand at the Iron Man Challenge by attending each event for at least 30 minutes and having one beverage. Take pictures to document the month and your attendance!

DATE	DAY	THEME	Time	LOCATION [Subject to change]
2/2	Thursday	Trivia JD/MBA Mixer	7-10 PM	Three Notch'd
2/3	Friday	Y2Kickoff	8:00 PM	2103 Morris
2/4	Saturday	These Gays Are Trying to Kill You!	8:00 PM	616 Rugby Road
2/5	Sunday	APALSA Presents: Year of the Rabbit	3:00 PM	616 Rugby Road
2/6	Monday	Bachelor Monday [RSVP REQUIRED: clc8fp@virginia.edu]	8:00 PM	Pav Apt 432
2/7	Tuesday	We're All Trying To Find the Guy Who Did This [RSVP REQUIRED: clc8fp@virginia.edu]	8:00 PM	717 Madison Ave
2/8	Wednesday	Durty South at Durty Nellys (hosted by Southeastern Wahoos)	8:00 PM	Durty Nellys
2/9	Thursday	Fed Soc Festivus: 90s edition	8:00 PM	723 Madison Ave
2/10	Friday	Aprés Ski	2:00 PM	312 Alderman
2/11	Saturday	Barristers Ball	8:00 PM	Boar's Head Inn
2/12	Sunday	Super Bowl Sunday Watch Party	6:00 PM	2011 Lewis Mountain Rd
2/13	Monday	Libel's DadClub	8:00 PM	2103 Morris
2/14	Tuesday	LPS Presents: Love Island	8:00 PM	1718 Rugby Road
2/15	Wednesday	OWLS Presents: A Cozy Night Around the Fire	8:30 PM	2010 Lewis Mountain Road
2/16	Thursday	In Memoriam: A Franzia Fiesta for Fred (hosted by wine society)	8:00 PM	2103 Morris Road
2/17	Friday	Va(LW) is for Lovers	8:00 PM	306 Alderman
2/18	Saturday	ACS & NLG Present: Workers of the World, Unite!	8:00 PM	1605 Brandywine Drive
2/19	Sunday	Lalo's Sunday Funday Con Carne Asada	2:00-5:00 PM	131 Cameron Lane, Apt 1
2/20	Monday	Our Champagne Problems Era [RSVP REQUIRED: clc8fp@virginia.edu]	8:00 PM	Pav Apt 517
2/21	Tuesday	Bathtub Gin [RSVP REQUIRED: wcg4up@virginia.edu]	8:00 PM	1814 Rugby Place
2/22	Wednesday	DURTY KLÜB	7:00 PM	Durty Nellys
2/23	Thursday	LSL Space Cowboy	8:00 PM	Boylan
2/24	Friday	BLSA Presents: Icon Party	8:00 PM	616 Rugby Road
2/25	Saturday	DAS KLÜB	8:00 PM	Rapture
2/26	Sunday	The Booty Barn Presents: Beer Pong Tourney	2:00 PM	2103 Morris
2/27	Monday	TBD (stay tuned!!)		
2/28	Tuesday	UVA Mens Basketball v. Clemson Watch Party	7:00 PM	Ralph Sampsons