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Welcome from the Law Weekly E-Board

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It's that time of year again. You've no doubt heard more welcome messages by now than you know what to do with. As the last sun-soaked days of summer give way to the pumpkin spice kaleidoscope of fall, students roam the halls of the Law School once more. And, as Production Editor of UVA Law's oldest and most beloved student newspaper, I would like to also welcome everyone back for another year. While such an article would usually be in the jurisdiction of the Editor-in-Chief, the *Law Weekly* is thankfully not bound by such trivial matters as the non-delegation doctrine.

For many of you, these are the very first steps on your journey to a law career. Welcome to the LawHoo family! To those who have finished their first year and have returned in triumph, welcome back! You now have standing to sue in the Court of Petty Appeals.¹ For those like myself who now enter their final year, this is a time of jubilation. Congratulations, and welcome back one last time! For those who have come from around the country and around the world, welcome to Charlottesville! We hope you find a home here.

If this is your first introduction to the *Law Weekly*, stick around! The *Law Weekly* is UVA Law's weekly student newspaper. New issues

¹ It is a long-standing rule of COPA Procedure that 1Ls always lose (unless it is funnier for them to win).

Dean Goluboff Welcomes Students Back



Pictured: Dean Risa Goluboff

Risa Goluboff
Dean of the Law School

This is my eighth year as dean, and my twenty-second (!) as a member of the UVA Law faculty. The excitement I feel as the new year begins never gets old. What a pleasure to meet so many of you over the past few weeks, to see familiar faces flooding our hallways again, and to feel the energy that permeates the Law School at the start of a new semester. There is so much discovery and growth ahead—I can't wait to see all of the remarkable things you will do this year.

Chief among them is the transformation at the heart of your legal education. As I said during orientation, going to law school is always a good choice. In my view—and I may be a little bit biased—it may be the best and most important thing you can do right now. You are studying the law at a moment of intense and wide-ranging contestation, both in this country and globally. In a world that seems full of discord, you are entering a profession that is committed to resolving conflict through

dialogue and persuasion. As you read your first cases and prep for your first cold calls, you are transforming how you think and preparing yourselves to transform the lives of your clients and the trajectories of institutions, companies, organizations, and governments. You are already learning how to make arguments and dismantle them, how to find the root of a problem, and how to test ideas—whether your own or those of others.

Law school will not always be easy, for the reasons made (in)famous in popular culture and mythology: required classes and cold calls, oral arguments and journal tryouts and job searches. Nor will it be easy intellectually. You will encounter new, and sometimes discomfiting, ideas and ways of thinking. But it will no doubt be rewarding, both in the short term and throughout the amazing, varied, as yet unknown careers on which you have each already embarked.

Over the course of your time at the Law School, I

encourage you to do three things. First, make the most of your time here, knowing that we will offer you more opportunities than you can possibly take. That is the beauty of a law school that boasts students who are the best and the brightest in the nation, world-class faculty engaged in groundbreaking and interdisciplinary research, and experiential learning that provides opportunities to put your classroom knowledge to work. Join a journal, take a clinic, do moot court, engage with the Charlottesville community, take on leadership roles in student organizations. As you do so, you will encounter some of the many career paths available to you, from trial lawyer to corporate executive, cause crusader to policy wonk to dealmaker. Imagine what these paths might look like for you. Try several on for size.

Second, take ownership of the education that lies before you—raise your hand, talk in class,

around north grounds



Thumbs up to the start of classes. ANG is a creature of the night, so ANG does not believe anyone else deserves sleep either.



Thumbs down to UVA having classes on Labor Day. While ANG does not respect workers' rights, ANG does not want to have to see other people.



Thumbs sideways to all of the 1Ls who did not show up to the Activities Fair. ANG respects the mass ghosting but does not like seeing good pizza go to waste.



Congratulations to *Law Weekly* Editor-in-Chief Nikolai Morse on his wedding to Jalei Çelik!



Thumbs up to the annual late start to parking enforcement at the Law School. ANG loves a little anarchy.



Thumbs down to Mark Meadow's removal motion. ANG hates being forced to remember first-year Civil Procedure.



Congratulations to Professor Liaison Editor Jordan Allen on his engagement to Nina!



Thumbs up to Allan. If you know, you know.



Congratulations to David Ahnen and Katherine Lawson on their wedding this summer!



Thumbs up to *Oppenheimer*. ANG loves dark, apocalyptic visions. It reminds ANG of cold calls in Civ Pro.



Thumbs up to Louisa Ann Swain, who, on September 6, 1807, became the first woman to legally vote in a general election in the United States.

Welcome

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come out each Wednesday, covering everything from Law School updates and current events to humor, satire, and the prestigious Court of Petty Appeals (COPA), where law students air their most serious grievances to this school's most brilliant legal writers. Whether you read for our journalism, our world-renowned collection of professor quotes, or just for the Sudoku, the *Law Weekly* has something for everybody.

Interested in getting involved? Our editorial board is always open to new members! All you have to do is attend three meetings. With many articles being passion projects² and others being fantastic opportunities to get involved in the law school events and the community as a whole, there is always something new to

² Last year's Co-Executive Editor Emeritus dedicated his last semester of law school to writing a series of in-depth articles about different animals.

Dean

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and keep an open mind. Learn from, challenge, and collaborate with the professors and peers who surround you. What a gift to us all that the Law School is more diverse—in background, experience, identity, perspective, politics, and religious beliefs—than it has ever been before. I encourage you to see that diversity as a source of institutional strength and intellectual stimulation. Engage with and learn from each other in classrooms and across lunch tables, during office hours and in late-night study groups. That we are a big tent enables you to practice the skills that are so critical to lawyering: active listening, fostering productive and open exchange, and building relationships that bridge our differences.

Which leads me to my final encouragement: Invest in the relationships you will make here. Getting to know your classmates, professors, and staff will enrich your time

write about. And the best part of being on the *Law Weekly* editorial board? Free pizza.³ So much that we don't know what to do with it. That heavenly smell on the second floor of Slaughter Hall which sings its siren song at 5:30pm every Monday? It comes from the *Law Weekly* office (SL279), and you're invited!

To all 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, LLMs, faculty, staff, and everyone else who is part of the Law School community, the *Law Weekly* would like to extend the warmest welcome.⁴ While the coming year will bring challenges, it will also bring times of joy. Everyone is here to help you succeed. From all of us at the *Law Weekly*, we hope you have a fantastic school year!

³ Terms and Conditions apply.

⁴ Almost as warm as the fresh pizza we have at every meeting.

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at the Law School intellectually, professionally, and personally. Knowing each other as real people—as friends, mentors, and colleagues—will make possible the difficult conversations that are a key part of your education, carry you through the hard times, and provide no end of joy in the good ones. The relationships you make here, the community you build, will also sustain you in your life and career for decades to come.

I look forward to the year ahead, to all that we will learn and do together. Welcome to the Law School, and enjoy!



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Presenting Your *Law Weekly* E-Board



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Spotlight on Dandelion



Note: While not pictured here, Section H, whose theme was "Rihanna Halftime Show," were the winners. Congrats!
Photo Credit: Ryan Carp '25 and Robert Hicks '25

What Your Favorite 1L Class Says About You

Ethan Brown '25
Features Editor



Welcome, 1Ls, to the University of Virginia School of Law! You might ask why 1L fall—with its sixteen credit hours—is such a heavy lift here relative to other law schools. Some of our peer schools opt to defer one of these four doctrinal classes until the spring, like the University of Pennsylvania, which has its 1Ls take Criminal Law a semester later. This fact might make some 1L readers incredulously scratch their head and turn to the *Law Weekly* for hard-hitting investigative journalism about why UVA Law has evolved over time to subject its 1Ls to an especially intense first year. To those 1Ls, I say: Come join us at the paper's weekly meeting on Mondays and pitch that article—I'd read it!

But I am now a 2L, and, following binding precedent from the *Law Weekly's* Court of Petty Appeals, I am not legally

allowed to take the needs and concerns of 1Ls into account when I write my articles.¹ So instead of pontificating on the merits of something serious, I'm going to stay in my comfort zone, and where I feel safest is creating bafflingly silly listicles. And this week, I ask members of the class of 2026 as they delve into personal jurisdiction, *res ipsa loquitur*, and everything in between: What Does Your Favorite 1L Fall Doctrinal Say About You?

Civil Procedure

You were a nerd in college, and you're certainly not letting up on it now. Even though you didn't take math classes as an undergrad, you probably purchased and brought a graphing calculator to Charlottesville “just in case.” You let everyone in your section know that Civil Procedure is your favorite subject at least ten times a day just because you like feeling like a quirky girl, and only

¹ See every single COPA about 1Ls.

quirky girls like Civ Pro. You are very into highlighters. You also probably have Professor Woolhandler, who is a gem.²

Contracts

We get it. You were in a frat! Granted, you haven't done most of the readings because you've been too hungover from Bilt. But from what you've read so far, Contracts is the best—it's all about *money* and *deals* and *big finance boys* doing *big finance boy things*. You're still not exactly sure why you chose to come to the Law School instead of hitting up the much nicer Darden next door, but hey—surely the rest of law school will be more geared towards transactional and corporate work than litigation, right?

Criminal Law

You might fall into a few different categories: (1) the straight white guy who takes up a quarter of

² Even if Professor Woolhandler taught something as horrid and boring as the Law of Paint Drying, I would literally take it just to hear her say “Groovy!” one more time.

class going on a monologue about how much he hates Justice Scalia's dissent in *Lawrence v. Texas* while everyone else blankly stares into their computer screens; (2) the way-too-eager wannabe prosecutor; or (3) the trying-too-hard-to-seem-above-it-all wannabe defense attorney. Or maybe you're just so grateful that this class only meets twice a week that it's your favorite by default. Either way, you're going to know a lot about *mens rea* by the end of these fifteen weeks... and not much more.

Torts

I actually can't name a single 2L whose favorite class was Torts last year, so this is challenging. Maybe you're a Hufflepuff? And you really like spending time with friends and taking long walks on the beach? Or you're perversely excited by railroad and car accidents? I honestly have such a limited window into your psyche that I can't even make you a snarky listicle entry. For

that I am truly sorry.

LRW

You were Homecoming King/Queen/Other Preferred Royal Title in high school. You're rich, popular, and attractive. You are extremely well-liked but remarkably humble. You have lovers around the world. You actually already have your 1L fall grades back, and they're straight As. People regularly weep at your beauty as you pass them on the street. You are a different breed, a rare specimen—you like LRW.³

I end this article with the classic disclaimer that absolutely nothing I say in the *Law Weekly* should be taken seriously. Still, I hope this article gives all our 1Ls a better sense of the energies they project when they own up to preferring a certain doctrinal class.

³ This one is actually 100 percent not ironic because LRW was arguably my favorite class, and I will stand on that hill until the day I die.

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Some Advice for 1Ls

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Managing Editor



By now, you are all familiar with the word “gunner.”

Among us law students, it refers to something of a selfish, ambitious hermit—and it is generally used in a derogatory fashion. I find this both troubling and informative. It is troubling because we all worked hard to get here and ought to continue working hard so that we make good lawyers. And to deride those who do not rest on their laurels while in law school smacks of envy. But its meaning must be more complex, since 99% of you will work harder than ever before, and few will be referred to as gunners. This is where it becomes informative. The textbook gunner is someone who does all that work for himself, and that is the attitude we rightfully chide. My advice, put simply, is to be a gunner for others.

First, collaborate

with your peers as you learn the law. The great thing about knowledge is that it crosses borders freely—the effort of explaining proximate cause to a classmate conveys something that I have, yet reinforces its value to me. A study group is the way to harness this benefit regularly, but keep them fluid. No one benefits from excluding their classmates, and some of your best partners may only want to join later in the semester.

Second, participate in some extracurriculars that force you to sink or swim with others. Think softball or moot court,¹ though I suppose there are others. If you participate in an actual moot court competition, like many 1Ls do, then your success will be dependent on another person's presentation of a legal issue, often quite separate from your own. While that can be frustrating, it is also a good reminder that we

¹ Or the *Law Weekly*.

always need other people to succeed, law school being no exception.

Third, build a relationship or two with someone in your class who you can lean on when things become overwhelming, as they inevitably will. I am an intensely introverted person, but I was fortunate enough to have people who checked in when I missed class, talked through shared health problems with me, commiserated over the grueling job search, and so much more. You need other people who are experiencing the same discomfort to keep you on the right track. But you only get those relationships if you're not a jerk! The stereotypical gunner is entirely cut off from these basic human connections that make law school a manageable experience.

The first two points of advice I offer speak to the selfish nature of a gunner. And the third point is meant to undermine the hermetical tenden-

cies that many of us have. But what about ambition? Properly oriented, ambition is a virtue in the legal world. Every suggestion I have made requires the initiative and drive that brought you to Virginia Law in the first place. But ambition can easily become a vice, as well. This will be most evident when exams come around. From what I can tell, there is functionally no enforcement mechanism for cheating on these exams. Similarly, when you try out for journals, the time restraints will be self-imposed...² So, the real guardrail lies within. You need to ask yourself what type of lawyer—and

² In defense of the school's policy, it would be incredibly difficult to cheat in a way that would regularly boost performance. This is because the exams cover such a vast amount of material that you cannot authentically answer the questions without knowing what the class is about. So, I respect the school's position, but still think that the exam setup can support my point on honest living.

person—you want to be. And if you do not already desire to go before your friends and family and God as an honest individual, I cannot save you in this article. So, keep that ambition oriented toward good ends, even when temptation abounds.

A gunner for others does not abandon all self-interest—Heaven forbid, I am going into Big Law, after all! But she does recognize that a law student wrapped up in herself makes a pretty small package, indeed. So, work harder than ever before and lean into the suffering that precedes growth. But encourage those around you to do the same, and find that esprit de corps that makes a place like UVA Law so special. With that, I cannot wait to see what the Class of 2026 achieves!

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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 editor@lawweekly.org

1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, et al.

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The Pavilion at North Grounds (aka "Pav")
76 U.Va 1 (2023)

MORSE, C.J., delivers the unanimous opinion of the court.

I.

David and Goliath. Erin Brockovich and PG&E. The 1Ls who won Dandelion playing against the NGS� team. History is replete with examples of the little guy struggling mightily against a significantly larger and more powerful foe. Thankfully, in our system of justice there has existed for some time now a means of pooling the resources of a mass of individuals in the hopes that by their consolidated action, they might obtain a measure of justice which would otherwise be inaccessible to them as individuals. It is a hallmark of our American system of justice, that class actions allow the little guy to win against a malicious foe who, by virtue of his size would otherwise evade justice. This is an honorable and commendable pursuit. That is not the kind of case which we consider today.

Before this Court is a putative class action, brought by a group of plaintiffs comprised of the law students who reside at the Pavilion at

North Grounds (hereinafter, "Pav"). The defendant, Pav, is a multi-story apartment building near UVA's North Grounds. Pav is known to locals by various names, including "The Crown Jewel of Charlottesville," "The Bellagio on Barracks," and "The Modern Monticello." The affection lavished upon this luxury, high-

First, they allege egregious and continued rent increases with no perceptible change in their living accommodations.¹ Indeed, the class representatives have testified at great length that as rent prices have increased, the quality of the facilities has notably decreased. Purported examples from the complaint include the re-

cess TikTok and Uber Eats on demand, and receive luxuries which were unimaginable even ten years ago. For example, plaintiffs allege that the elevator is routinely unavailable and Pav has failed to provide "even the most minimal amount of consistent WiFi or air conditioning."² The temperatures will cool in the

stances which the plaintiffs point to, from water damage, to fire alarms which blare in the middle of the night for no apparent reason, to the fact that the emergency maintenance line is not manned at nighttime, are at best, inconveniences. Try as they might, plaintiffs cannot through legal alchemy transform these petty complaints into actions bearing the force of law.

This Court, for one, is shocked at the betrayal—nay, the **treason**, which class members have engaged in by filing this brazen lawsuit. We will not stand for it, and for reasons we will discuss, this Court must deny class certification and grant Pav's motion for sanctions.

II.

Now we turn to the crux of this case: whether the class of plaintiffs

nificant water damage are all properly understood as AMENITIES. If you want these niceties, you need to specifically contract for them. And a little fungus is good for the soul, after all.

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"To the extent that this class of plaintiffs includes 1Ls, it must fail for this reason alone."

quality apartment complex is well-known and unquestionably justified. Notwithstanding the unimpeachably high character of Pav, the class asserted a variety of actions, sounding in tort, contract, antitrust, and various violations of the Geneva and Hague conventions. Pav challenged class certification, which the district court granted. We review that decision regarding class certification here today. For reasons we will discuss, we will reverse and deny class certification of this group of plainly ungrateful law students.

As background, we will briefly review plaintiffs' threadbare allegations. The class alleges a litany of complaints against Pav.

placement of a "real pool table" in the lobby with "some Hasbro piece of junk made of plastic and cardboard," the coffee machine in the lobby that never works, and that Pav has what can only be described as an "open-door policy" for thieves who snatch Amazon packages.

Second, plaintiffs charge that Pav has failed to provide even basic services which were stipulated in the lease. Of course, most of these "services" are related to Gen Z's desire to be able to ac-

near future, but of course these avocado-toast-eating youths cannot bear to wait a few weeks.

Third, and most galling of all, the class members point to a variety of minor aesthetic deficiencies which they lackadaisically label violations of the "warranty of habitability."³ The in-

² In my day, we had neither. Kids these days.

³ This charge is particularly galling to the Court. Air conditioning and freedom from sig-

¹ The plaintiffs notably fail to point out that following a modest 50 percent increase in parking fees, that Pav installed a state-of-the-art, automated gate to the parking garage. As Pav says, "quality ain't cheap." We couldn't agree more.

Faculty Quotes

J. Mahoney: "Did she break up with you because she realized you were a really bad bet?"

J. Harrison: "I get up every morning and think, is there somebody who I can fix prices with?"

M. Livermore: "How could I possibly say I'm not willing to pay ten dollars to save the lives of a hundred Nebraskans?"

C. Barzun: "What does procured mean? Someone ask Siri. Hey Siri! HEY SIRI! What is the definition of procured?"

J. Duffy: "If the King himself comes up and punches you in the nose, then, under the English system, you're out of luck."


R. Verkerke: "Changing their workers' hours. It's mean, it's bad, but it's just not a violation."

A. Bamzai: "I'm going to talk about the Third Restatement, which doesn't exist yet."

C. Nicoletti: "Here are more words I'm going to put in your mouth: This is communism!"

M. Collins: "It's not like the victim was trying to prevent the delivery of the mail, so they had to be taken out."

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



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continued from page 4 meets the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. These requirements include, among others, sufficient numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy of the class representative. The putative class does not meet these requirements and their motion for class certification must fail.

Pav presents several ironclad arguments in support of its position. First, it objects to the class representative, The Artist formerly known as ANG. Pav protests that it “thought we were friends.” Pav points to the common love of dry-cleaning their T-shirts, the New York Yankees, and ping pong as providing the initial spark in their friendship. Pav correctly notes that while being a Yankees fan does not disqualify you from being a friend, it does seriously bring into question ANG’s judgment to the extent that they cannot be considered of sound mind and body, let alone capable of serving

as a class representative.

We could not agree more.⁴ Second, Pav takes issue with the composition of the class. It correctly points out that, to the extent that this class of plaintiffs includes 1Ls, it must fail for this reason alone. As this Court has said time and time again, 1Ls always lose.⁵ So they must here.

4 Go Orioles.

5 *Students Overwhelmingly Hungry from Undue Nullification of Granted Reward Yums (SOHUNGRY) v. LexisNexis Rewards*, 75 U.Va. 23 (2023). See also *Class of 2021 v. Davies*, 918 U.Va. 34 (2019) (holding that 1Ls have no due process rights to cookies); *1L Gunners And Her Majesty the Queen*, 614 P.J.C.P.C. 913, 50 AM. P. APPS. 344 (2019) (holding that 1Ls may not take the seats of 2Ls or 3Ls); *Snowman v. Student Admin.*, 73 U.Va. 15 (2021); (holding that 1Ls have no rights at all); *1L Gunners v. Everyone Else*, 324 U.Va. 22 (2019) (holding that 1Ls face a higher pleading standard because of the common-sense presumption that 1Ls will misapply the law); *1Ls v. God*, 73 U.Va. 16 (2021) (holding that 1Ls may sue God for an injunction but still must always lose); *1Ls v. 2Ls and 3Ls*, 75 U.Va 6 (2022) (enjoining 1Ls from consuming more than 33.33% of available food

Third and finally, we must admit the general proposition that law students are nerds. And as we all learned in Property, landlords do not owe a warranty of habitability to nerds. We have previously recognized that gunners always lose.⁶ Since nerds are, arguably a subvariant of gunners, the plaintiffs today must also lose.

III.

Above the hallowed halls of this Law School is inscribed: “That those alone may be servants of the law who labor with learning, courage, and devotion to preserve liberty and promote justice.” Today we honor both the solemn mission of this Law School, and the prime directive of this court: to be as petty as possible. We are, and remain, Pav’s most humble and petty servants.

at public events).

6 *2Ls Who Are Way too Eager to Post on LinkedIn v. Literally Everyone Else in the UVA Law School Community*, 75 U.Va 2 (2022).



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HOT BENCH



Noah Coco '26

Interviewed by Andrew Allard '25

Hello Mr. Coco! Welcome to the Hot Bench. And to Charlottesville. Let's start with the usual—where are you from, where did you go for undergrad, and what were you doing before Law School?

I grew up in a small rural town north of Philadelphia called Topton, Pennsylvania. I studied Economics and History at the University of Pittsburgh. Before law school, I was working for a financial technology firm that was building a product for debt contract analysis.

Wonderful! I have been to Topton, and we may well be the only two people in Charlottesville that have. How have you been enjoying your first weeks here at the Law School?

The first few weeks have been great! So much anticipation has been building up over the past year through the entire admissions process. It is exciting to finally be on campus, and UVA Law and its community have certainly been delivering so far.

We love to hear that. Hopefully that feeling won't fade after you're forced to read Penoyer. What would you be doing if you weren't in law school?

I played trumpet when I was younger, and at one point in high school I thought I was going to go to school for musical performance. I used to dream about being a performer on cruise ships or being a studio musician.

Lucky for you, there's plenty of opportunities to face the music here in law school. What's your favorite class so far?

I think Civil Procedure is my favorite class at the moment. The material so far has just seemed to click, and I am really fortunate to have Professor Frost, who has been excellent so far.

What are you doing outside of class that you're most excited about?

I am really looking forward to getting involved in more outdoors activities around Charlottesville. I've gone on a few hikes in the area, and I'd like to keep discovering new places. I'm excited that being in close proximity to Shenandoah will finally give me a good justification for getting a National Parks Pass.

What's your hottest take, law school-related or otherwise?

I am an unashamed Android user.

Have you done anything fun recently in Charlottesville that you would recommend to the Law School community?

I have not had a lot of time to go out exploring yet, but I did just go on my first late-night run to Cook Out on Emmett Street. It's cheap and indulgent, and it hit all the right marks.

Late-night Cook Out is definitely a formative experience. For 2Ls and 3Ls not in the know, they've recently reopened their doors for dining in.

Lightning round! What's your favorite piece of art?

Caravaggio's *The Calling of Saint Matthew*. It's one of those pieces that I could probably spend an embarrassing amount of time viewing.

I wouldn't have

guessed you were a Baroque man, but I respect it. Favorite snack from Student Affairs?

Clif Bars. I've only seen a few, so it's like striking gold.

Yeah, those are hard to come by. I assume they're constantly being swiped by 3L truants for hiking purposes. How do you take your coffee?

Black, as God intended.

Very brave if you're drinking library coffee that way. Which wild animal should be domesticated next?

Assuming they aren't the international cabal discovered by Rick and Morty, squirrels would be fun to domesticate.

In Memory of Tessa Wiseman '24



Message from the Wiseman Family:

Tessa pursued a law degree because she had an innate sense of justice that permeated her whole being. Her work in the immigration sector convinced her that a good lawyer could serve as a powerful advocate for the marginalized.

She chose UVA because she knew that the education she would receive and the people she would meet would set her up to become that advocate.

UVA undoubtedly set her up to accomplish those professional goals. But Tessa found much more at UVA, a family that cared for her well, challenged her appropriately, and created an environment for her to thrive as a scholar and person.

Tessa loved her UVA community so much, and she never missed a chance to talk about her UVA people, faculty, staff, and colleagues alike.

Tessa is no longer physically with us, but her fierce advocacy for deep, meaningful community, lasting justice, and just plain kindness echoes clearly in those she encountered at UVA.



A memorial service for Tessa will be held on September 9, 2023 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the organizations Tessa supported throughout her life. For more information, please visit www.tessawiseman.com/celebrating-tessa.