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By TIM MAGUIRE

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by DONNA RATTLER

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Because the Lawyers' Committee is a well funded organization, they are able to provide a law clerk with a few of the amenities experienced during a typical law firm summer associate program. Present and accessible wining and dining, the interns at the Lawyers' Committee had the opportunity to attend numerous luncheons and events around the city, meeting with public officials, prominent civil rights attorneys and other public interest interns. These experiences varied from attending a cat-fish dinner at Congress, a luncheon at the Washington Sheraton where the Chairman of the Democratic party Ron Brown was the keynote speaker, to a weekly meeting with other public interest interns around the city.

Finally, and certainly not the least of the good things I have to say about the Lawyers' Committee, was the fact that I had the opportunity to meet and work with a bright, cohesive, and yes fun, group of interns hailed from a range of schools including New York University, Harvard University, Columbia University, Yale University and of course Georgetown University. A very impressive list of schools as were the individuals from these respective institutions. I truly believe that a major and perhaps overlooked benefit of any summer internship program is the opportunity to interact with law students from other schools and to gain from the experiences one is exposed, at least in some measure, to the law school experience offered at other institutions. I have learned that though the law school experience is in many ways standard from school to school there are some nice changes. Columbia University, for example, has an excellent public interest program. In this program students select their top three organizational choices and then through some process of which I am not quite certain, they are assigned to work at this organization for summer for which they paid a summer stipend by the University. The students choices thus far have spanned to Switzerland, to course, of course, the Lawyers' Committee. Likewise, Harvard offers a set scholarship amount virtually guaranteed to any student who desires to work in a public interest organization.

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Letter to the GULC Community:

On Thursday morning, October 12, the furniture in the chapel was found in disarray and a small table near the altar was discovered destroyed, literally beyond repair. No one has come forward to admit to the destruction of the property. It seems reasonable to expect that persons who frequent this institution and its facilities will do so with respect both on the part of the property and other persons who wish to use the same facilities.

The janitor. Despite this, when the issue was put to vote, an overwhelming majority of those present approved only a general letter condemning the particular racist incident. However, even this general letter hasn't yet been sent out/released, although it has been four weeks since this vote was taken. P.A.D. was told that the general letter has been drafted and is awaiting approval.

Although it is important to determine the facts and issues before joining the herd, when there is overtly racist or sexist behaviour, the particular incident should be immediately and forthwith condemned. Passive tolerance (via general platitudes and incantations) only serves to encourage and breed such behaviour. It's time to enter the new century with a clear determination to treat all people alike (irrespective of their gender, gene pool, etc.). This will be especially important in a century in which male caucusing will be in the minority.

Dinkar Surajodvara, 1L

In the near future Campus Ministry will publish updated information on the use of the chapel. In the meantime, we will ask everyone in the GULC community to continue to respect the space and furnishings of the chapel with the respect due to common property and to please refrain from rearranging the furniture as well as eating, drinking or smoking in the chapel. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

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"Housing Now!" What Is Happening to America?

By MARY MORAN

Recently while walking by Union Station I saw a family of five, mother, father, three children. Everyone was laughing. As the father focused the camera, the mother squatted, "Take the picture dear." Their young child was pointing at something. I looked and saw that they were laughing at a distraught man in tattered clothes carrying a cardboard box as he wandered across the busy street. Amazed, I interrupted their festive mood with the earth shattering proclamation, "He is a human being." I felt foolish but I knew I would feel worse if I had kept silent. I hoped to shame those parents for teaching their child to laugh at those materially less fortunate than themselves. As I walked away, I wondered what was happening to America. Have we become a nation that doesn't care about the weaker members of our society?

Last Sunday, I joined thousands of others in the "Housing Now!" march. The march was for all Americans, both with and without housing. It was about whether or not America is willing to ensure housing for the working poor and their families. It was about the severely disabled, for those too weak to make it on their own. If America is willing, then housing for all can be accomplished. If America is not willing, then America is no longer strong because America's strength has always been in her people.

The march was a positive experience. Americans from diverse geographical, political, economic, religious, and social groups peacefully assembled to voice their demand of housing now to their elected representatives. My shaky belief in the common sense and intelligence of the American population was strengthened and renewed. The crowd had little patience for the Hollywood stars or the nonsense of a certain mayor. Eloquent speakers included Cornelia Scott King, Gov. Celeste of Ohio, Jesse Jackson, and other civic and religious leaders.

There were special moments. A homeless child read a letter to President Bush. Jon Voight read a letter written by a single mother described the difficulties of raising a family alone. Steve Wonder sang a song written especially for the march. Tracy Chapman sang beautifully "Fast Car," "Revelation" and a new song "All That You Have Is Your Soul." A particularly eloquent speaker was a Vietnam Vet who addressed the crowd in both English and Spanish. He came back from Vietnam with a drug addiction. He was married and raising a family until he came under the influence of AIDS. He described being beaten up in shelters because he had AIDS. He didn't understand how his country could ignore his plea for help after he had risked his life for his country.

Earlier I stated the belief that all Americans now is in the will to solve homelessness and it can be accomplished. Skeptics will say that we can't afford the cost. But earlier generations faced and met far greater challenges. Some said it was impossible to pull out the savings and loan industry, allocate HUD money to well-connected scum-buckets and fund Star Wars re-search. Presently we are considering repealing the capital gains tax.

The issue is one of priorities. If housing for all Americans is important enough the method of financing is of secondary importance. If Americans aren't seriously concerned about homelessness than any excuse for not solving the problem will suffice.

President Eisenhower explained the dilemma. He said, "We need an adequate defense, but every arm that we spend above adequacy has a long term effect upon the nation and its security... Even that gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a thief from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are naked and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money for peace, but to create victims and victims and more victims." People are expected to bal-
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LAW, HEALTH AND BIOETHICS:

By TIM MAGUIRE

A student organization on Law, Health, and Bioethics has been founded at GULC this year. The organization follows soon after the establishment of a joint degree, J.D. and Masters in Public Health, between Johns Hopkins University.

First year students, Kathryn Wilber and Joyce Wald, jointly formed the organization in recognition of a need to explore health issues as relating to the law. Early organizational meetings of the group have been attended by over 40 students. The organizers of the group state, "Both students and faculty have demonstrated strong interest in this area and have offered excellent ideas on programs which we might have."

Bioethical issues are those arising from technological advances that challenge previously held moral assumptions. These are often "life or death" issues such as ownership of frozen embryos, prenatal diagnosis, and the right to die at the terminally ill, as well as such areas as genetic engineering. Public health issues often concern the allocation of resources and determining who will have access to medical treatment. General health policy issues such as AIDS testing, catastrophic health insurance, national health insurance, and treatment for babies addicted to crack have gained wide publicity recently.

"It's been estimated that five out of every six dollars paid for a new car can be traced to health care costs and design to minimize injury," faculty member Dr. Betty Block recently said, in describing the extent to which public health issues impact everyone. Block is advisor to the law, health, and bioethics student group and director of the J.D./M.P.H. Program.

The present year is considered an especially appropriate time to start a public health and bioethics group both because of the new presence on the faculty of Dr. Block (a lawyer and physician) and because of the first signs of growth in the joint-degree program. In addition to the joint law and public health degree, Michael Valero has joined last year's sole member, Clare Feinson, in pursuing a joint law and public health degree. Dean Judith Aron has also expressed the group's support.

As co-editor of the textbook on Law, Science, and Medicine, she has a special interest in the subject matter. "There are a number of administrative and faculty members who contribute to students' knowledge in this area," a member of the student group points out, mentioning recent scholarship at the law center on such issues as property rights of embryos and surrogate motherhood. Dean Areen recently added that because of its proximity to both Capitol Hill and the National Institute of Health, "Georgetown is ideally situated for a student with an interest in public health." Both faculty members and students contacted believe that such an interest will not be confined to students in the joint-degree program.

The J.D./M.P.H. program is a demanding and necessarily small 4-year program involving residence at Johns Hopkins at Baltimore and academic study during the summer following the first year at Georgetown. However, Joyce Wald believes that legal employment opportunities in public health are not limited to those students who possess both a master's and a law degree. Job opportunities are increasing in both the public and private sector. As such, one of the aims of the student organization is to inform students of these opportunities and to help them take advantage of them.

The formation of student organizations along career lines is a relatively new phenomenon at Georgetown and one which shows signs of continued growth.
RED SKIN UPDATE

By TOM McCONNIVELL

While not all readers may agree on which sport should be covered this time of year, one thing seems to be a certainty: that the Law Weekly's rival newspaper in the District will be covering one sport, and one sport alone. Of course, the only source of sporting news in this town is Redskins football. This writer feels obliged to present a view contrary to those expressed by those other daily publications. Thus, for this article, let's Redskins bash, shall we.

The pending question in every Washingtonian's mind nowadays revolves around the quarterback controversy brewing at 'Skins' camp: will Doug Williams be given his old job back as starting QB, or will Mark Rypien get the nod? For this writer, the "QB controversy" question begs a much more important one: who cares? Let's face it - the Redskins aren't that good. What's their record anyhow? Come on - they've blown games in the final minutes too often to be considered serious contenders. Whichever athlete is chosen to lead the Redskins, the results are a foregone conclusion.

And another thing: why do adult individuals feel the need to dress like swine? Does this help the team? Or are these individuals actually desirous of being identified as pigs? For my money, though, there are few things that make me laugh louder than seeing those fog-fat bozos on national television, announcing to the entire United States that our nation's capital is comprised of pigs. And no wonder the bureaucracy is so bad.

Finally, it amazes me that football can command so much media attention in a town that provides the rest of the nation with its lead stories. Who really cares if the Redskins made a roster move to activate another punter? What difference does it make that Dexter Manley feels badly for the opposition's starting tackle? How often can the referees, the playing conditions, and every other element over which the Redskins don't have control, rob the Redskins of victory? Really, when will the media in D.C. come to grips with the fact that every Redskins' loss cannot be blamed on someone outside the organization?

Sure, there were a number of sport's leads that could have been covered: college football, the World Series; hockey season. Yet, when a reporter identifies a story that needs to be told, that reporter has an obligation to put it in print. So, while it may come back as a shock to the vast majority of Washingtonians, this writer is compelled to draw his conclusions thusly: the sun will rise and set even if the Redskins don't win another game. Life will go on. They say the first step to recovery is identifying your problem. Stand up, Redskins fans, and say it: "I'm a Washingtonian, and I'm addicted to the Redskins." Help will follow shortly.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

[Diagram of a day in the life, showing activities like wake up, work, eat, sleep, and relax.]

Bar Review

Arlington Cinema and Draftshouse

By JOANNE CONTE KATHY FRANCO

We'd like to begin this week by thanking the reader who left a note in Joanne's box. We will duplicate the comments and will surely check out the places suggested.

Although you may think that the Nats are only for lovers and townhouses, lively nightlife does exist. One great spot is the Arlington Cinema and Draft House on Columbia Pike, (for those of you who live closer to Maryland, try the Bethesda Cinema and Draft House on Wisconsin Ave.) Admission is $3.00, $1.00 on Mondays.

As the name suggests, the Arlington Cinema and Draft House is a giant movie theater with rows and uncomfortable seats that serves food and drinks. There are small tables and cushioned lounge chairs set up on different levels in the massive room of the old movie house. Because of this setup and the oversized movie screen (this is no dinky AMC theater screen), there's not a bad seat in the house except for right in the front. If you get there late, that's where you'll have to sit. The movies that are shown there are not first run releases, but instead are films that have been in theaters for a while. There are two showings nightly so check local newspapers for movie times and titles, as they change weekly.

The menu consists mainly of appetizer-type finger food like nachos, chicken wings, potato skins and of course, popcorn. Burgers and lite sandwiches are also served. Drink prices are average at about $6.50 a pitcher, and $2.50 for mixed drinks.

We stress serve food and drinks before and during the movie, but not afterwards. A good place to go after the movie is Whitey's on Washington Boulevard. But, don't expect too much. In fact don't expect anything but cheap beer and slightly dirty glasses. Oh, and don't wear a suit or anything too nice or you'll stick out like a sore thumb. Whitey's is a very casual, down to earth bar. It's small, with vinyl booths and tables in one half, and a long bar in the other. The bathrooms are dirty, and it's pretty dark and smoky, but the local people and bartender are very friendly.

Food is served and there is a drink special on Mondays ($1.25 long noks, Chicken Monday, spaghetti Tuesday, all you can eat. It's a no frills bar with no frills people, much like the Tune In on Capital Hill.

Unlike the Tune In, though, live performances of the form of folk singers, guitarists and comedians, is provided by Whitey's on weekend nights. Open mike night is also a lot of fun. Those who sign up get ten minutes to perform for the crowd in the hopes of being invited back by the management for a whole night. There's also a dart board and a dart board, but the competition is fierce. So, if you're tired of D.C. bars with D.C. prices go to Arlington a try this week or at least soonest time.
Movie Review
In Country
by MARIE CILENTI

Bruce Willis ("Moonlighting") plays a small-town Viet-
name soldier in a troubling depiction of the post-Viet-
nam phenomenon in America, Emily Lloyd ("Wish You Were Here") plays his fiery niece who ques-
tions Willas, unsuccessfully, throughout the movie about the rel-
ations of the tribulations of war, and specifically about her fath-
er's death. Lloyd's questions are repeatedly answered with "You will never understand" and "Let it alone." And that ab-
to sum up the plot of this ter-
ribly canned and overly stylized film.

The characters seem stereotypical, the relationships are su-
erficial and unde-
developed, the dialogue is bor-
ing and predictable and the act-
ing is overdone. The film
attempts to depict the life of
Vietnamese veterans in America
today; however, the characters
are so vague that I did not leave the movie with any new insight
into the experiences and diffi-
culties of a Vietnam war veter-
ian. Perhaps there are some objec-
tives a film can never achieve.

Nonetheless, I cried at vari-
ous parts throughout the
movie and incessantly at the
end. I am unsure whether to
credit the movie for its obvious "sappy" success or to simply
acknowledge the incredibly moving subject matter. I would
be hard-pressed to argue that I was not moved as Lloyd ser-
ched for some reason for her
father's death and repeatedly
received a knowing look of si-
ence, a look that clearly said "We don't talk about his death
or the war." Nor that I was
not moved as Lloyd read her fath-
er's diary and was confronted
with some of his less benevo-
 lent thoughts regarding the
VietCong. But it is the movie's en-
 ding, the ultimate realization
and acceptance of this young
 man's death by his mother, his
 brother and his daughter, at the
Vietnamese Veterans Memorial
which really enabled Norman
Jewison to play the reality and
the sadness for all it was worth.

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Kettle of Bedlam
by JOE ATKINS

I need help. I'm just starting
to come to grips with the fact
that I'm a compulsive record-
buyer. This is an expensive ad-
dition which my checkbook is
equipped to handle. I just
went out to two record stores and
dropped over a hundred
dollars on nine albums. Ev-
every month the credit card bill
comes in and I'm dumbfounded
at how much I spend. Tower
Records and Olson's Books
and Records are my major tor-
masters. (Olson's is in-
cidentally the best store of any
kind in Washington.) I have
made the trek out to Falls
Church to the Record Con-
vergence, to Silver Spring to
Vinyl Ink, and to Rockville
to Yesterday and Today.

Here's what I just bought:
Public Image Limited's First
Edition (1976), the debut
Birthday Party EP (1980), Captain
Beefheart's Lost My Decals Off,
Baby (1970), John Coltrane's
Giant Steps (1960) and A Love
Supreme (1964), Pere Ubu's
Dub Housing (1978), Meat Pup-
pet's brand new Monsters
(1989), Barbara Leaf's From
the Lead's to the Grave (1989),
and Booker T. and the MG's
best of collection (1968). The
sad thing is, I really do need all
of these records. I just have
to own every great record I can.
I lay my hands on regardless of how
popular or obscure, recent or
dated, cheap or expensive. This
goes for all the styles of music I've
developed. I've been that I need to
start replacing
selling my beat-up LPs with CD's.

Things got really bad when I
bought Lester Bangs' Psychedelic
Reactions and Carburetor
Dung, the new Trouser Press
Record Guide and the Rolling
Stone Jazz Record Guide.
Bugs is of course only the
best rock critic who ever lived.
Record and concert reviews were
all he wrote, but he could also
be one of the greatest of the
eral journalists of the modern age.
Unfortunately, he died in 1982 in his
early 30's. He was very much the
equal of Hunter S. Thompson, in
both writing and substance abuse, but
not nearly as mis-

mainstream rock and reviews
about 6,200 records by 1,100
bands. It has no rating system
but offers helpful criticism and
information on band personnel,
history, and discography. The
Rolling Stone guide reviews
about 4,000 currently available jazz
records and assigns them a
crating from 1 to 5 (indicating no
smoking in 30). Shakespeare's Titus

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**Library**
In October, the Library will be offering training to first year students in the Westlaw and Lexis computer assisted legal research systems. Sign-up for classes will begin Monday, September 25 at the Reference Desk in the Reading Room. The two-hour classes will combine lecture and hands-on experience. Each student will have his or her own terminal. Westlaw classes will be held from October 2 through 15th, and Lexis classes from October 17th through 28th.

**LA ALIANZA del DERECHO Upcoming Events**
Please come to a general meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 3:30. We will discuss, inter alia, the Hispanic National Bar Association Conference on October 20-21. Also, and most importantly, come to HAPPY HOUR, Friday, October 20 at El Torito in Georgetown Park. Georgetown 4:30-7:30.

**Du Pont**
Interested in politics now, or when you get out of school? If so you must attend the “Law, Politics and Government Service” conference with former Republican presidential candidate Pete DuPont, to be held on November 2, at 2:30 p.m., in room 105. The event will be co-sponsored by Career Services and the Republican National Lawyers Association.

**Current Local Address:** All students are urged to update their biographical information to insure that we have your current local address and telephone number for future mailings. If you have an office number, please give us that, too.

**Transcripts:** The interview season is here. 48 hours notice for a transcript request is appreciated.

**Announcement**
The Dean’s Office is pleased to announce that the GULC Free Shuttle Service will be inaugurated Monday, October 2nd. The Shuttle Service will initially operate weekdays, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Beginning at the start of the hour, it will run between McDonough Hall (2nd Street), the Williams Library (handicapped access ramp), the Union Station Metro stop, and the GULC Rental Offices at 25 E Street approximately every 15 minutes. Riders must show their Georgetown University ID, to board the Shuttle. This service is open to all G.U. students, faculty and staff.

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G.U.L.C. Dining proudly announces the opening of the G.U.L.C. Pub Thursday, October 12, 1989, 4:30 p.m. Operating hours will be: 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Featuring on tap Guinness Stout, Bass Ale, Rolling Rock, Almaden White, Almaden Blush. Everyone welcome! Gala opening.

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