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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES CONTINUE U. Va. HOSTS GASMAN AND REDPATH ZYWICKI, BOLICK ADDRESS LAW STUDENTS

By James W. Lark III

The following report highlights the efforts during the past two months by Virginia libertarians to promote the libertarian philosophy and the Party on college campuses.

University of Virginia

During the spring semester to date, Students for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.), the largest educationally oriented group within The Liberty Coalition, has sponsored speeches by Lawrence Gasman (senior fellow, Cato Institute) on Feb. 4 and William Redpath (Center for Voting and Democracy) on Feb. 25. WINA radio and the Charlottesville Business Journal covered the Gasman event. Several students as part of a news writing course at U. Va. attended the Redpath event. S.I.L. has published two issues of the S.I.L. Bulletin during the semester.

The Hayek Society of the U. Va. School of Law sponsored an address by Todd Zywicki (law professor at George Mason University) on Jan. 27 concerning the role of tradition in the constitutional jurisprudence of Justices Souter and Scalia. It also

sponsored an address by Clint Bolick (Institute for Justice) on Feb. 17 concerning school choice and urban empowerment. Several students have expressed an interest in re-energizing Students for the Second Amendment (SFSA) and Law Students for the Second Amendment.

Other Campuses

The effort to build a group at Mary Washington College has been re-energized. At a meeting organized by Jeremy Weiland and Becca Geiger on Feb. 16 students were very enthusiastic about building a group.

In the aftermath of a meeting of LPVA members in the Blacksburg area on January 22, a group may be organized at Virginia Tech in the near future.

"Those fighting for free enterprise and free competition do not defend the interests of those rich today. They want a free hand left to unknown men who will be the entrepreneurs of tomorrow".

- Ludwig von Mises

EVENT CALENDAR

HARRY BROWNE TO VISIT VIRGINIA - RECEPTIONS SCHEDULED

Plan to Attend

Harry Browne is coming to Virginia and Maryland to promote his probable 2000 presidential bid. He will be appearing in Richmond, VA on Thursday, April 22nd, Baltimore on Friday, April 23rd, and Northern Virginia on Saturday, April 24th. There will be a reception in each of these areas starting at 7:00PM and running to 9:30PM. The exact locations are yet to be announced. Invitations with the details will be mailed shortly. If you would like to attend one of these events please call the Harry Browne 2000 reservation line at 888-932-2694.

Campaign Rally 99

Fredericksburg - April 17 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. All are welcome. Learn how campaigns are run. 2007 Plank Road at the

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Why the Fairfax County Campaigns are Important to You

By Paul E. Gagnon

Many Libertarians are asking: "why should I care about a local campaign in a county so far from me and how could such a little race be of importance?" It may amaze you to know that if Fairfax County were a city, it would be 11th in population in the U.S. That's bigger than Boston or Atlanta and is the biggest jurisdiction in Virginia. With nearly a million citizens, an average household income of \$72,000, and the second highest concentration of technology firms in the country, Fairfax is a potential gold mine for Libertarian outreach. Over 1800 citizens voted for Harry Browne in the last election!

Fairfax County will spend \$1.9 billion in the 1999 county budget. That's more than seven states in the Union! Do you think they need Libertarians to cut spending and taxes? That is why I am running for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and why my wife Johna Good Gagnon is running for Soil and Water. Countywide campaigns will allow us to reach thousands of affluent voters. We will try new ways of campaigning, fund raising, and most importantly developing a level of professionalization (even though we are volunteers) in politics that will serve us during the next presidential election and our year 2000 statewide races. That is why we are asking for your help, your donations, and your vote. To help Paul and Johna Gagnon, contact Irene Carpenter at 703-893-3150
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EVENTS (from Page 1)

Heavenly Ham Restaurant, on Va. Rte. 3 about one half mile east of I-95. The food is good and the

information will be useful. You need not be a candidate or campaign manager to attend and you may arrive and depart at your convenience. See **From the Chair** on page 4 for additional info.

PATRICK HENRY SUPPER CLUB (Richmond)

April 6 - The fourth 1999 meeting of the Patrick Henry Supper Club will be held Tuesday, April 6. Dinner is at 6:00PM and the meeting begins at 7:00PM, at the Morrison's Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian Turnpike in Richmond. Tom Gordon, Director of *Forfeiture Endangers American Rights* (FEAR) will be the featured speaker. For more info about FEAR: <tomgordon@erols.com> or 202-546-4381 or FEAR888-001.

MAY 4 - Tanya S. Kangas, Esq., Director of Litigation for The NORML Foundation, will speak to the PHSC. For those who don't know, NORML is the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Ms. Kangas' work puts her on the cutting edge of the reform movement in the legal arena. For more information about the NORML Foundation, a message to Ms Kangas will get forwarded to the appropriate desk:
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THE BIG ONE ! STATE CONVENTION (Richmond)

AUG 7, The Libertarian Party of Virginia StaCon-99, the biennial state convention, will be a preview of presidential nomination contenders, and policy amendments. The Convention Committee Chairman is:

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The location is not yet firm, but will likely be at one of the following hotels: Omni Richmond, Marriott, or The Jefferson. Proposed speakers include an economist, a climatologist, drug policy reform leaders, and people who have been injured by actions of the Leviathan State. Mark your calendar now.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Information on the Tidewater Supper Club can be obtained by phoning 703-715-6230.

The Future of Freedom Foundation and The Vienna Coffee Club have regular functions in Fairfax County. Phone 703-934-6101, or visit their web site at
www.fff.org/freedom/daily/ for specifics.

The LP of the Blue Ridge meets the third Sunday of every month at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Route 50 East, Winchester.

"When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators".

- P.J. O'Rourke

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Forum@LPVA.com -- Discussions of policy and principle of interest to LP members; or
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FROM THE CHAIR

This year is shaping up to be the LPVA's best in growth, creating a political presence, and fielding candidates. Members are organizing new affiliates, the media are approaching the party asking for our opinions, and LP members are stepping forward from all around the commonwealth wanting to run, or help a candidate run.

The long awaited groundswell is on the horizon and the LPVA leadership wants to provide the means for you to be part of it. On April 17 the LPVA will be sponsoring a campaign seminar - Campaign Rally 99 - in Fredericksburg. The purpose of the seminar is to provide interested members information on how to run in Virginia, or how to help in a campaign. If you are considering a

candidacy, or would like to find a role for yourself in supporting a campaign, please attend.

We will have speakers and panelists who have experience with Virginian LP campaigns. Topics should include candidate's responsibilities, duties of the treasurer, ballot access requirements, what has worked and hasn't, etc... There is no fee for this service and I hope to see you there.

I want to take a moment to thank Paul Gagnon for his immense service to the LPVA in publishing Virginia Liberty over the past few years. Stew Engel has stepped forward to assume this duty in order to allow Paul to focus on his own campaign. To both I wish much success in their endeavors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to help organize Henrico County LP meetings. Any Henricoans interested in spinning off and starting a LOCAL LP affiliate please contact:

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Also needed are volunteers to do the same for other localities within the Richmond area: Hanover County, and cities of Richmond, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg.