

The Throne



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Nuggets from the University Archives; or, Times of Yore

Welcome, future alumni! If you'd been a first-year student during much of the twentieth century, you'd be wearing a beanie right now. Known as duc-as in introductory courses—caps, these were an essential part of a freshman's attire, both on campus and in the

Williamsburg community. You'd also have to attend all athletic home games and convocations and learn all the College songs and yells (but you'd want to do that anyway). Failure to observe the duc rules meant punishment by upperclassmen. Aren't you glad it's 2010?



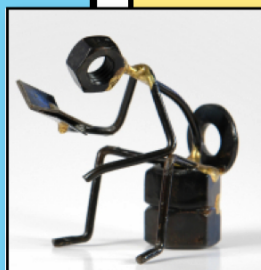
Fifteen Seconds of Fame

While you were off for the summer, your friends at Swem were busy making life just a little bit

more interesting. We've installed five electronic display stations around the library: one in the Read & Relax area and one off the lobby (both with TVs), and one each on the first, second, and third floors. These digital signs show headline news, sports scores, weather, and library announcements; but we want to make these personal. A quick email with attached photo of you or your friends in or around Swem could mean your face in living color for the world (or at least the part that comes to Swem) to see. Email swedigital@wm.edu and, as they say, we'll get back to you.

Can't I Get It All in One Place?

Well, pretty much. The Throne is thrilled to be the first to introduce you to Summon, a new "discovery tool" mega database that searches like Google but gives you good stuff like items from Swem's own library catalog and unique items from Special Collections, not to mention journal and newspaper articles from hundreds of our databases. One search and voilà! You'll hear more about this new resource, but we couldn't wait to tell you about Summon as soon as you got back. Click on the link from the Swem home page. You'll be glad you did.



Somewhere a Tree is Smiling

Last spring, almost 79% of you asked, and IT listened. Continuing a pilot project begun in the summer, IT has programmed the printers on the first and second floors not to print cover sheets, those initial

pieces of paper that precede print jobs. Last year about 8,000

cover sheets—that's about 340 pounds of paper—ended up in the Swem recycle bins WEEKLY. As an FYI that has nothing to do with cover sheets: print costs have risen from five cents to seven cents per page.



We're Number 8!

According to the latest Princeton Review of The Best Colleges, Swem Library is 8th on the Best College Library list, while W&M students are 12th on the Happiest Students list.

Let's work together for higher rankings. Students, read The Throne to get even happier.

Remember:

Don't get your knickers in a lather. Cheer up with Swem's bathroom blather!

Your perusal we'll be thanking
When it leads to a higher ranking.

Hey, Princeton Review, how about a list for best college bathroom newsletter?

Do you have any suggestions for the editors of The Throne? Email us at throne@wm.edu.