

BEST OF WILLIAMSBURG



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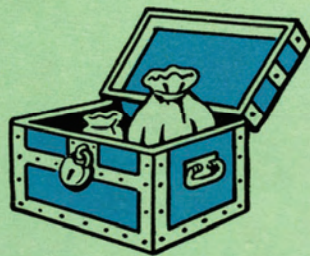
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PLACES



LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT

A replica Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's Supreme Court chamber now resides in the Special Collections Wing of Swem Library.



BEST RENOVATION

Anyone who was around campus pre-2002 remembers a very different **Earl Gregg Swem Library** than the one we see today. The drab green color scheme and yellowish lighting made for a less than inviting study environment. Swem now offers both comfort and convenience for research and studying, with wireless Internet throughout the building, more public access computers, more desks and tables for studying and comfortable chairs and couches perfect for the occasional between-classes nap. After an extended hiatus, the 24-hour study lounge has returned and is better than ever with the return of the Swem Starbucks. — *kt*

BEST ACADEMIC BUILDING

Take notes, builders of Morton. No building on old campus (or anywhere on campus, for that matter) can match the simple aesthetic quality of **James Blair Hall**. The old-world feel, comforting deep green walls, beautiful chandeliers, soothing spaces and sleek tiled floors make this by far the campus' best architectural offer. Some of the classrooms could be improved, especially the carpets (I am looking at you, 221), but these are minor quibbles. Party on, Blair. — *sc*

Mortgage Value — \$3,637,800

WORST ACADEMIC BUILDING (OTHER THAN MORTON)

Oh **Millington Hall**. Home to many students, professors, rats, plants, bacteria, molds ... Millington is in despicable condition. The dark, dingy hallways give the building a dungeon-like feeling, and the lack of necessary items for learning, like desks and chalk, provide a humbling atmosphere while instilling an underlying fury in those who call Millington home. The hulking, grumbling boiler located outside of Millington is the icing on the cake. No one knows when it will be gone; no one asks for fear of discovering that it might become a permanent fixture. Only Mortonites understand. — *ms*

BEST BATHROOM

How many bathrooms have plants? The tasteful décor and nice smell of **Blair's bathrooms** earn them a well-deserved place as the College's nicest bathrooms. Sure, it doesn't offer The Throne, but their consistent cleanliness and well-stocked supplies give Blair a quality all its own. The convenient shelves and mirrors make primping easy and provide a nice place to leave your backpack. Blair's bathrooms really do have it all. — *en*

WORST BATHROOM

Have you ever had a senior citizen proposition you in a bathroom? If you answered no, and don't want to see that happen, avoid the **Campus Center bathrooms**. The dark, scary cell-block-style restrooms aren't worth it anyway. If you don't have any other options, use the third floor: that's where the important people do their business. — *ds*

Mortgage — \$25



IRENE ROJAS + THE FLAT HAT

The best bathroom on campus is the located in Blair Hall on the first floor. The multitude of plants create a soothing and homey atmosphere atypical of other bathrooms on campus.

BEST OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Looking to leave behind the limited living space of the dorm? Look no further than the townhouses of **James Square**. Offering high quality, spacious housing at a reasonable cost, the landlords are student-friendly, expedient with repairs and even have an open pet policy. Located on Jamestown Road, just past the 7-11, James Square is close to campus and is conveniently situated across from the Colony Square shopping center, which houses the Coffee Beanery and The Fresh Market. — *kt*

BEST ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Tucked away in the Randolph Complex, **Cabell Hall** holds 14 quad apartments that are almost as hot a ticket as the Lodges during Lottery. They offer both the roominess of an off-campus apartment and the convenience of being a two-minute walk from the UC, the Caf, and new campus. Giving you more space than a dorm room but more intimacy than a Lodge, Cabell is a great option if you want to cook your own meals, have friends stay over on weekends and sleep till five minutes before your first class. — *lp*



PEOPLE AND HISTORY

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE

Ever asked a grocery store employee where something is, and they point in some random direction, leaving you to wander the store just as confused as you were before? Ever had too many groceries to carry on your own? Not only does **Ukrop's** take you to a product if you ask, they bag and carry your groceries for you. Seriously, watch them protest if you want to carry them yourself. It beats bagging your own groceries in the Food Lion self-check out lanes any day. — *lp*

Mortgage — \$2.99 with coupon

WORST CUSTOMER SERVICE

Ordering **Domino's** pizza on flex points spells s-l-o-w service. But don't blame them entirely; blame Dining Services too. Because Dining Services mandates that Domino's wait until 7 p.m. to process flex point orders, Domino's is inundated with orders at this time, meaning that students are forced to wait hours for their food. Dining Services does enough price gouging. Let us order our pizza when we want, so that we can get to eat it before it gets cold. — *cb*

Mortgage — 9.17 Flex Points



BEST KEPT CAMPUS SECRET

It turns out that the recently constructed Tyler family statue garden holds a nice little surprise. If you position yourself exactly at the middle of the place and whisper or yell — depending on your mood — facing the building, a mysterious echo can be heard. What makes the "**Blair echo**" fascinating is that only the person situated at the middle can hear the echo while others remain completely oblivious. So next time you cut across this path don't forget to give the echo a try. — *as*

Mortgage — \$5



LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT

Ukrop's Super Markets are well known for their friendly customer service. They are the only grocery store in Williamsburg that will bring your groceries out to your car for you.



IREEN ROJAS AND LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT
Stand in just the right spot between Blair and these statues for the best-kept campus secret.

BEST KEPT COMMUNITY SECRET

The **Nawab takeout buffet** is an easy way to sample the many Indian items they have to offer. At \$4.25 a pound, it's also a great option for a busy student on the go. From the tandoori chicken to the baked naan to the rice pudding, it's hard to go wrong. When the menu at the UC doesn't look too promising, or you've already had pizza three times this week, get take out and save it for dinner. — *dp*

Mortgage — \$4.25 per pound

BEST GRADUATION SPEAKER

When it comes to selecting a Commencement speaker, it's hard to find someone who will appeal to a large group of people with various interests. Ideally, a Commencement speaker needs to possess a number of key qualities including intelligence, a sense of humor, good public speaking skills, notable life experiences and the potential to give the class of 2005 memorable advice for the future. If The Flat Hat were to pick this year's commencement speaker, which we are not, our vote would go to former Secretary of State **Colin Powell**. — *ei*

BEST GHOST STORY

As the story goes, **Lady Skipwith** lost one red shoe while fleeing from the sight of her husband and her sister locked in an embrace at a ball at the Governor's Palace. Your chances of encountering her ghost are high, but it requires some participation on your part. With a red shoe in hand, a full moon in the sky, and your friends in tow, knock on the door of Wythe House at midnight. Recite twice: "Lady Skipwith, Lady Skipwith, we have your red shoe." Then listen.... — *dp*



BEST TRADITION

Next to being on your own for the first time, one fear shared by many new students is their freshman roommate. However, there are some students who choose to live with their freshman roommate again. Some even stay together all four years. Although they come to school knowing nearly nothing about each other, these extraordinary pairings click and become friends, confidants and alter egos of each other. President Sullivan congratulates these compatible roommates with a lunch every spring. This special **four-year roommate luncheon** is one of President Sullivan's unique traditions that he began shortly after his term began in 1992. — *ei*

WORST TRADITION

Yuck. **Jumping into the Crim Dell** is bold and thrilling, if you think swimming in filthy, grimy trash-ridden waters gives you bragging rights. I think it's about time to edit a tradition. This third of the triathlon is dangerous. We have so many great traditions at the College that I think we can come up with something new that doesn't involve so much personal risk. — *ms*

Mortgage —
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Last Update: December 16, 2004
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Interested In: Women
Relationship Status: In a Relationship
Political Views: Liberal
Interests: Unitarianism, Wren Building, Violin, Cello, Architecture, Design, Gadgets
Favorite Music: Palace Musicals
Favorite Books: Petronius, The Satyrice

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Waste hours and hours of time making friends while sitting alone in your dorm room.

Past Winners:

Best 2004: Sleep
Worst 2004: Checking away messages

Best 2003: Play Cranium
Worst 2003: Google yourself

Best 2002: Take a ghost tour
Worst 2002: Checking away messages



BEST AND WORST TIME WASTER

Created in February 2004, **The Facebook** is an Internet directory that connects students from colleges throughout the country. It allows members to create a profile, share a picture of themselves and important information like their screen name, sexual preference and relationship status. How could this forum for self expression and stalking not be fun? With features such as poking, friending and messaging, and with answers on their Frequently Asked Questions page like "I'm going to pretend you didn't just ask that" and "We thought it would be fun to make a feature that has no specific purpose," it is no surprise that The Facebook has caught on like it has. Facebook has proven itself simultaneously the best and worst timewaster on this campus. —ss

BEST STUDY SPOT

Signs adorn several of the **academic libraries** inside the College's academic buildings, including Blair's philosophy library, saying something like, "Discussion here takes priority over independent study." Yeah, yeah. There's hardly ever a rowdy discussion over Kantian transcendentalism here, leaving students free to read and study in peace. If you have to do a group study session, experience has shown that voice levels in academic libraries are reasonable and people respect the "library" atmosphere. Now if only dorm rooms, the Grind or Swem could be so comfy and quiet. —sc

WORST STUDY SPOT

The Daily Grind is great for a lot of things — amazing coffee, silky smoothies, unbeatable baked goods — but people looking to study should find somewhere else. From the music to competing conversations to the annoying chess-playing guys who sit in the quiet room, the Grind is even more distracting than the basement of the University Center. The Grind is where you go when you want to look at the pages and not really *read* them. — ds

Mortgage — D+

Community Chest
RECEIVE FOR SERVICES \$25



WORST HOOK-UP SPOT

We know that somewhere out there, someone's already done it. But please, spare the rest of us and do not hook up on **the center platform in the newly redone UC Center Court**. Sure, everyone can see you, adding a little spice to the lives of those exhibitionist couples out there. But the rest of us are trying to eat. There are plenty of other, non-food related places to strut your couple affection. Use them. — en

Mortgage — \$25

BEST HOOK-UP SPOT

You might say, "No way, [this other place] is way better for scoring." There's only one reason why **Small Hall's Physics Library** is the best place for smooching and such: nobody knows about it. Discounting the two hard-working physics students on campus, the physics library is completely deserted. Even though William and Mary students can be found studying late Friday nights, there is not a single one is in this love nest. Take my advice ... try the upstairs. What upstairs, you say? Exactly my point. —sc



LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT

A recent addition to the UC, this seemingly useless pedestal is a poor place to snog.

Hook-up Spot Runners Up

The Good	The Bad	The Desperate	Past Winners
Ewell practice rooms Tucker theater The Meridian swing	Study lounges Swem study rooms Barrett cupola	Laundry rooms Millington 150 Your room, with your roommate there	Crim Dell Your room Zable Stadium

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

BEST COMING ATTRACTION

This July 4, **Consolidated Theatres** is set to open a state-of-the-art 12 screen movie theater in New Town. Its location will likely draw many students frustrated with the sketchy Carmike and the distant AMC-24. Availability of student pricing has not been announced, but if they know what's good for them they won't snub us before they open. — *ds*

Mortgage — \$6.50 with a student ID



LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT
Scheduled to open summer 2005, the New Town Cinemas will offer a near-by, non-sketchy movie theater.

BEST FIRST DATE PLACE

For a low-cost, flexible first date option, take a **stroll through Colonial Williamsburg**. Make up ludicrous stories about passing tourists. Evade horse dung hand-in-hand. If you two are more like the Odd Couple than Romeo and Juliet, feign a headache and turn around early. But if sparks are flying, walk all the way to the Governor's Palace and buy some hot cider and ginger cookies while it's still cold outside. Add dinner at Aroma's, The Blue Talon or dessert at The Trellis for extra oomph. — *cb*

WORST FIRST DATE PLACE

Despite their convenience and economy, **campus dining halls** are an unoriginal, dubious choice for a first date. The food is humdrum at best and downright fetid at worst. And chances are that you'll run into 18 people you know, and to keep them from sitting down with you, you will be forced to admit that you are on a first date, thus embarrassing your dining companion. Please, save both of yourselves the agony and go somewhere more interesting. — *cb*



LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT
The Governor's Palace, former home of the colonial governors, is a great place to tour.



IRENE ROJAS + THE FLAT HAT
A romantic walk down DoG street (day or night) is the best first date with a special someone.

BEST COLONIAL ATTRACTION

Forget Swem, when the sun starts shining and you don't really feel like getting your work done, go to the **Governor's Palace** in CW. It's full of sun-dappled hiding spots to read Kant or John Stewart Mill (or eat lunch and listen to screaming tourons). The Governor's Palace is also one of the most elaborate buildings in the restored area and we get in for free! — *ds*

Mortgage — £250,000,000



LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT
Get lost in the crazy maze located behind the Governor's Palace.

FAST AND EASY FOOD



WORST PIZZA

It's 1 a.m. You're starving. You could order out from **Chanello's** or go to **Wawa**. You've had a long day and don't feel much like going out, but do yourself a favor and make the trek to the **Wa**. The bland sauce, rubbery cheese and cardboard crust of **Chanello's** pizza are worth neither your time nor your money, no matter how hungry and/or intoxicated you are. — *kt*

BEST PIZZA

Overall the best pizza and best Italian restaurant would have to be **Sal's by Victor**. **Sal's**, located near Food Lion, offers authentic Italian cuisine, which is hard to come by in Williamsburg. Their pizza is not frozen like many other local pizza places, but made fresh with each order. They offer both traditional thin crust pizza as well as Sicilian square thick crust pizza at competitive prices. They have a full menu of delicious appetizers and entrees, from eggplant parmigiana to veal marsala. And if you don't feel like going out, they deliver. Of all the chain pizza places, **Papa John's** is your best bet for the best deal. It satisfies your pizza craving without sacrificing your wallet. And each pizza comes with a yummy garlic sauce for dipping and some pepperoncini peppers for the adventuresome. Their delivery service is consistently well-timed, and they never have trouble finding a dorm room on campus. — *ms*

LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT

Chanello's has late delivery, but we don't think that makes up for their lack of quality.



IRENE ROJAS + THE FLAT HAT

For a quick pick-me-up, stop by Wawa which is open long after the delis have closed their taps

BEST QUICK EATS

When you get the munchies at 1 a.m., there's only one place to go: **Wawa**. Often called the **Wa**, **Wawa** is by far one of the College's favorite restaurants and hangout spots. And why not? **Wawa** offers hot and cold hoagies, soups and other hot dishes, pretzels, coffee, salads, baked goods and about any other type of food that could be desired. The prices are reasonable and the servers are polite. It's the best place to go for a quick bite. (And it's the only place in Williamsburg open 24 hours.) — *en*

BEST DELIVERY

We get lots of junk mail from local businesses in our CSUs, but the next time you come by a **Maurizio's Italian Restaurant** College Specials mailing, be sure to save it. They're fast, friendly and have the best delivery deals in town (not to mention their top-notch cuisine). Monday and Tuesday nights students can get two dinner entrees for \$12.99. With choices like wild mushroom ravioli, shrimp scampi, chicken parmigiana and fettuccini alfredo you can't go wrong. — *ds*

BEST CHEAP EATS

It may be far down Richmond Road, but **Wendy's** great dollar menu earns them the honor of best cheap eats. Chicken nuggets, soft drinks and fries are all just a dollar each at **Wendy's**. Plus, **Wendy's** new mix and match value meals, where you can have a baked potato, chili, side salad or Caesar salad in place of the usual fries, are an additional perk unmatched by other fast food joints. — *en*

Mortgage — 99¢



Super Value Menu - 99¢

- ◆ 5-piece Crispy Chicken Nuggets
 - ◆ Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger
 - ◆ Jr. Cheeseburger Delux
 - ◆ Medium French Fries
 - ◆ Medium Cola Soft Drink
- ◆ Small Frosty Dairy Dessert
 - ◆ Small Chili
- ◆ Sour Cream and Chive Hot Stuffed Baked Potato
 - ◆ Side Salad
 - ◆ Caesar Side Salad

FINER DINNING

BEST ICE CREAM

To indulge a cool sweet tooth, no place hits the spot better than newly-opened **Cold Stone Creamery**. With 16 base flavors and over 30 mix-ins, Cold Stone allows customers to concoct their very own creations. If experimenting with the nearly endless combinations has you a little weary, pick from one of their ready-made flavors like “At the Cocoa Banana Cabana” and “Banana Spit Decision.” However, words of caution — no matter how big your eyes, restrain yourself to the “Like It” size. It’s sure to fill even the hungriest snacker. — *ei*



LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT

Be sure to tip your waitress. The servers will break into a custom rendition of a popular jingle.

BEST MEXICAN

Tequila Rose offers delicious and affordable Mexican cuisine, kick-ass margaritas and an endless supply of chips and salsa. Service is fast and friendly, and the ambiance is a pleasant change of scenery from the old reliable chain restaurants of Richmond Road. Located on 2nd Street, Tequila Rose is only a short drive away, but it serves as an excellent escape from campus. — *kt*

Mortgage — Can you really put a price on kick-ass margaritas?

BEST ASIAN DINNING

Miyako makes incredible, affordable sushi. Conveniently located behind Food Lion on Richmond Road, Miyako has a friendly staff (they greet regulars by name) and a Tuesday night half-price menu that won't break your wallet (a filling Tuesday night meal can be had for five or six dollars; regular prices will run you about 10 dollars for a meal). They also have other Japanese entrees for those who don't like fish. And vegetarians, don't despair: Miyako makes great vegetarian sushi. — *cb*

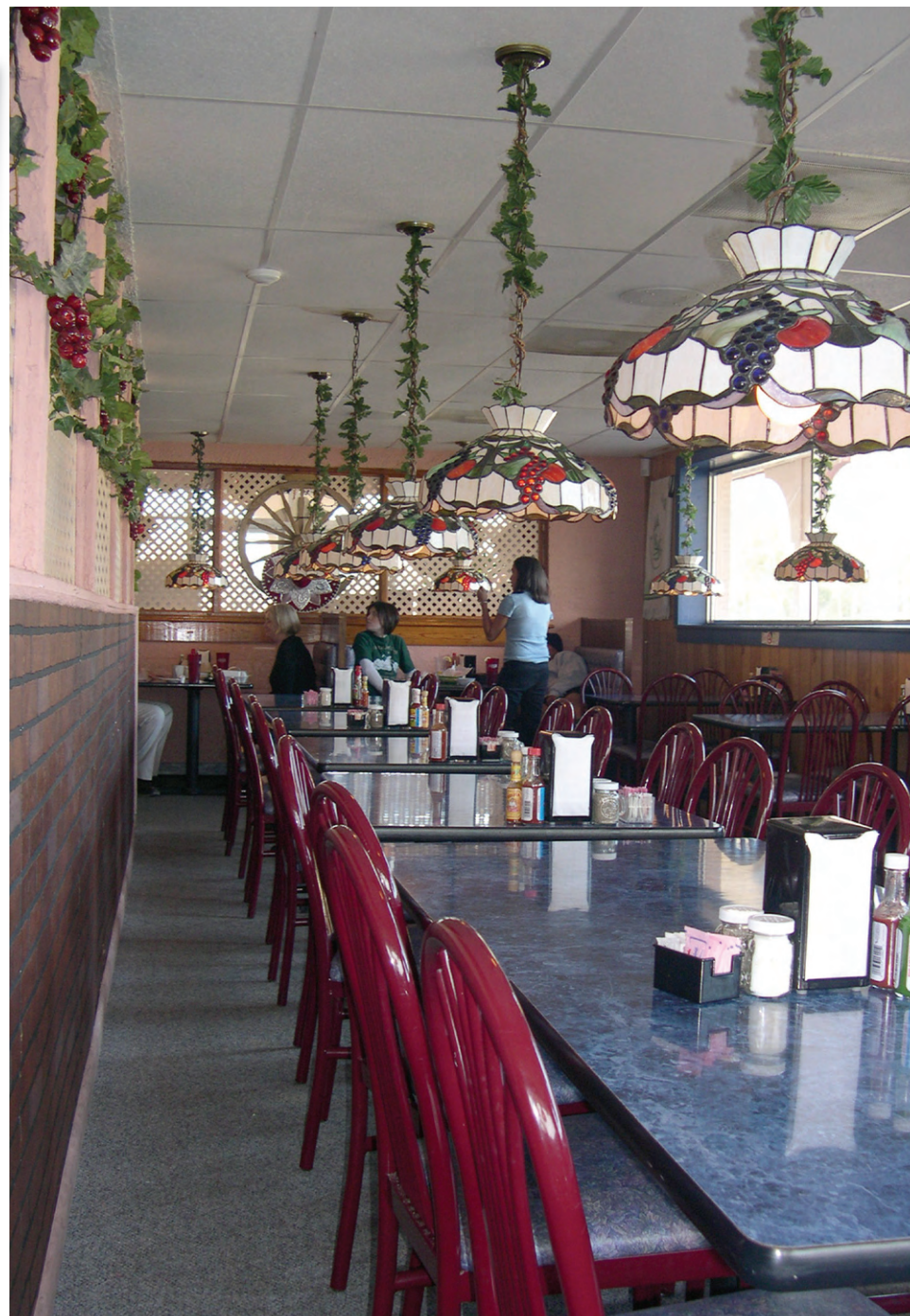
WORST ASIAN DINNING

Mr. Liu's: just the name is enough to conjure freshman-year memories of overpriced and dissatisfying food. Sure, delivery is a plus when you live in a dorm and can't figure out how to walk down Richmond Road, but my advice? Rather than be forced to pay exorbitant prices for way too much vegetable content in your chicken with garlic sauce, find a friend with a car, and get thee to the Top's China for all your trashy Asian food needs. — *at*



LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT

The chefs at Miyako don a smile as they serve up the best Asian cuisine in Williamsburg.



LAUREN BRYANT + THE FLAT HAT

Tequila Rose offers affordable authentic Mexican cuisine. Their neon sign is hard to miss.

FOOD FOR ANY TIME

BEST BREAKFAST

Rather swallow mouthwash than have another unsatisfying breakfast at the UC or Caf? No one would blame you. After all, you can only have so much cereal before you're forced to try the yellowish, lumpy thing that the Caf lady calls "scrambled eggs." Well, don't despair, because at an accessible price **The Daily Grind** offers the best breakfast on campus. Sure, the lattes and chais are good, but what elevates the Grind from decent to magnificent are its pastries. Whether you're a scone or muffin person, there's an ample selection of different kinds for you to choose from. If you haven't already, give the blue-berry muffin a try, it is nothing short of heavenly. —*as*

WORST BREAKFAST

It's hard to make time for breakfast, especially if you have an early-morning class. While one of the ubiquitous **campus vending machines** may be a tempting option for a last-minute morning meal, it is not a reliable source of sustenance and offers little in the way of nutrition. Just because you can eat candy for breakfast doesn't mean you should. And the snack selection is hit-and-miss anyway; half the time the only things left are Extra-Spicy Hot Fries and those nasty cookies with the chewy fruit blobs in the center. —*kt*



LAUREN PUTNOCKY + THE FLAT HAT

Late for your 8 a.m.? A stop at the Daily Grind is well worth a few extra minutes. It will satisfy your hunger until you can make it to the Caf for lunch.

BEST DINNER WITH THE PARENTS

Delicious appetizers and entrees make **The Green Leaf Cafe** an unparalleled place to eat out with the parents. And since it's all on your parents' tab, be sure to take advantage of the extensive beer and wine offering. The smooth, crisp "Carolina Blonde" makes a superb beer choice. And with its proximity to the College and friendly service, what more can you ask for? —*vp*

Mortgage — Who cares? Your parents are paying!

BEST BAR

With its sophisticated atmosphere and an excellent selection, **A. Carroll's** is the place to go for a good drink. Famed for its delicious martinis, A. Carroll's will amaze you with the quantity of liquor displayed behind the bar. Although it's a bit on the pricey side, the quality of the drinks makes the trip worth the money. If you're feeling indulgent, try the chocolate raspberry martini, or for a light and fun drink, try the orange or watermelon martinis. —*vp*

Mortgage — \$10 for an Appletini

BEST SANDWICH EXPERIENCE

Don't avoid **The Cheese Shop** because it looks too crowded, or too expensive. For a special lunch out, the very tasty sandwiches and the wide selection of exotic beverages (try the Lorrina French lemonade) make going to The Cheese Shop worth it. Bypass the throngs of tourists by calling in your order ahead (220-0298). Grab a bag of bread ends and some house dressing for a midnight snack. And for those who are over 21, don't miss the free wine tastings downstairs. —*cb*

Mortgage — Priceless.



LIZZY SPENCER + THE FLAT HAT

The Green Leaf Cafe: Not just for students anymore. Have your parents take you there and try out something other than that cheap stuff you fill your mug with Sunday nights.



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