

once finals are over,
SUMMER starts
HEATS UP
 and life

→ While everyone looked forward to classes ending, finals being over with, and leaving campus for a bit, it seemed students were just as busy during the summer as they were during the school year.

For many, the summer was a time to break free from the binds of school and do whatever they wanted. Earning money at a summer job was a popular option, while others chose to do nothing but lay on the beach. Sophomore Joanna Sandager chose to spend part of the summer interning on Capitol Hill for her local representative. "I was only an intern, but I was able to meet with influential leaders of the House during votes and ask them questions during hearings," Sandager said. "I received a first-hand look at Congress, and I know I will benefit from my experience as I finish my degree in government," Sandager said.

While many incoming freshmen spent the whole summer relaxing with friends and getting ready for college life, freshman Maddie Bradsher chose to use the summer more productively by working behind the bar at a local golf club. "It was definitely an inter-

esting experience; I met all sorts of different people," Bradsher said. "Even though it was stressful because I had so much to do to prepare for college, I felt that it was necessary to work so that I could save my money for the upcoming school year," Bradsher said.

The William and Mary Washington Office created a Summer Intern Program for students in the Washington, D.C. area for the summer. They combined informational activities, such as a tour of the White House, with social outlets, like kayaking on the Potomac River. "The kayaking activity was one of the highlights of my summer," senior Adeela Tajdar said. "I loved seeing familiar faces and having an activity planned where I got to hang out with people from school," Tajdar said.

With so many summer activity options form working to relaxing, students were bound to find something that interested them. Furthermore, the diversity of the student body was reflected in the variety of their summer activity choices.

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While enjoying a gondola ride through the city of Venice, Kelley Shea and Eliza Murphy take a photo to remember their time in Italy. Shea and Murphy, who participated in a William and Mary summer program to Florence, traveled to a number of towns, including Venice, Siena and San Gimignano.



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Photo courtesy of Layla Soberanis.

Towards the end of her internship, Layla Soberanis poses in front of the sign for the Spanish Embassy. Soberanis completed a host of activities while working for the Embassy, including translating documents from the Royal House of Spain, helping to organize Spanish art and cultural openings, and attending Embassy public relations events for the Cultural Office.

Geoff Soybel spends some time in the kitchen making a Latino favorite, tortillas. Soybel, along with other William and Mary students, participated in an internship at a rural health clinic on Virginia's Eastern Shore where he translated for both doctors and Latino migrant workers when they visited the health clinic.