

# Tribe takes advantage of low price for SERIOUS FUN at Busch Gardens

→ Having a top-notch amusement park in William & Mary's backyard allowed many to take advantage of the annual Busch Gardens Day to kick-off the fall season. With the award-winning coasters and shows, it was hard to resist the temptation to go, but \$60 tickets were not so appealing to a college crowd. Luckily, the Student Assembly worked with Busch Gardens to provide students with cheaper \$21 tickets.

As enticing as the deal sounded, many students found themselves in a debate about going because the weather seemed threatening. In fact, severe storms were forecasted in Southern Virginia for the entire day. Imminent rain left students wondering if it would be worth their time and money to go. "We changed our minds about thirty times before finally taking the risk, which was so worth it," JB Akbar said. Though the skies remained gray all day, it never rained.

The weather conditions worked in favor of the students that went. The ominous skies kept many locals and tourists away for the day. This made the park less crowded and the lines much shorter. "There were

no lines since people thought it was going to rain, and I got to ride the Griffin three times," Akbar said.

Moreover, the low-price tickets got extended for use to the following weekend for people who wanted to go when the weather was nicer. "It was great they extended the weekends because the day we went was beautiful," Katherine Eklund said. Despite the unusual circumstances, this double-weekend deal allowed for flexibility in students' preferences on which weekend to go.

Another appealing aspect of Busch Gardens in the fall was their theme for Halloween. For about a month, "Howl-O-Scream" consisted of many intricate and scary decorations and effects that added a spooky atmosphere to the park including masked and costumed actors and haunted houses.

So, even in the face of threatening weather, the great price, two-weekend deal, popular coasters, and themes of Busch Gardens Day lured the Tribe away from their books in search of a little fun.

→ Andrea Anderson



Katherine Eklund, Andrew Nordhaus, and Michelle Mullins make funny expressions for the camera while plummeting down a hill on the Apollo's Chariot coaster. After riding roller coasters, many students quickly hopped off in order to run to the photo booths to laugh at the pictures of themselves.



After arriving at the park, a group of friends from the crew team gathers at the entrance for a fun picture. Many people attended Busch Gardens Day with a group of friends so they could take a break from their busy schedules and enjoy the thrills and scares together.

Towering over visitors, a three-faced man spooks guests as a part of Busch Gardens' "Howl-O-Scream" excitement. As park-goers walked past the towering figure, he seem to be looking at them with not just one, but three eerie expressions.