

BRIGHT students find things to do at NIGHT

→ William & Mary was not considered a party school by the majority of the student body because of its rigorous academics and Williamsburg's small-town atmosphere. Despite this, many managed to branch out and make their own nighttime fun.

By senior year, students were often tired of the typical fraternity and deli options. "Hopefully there is a fun off-campus party or notable on-campus event, but if not, it's probably just another night at the delis," senior Tom Ansen-Wilson said. "They are fun sometimes, but it gets pretty repetitive," Ansen-Wilson said.

While the fraternities and delis still dominated the social scene, the College promoted Lodge 1 as a nighttime spot by serving beer at the bar that could be purchased using Flex Points. Additionally, New Town had a few new establishments such as The Green Leaf's second location. There was also The Corner Pocket, a restaurant and bar with pool tables, and CoCo Chocolatier, where students could enjoy fondue or other chocolate treats. ArtCafe26, a restaurant in New Town, was also given a boost by the recent

addition of Friday night jazz played by two students, sophomore Kenny Marut and senior Sam Rizzo. While many had not heard of this restaurant before, the performances drew in a student audience. Also opening up was the Movie Tavern. This novel theater allowed patrons to enjoy a light dinner and watch a movie at the same time. These new places gave students something different to do to break up the monotony of the usual social scene.

Senior Lara Curtis disagreed with those who complained about the lack of fun things to do. "From the frats to the delis to off-campus parties and the numerous campus events, the College is just as alive at night as any other college," Curtis said.

In general, one had to go looking to have a good time. "I think most people would agree that William and Mary nightlife is pretty limited," junior Rachael Siemon-Carome said. "But if you are with fun people, everyone finds a way to have a good time," Siemon-Carome said.

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The sisters of Chi Omega and the brothers of Kappa Sigma enjoy a denim-themed mixer and tab at College Delly. Being involved in the Greek system gave some students additional planned nighttime activities, such as mixers, themed date parties, and formals that allowed them to spend time with their brothers and sisters.



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Photo courtesy of Kenny Marut.

⋈ In between songs, sophomore Kenny Marut and senior Sam Rizzo smile for a photo at ArtCafe26 in New Town. The fact that Marut and Rizzo were hired to play jazz music every Friday gave the restaurant a boost in attendance and gave students another nighttime option.

⋈ Because their teams were in the bottom two spots in Green Leaf Trivia Night, Amber Skievaski and Sammy Hamididdin compete in a whipped cream eating contest to earn extra points. Many were very competitive about Monday's Trivia Night because a \$25 gift certificate to the Green Leaf was the grand prize.