

# discover some of the UNKOWN in CW

→ Colonial Williamsburg has held an intimate connection with the College through the centuries and was often referred to as simply "CW" by students. A student ID card allowed free access inside buildings and through the "Revolutionary City." Yet while many of the well-known sights like the Governor's Palace were frequented, other locations were well-kept secrets.

Some of the stores, stocked with three-cornered hats and souvenirs, doubled as gateways into history. The General Store was a museum of colonial objects. Sophomore Katie Boretzky had been touring CW for many years and fueled her love for history by exploring the shops. "There's so much to touch and play with, like fragrant soap balls and the children's toys," Boretzky said. The Colonial Post Office was another one of her favorite treasure troves. Besides feather pens and copies of colonial prints, the Post Office sold a collection of wax animals and stamps for students' outgoing mail.

There were also places to explore farther down Duke of Gloucester Street. The Raleigh Tavern Bake Shop is one of my favor-

ite hidden secrets of CW," junior Mallory Johnson said. "It makes for a great adventure on a nice day- who doesn't love a piece of warm gingerbread and some hot apple cider?" Johnson said. Dinner at any of the taverns was a rare treat as a combination of authentic food and entertainment resulted in a unique historic atmosphere.

Students were surprised to learn how much they were entitled to in CW. "It's amazing that students get free admission," Boretzky said. "It's a lot of money for a day-pass for tourists." Boretzky considered the free admission a deal. "If you get the chance, I recommend Revolutionary City. There are actually men on horseback riding through the streets denouncing the English king!" Boretzky said.

With so many back-streets and store interiors to explore, students felt luckier than tourists as they would be able to come back to CW many times during their enrollment. "You don't have to be a history major to find something amazing in CW," Boretzky said.

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Ordinary tourists and students are transformed into the local militia during a live-action presentation of "Revolutionary City." Revolutionary City referred to the section of CW where tourists and students could watch and participate along with the costumed actors in reenacting the days leading up to the Revolutionary War.



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△ Caitlin Clements and Lauren Summers commemorate a jaunt down Duke of Gloucester street with some time in the stocks. Often such popular locations like the stocks were crowded with tourists, but students got around the long lines by exploring CW during off-times.

◁ The General Store turns into a museum of daily colonial objects, such as a collection of whistles, which visitors buy as souvenirs. Some of students' favorite shops included the Post Office for its display of prints and writing utensils, the General Store for its variety of perfumes, soaps and toys, and the outdoor market for its bonnets and tricorn hats.