## SOMETHING NEW

## Interest groups allow students to branch out, do something different

With many students on campus focused on their studies, it became hard for some to find time to get away from working on their academic requirements. But students found the selection of over 400 interest groups to be an escape from scholastic life or a chance to experience something new they wouldn't have otherwise had a chance to try. From the Classical Movies Club to the Free Thought Alliance to Colorblind, students donated their time to their passions or to help other people.

For example, a particular favorite of many students was the many service trips offered. Throughout the year, students collected money through bake sales, reverse trick-or-treating, fundraisers with local business, or other methods. The money raised was used when students traveled over Winter, Spring or Summer Break to locations which ranged from domestic to foreign to help out communities in need.

Many clubs were based on mutual

interests and held events celebrating these passions. Skiffy, the Science Fiction Club, held a large event each year in which members dressed up like characters from The Rocky Horror Picture *Show* and watched the movie together.

To form a new club, a group of interested potential members drafted a Constitution which was submitted to the Office of Student Activities for approval. From there, the new club would strive to recruit members through the semi-weekly sounding board of Student Happenings or put up flyers in the most traveled places on campus.

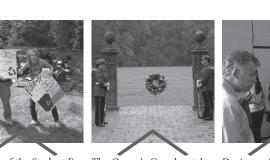
The varied interest groups on campus provided opportunities for students to break away from their studies and do something new. Whether students were looking for group membership that would deeply involve them or just a way to get a bit of relaxation each week, interest groups were the solution.

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During Pie and Dye, members of the group Colorblind smush together to remains of pies. Colorblind held many events where students could pie members and tie-dye t-shirts to promote diversity on campus.



Members of the Student En- The Queen's Guard watches During a visit to the College,



vironmental Action Com- over the Sunken Gardens Gubernatorial Candidate mittee gather recycling ma- during a September 11th me- Terry McAuliffe stops to terials into the Crim Dell morial event. The Queen's speak to Students for a Bet-Meadow. The event's pur- Guard was an organization ter Williamsburg. Actually pose was to raise awareness that performed demonstra- a registered PAC, the group about what materials could tions at events like football raised awareness about stuand could not be recycled at games and the King and dent-relevant issues in the Oueen's Ball.



community and collected funds for supporting future student candidates for Williamsburg City Council.





After a meet at the University of Richmond with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), members of the Equestrian team pose for a picture. The team had several events during the year, all sponsored

Members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) pose with their poster, made before the TODAY show. Environmental interest groups like SEAC allowed students to get involved with something they