

BORN TO LEAD

Student Assembly works to find new ways to make lasting changes

Working for their fellow students, the Student Assembly was able to accomplish a variety of projects during the year. The year began with some controversy as Vice-President Zach Pilchen resigned, but Kristen Slawter, the head of Undergraduate Council, was chosen by President Valerie Hopkins and others to replace Pilchen.

Pilchen's resignation led the SA to strive for greater transparency and more connectivity with the student body. Therefore, one of the SA's first tasks was to hold an event entitled "What Can Your Student Assembly Do for YOU?" The purpose of the event was for members of the SA to talk about their goals for the year and get feedback from the student body about what they wanted from their Student Assembly.

The SA's other big project for the semester was their Voter Registration Drive. The drive was aimed at getting a high number of students registered to vote in Williamsburg. Their efforts

resulted in almost 3,000 students being registered to vote, or about 54% of the undergraduate population.

The SA passed other major bills with a special focus on environmental concerns. "The SA is really stepping up its environmental efforts," Lauren Edmonds, Undersecretary of College Policy for Environmental Policy, said. "I think students are going to be very happy with the different projects they're working on." For example, the SA approved funds for outdoor recycling bins to be installed on campus.

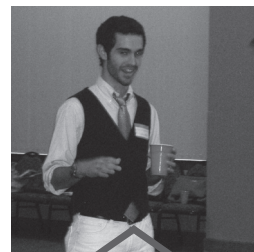
The Student Association also worked on other projects such as a communal bike program allowing free rental of bikes and a shuttle service. "What I like most about being in SA is the ability to accomplish things and make positive changes that affect the student body and campus community as a whole," Secretary of Finance Yael Gilboa said.

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President Valerie Hopkins, Senior class President Kevin Dua, and Vice President Kristin Slawter show their spirit at Homecoming. Hopkins and Slawter worked through the majority of the year to lead the SA. In March, Sarah Rojas and Ryan Ruzic won the SA Presidency and Vice-Presidency for the next year.

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Letting his ideas be known, sophomore Senator David Witkowsky answers questions at the "What Can Your SA do for YOU?" reception. Senators like Witkowsky were assigned to different subcommittees, such as Finance or Environment.



Groups of students meet with each other to talk about their ideas for the SA at the "What Can Your Student Assembly Do For YOU?" event. The SA hoped increased transparency would encourage students to feel more comfortable about giving ideas for how to improve the College.



Freshman Senator Matt Schofield talks to a student about what's going on at William & Mary at the Student Assembly's event reception. The meeting gave students a chance to ask about financial procedures at the College.



Smiling through the rain, senior Senator Matt Beato and sophomore Senator Brittany Fallon help out with SA efforts on Election Day. The Student Assembly was on hand at the polls to answer questions and hand out hot apple cider.

Waiting for her turn for rebuttle, SA Presidential Candidate Sarah Rojas listens as fellow SA Presidential Candidate Horacio Carreño-Garcia makes his point. The SA Presidential Debate, held in Lodge 1, allowed students to hear the platforms of both parties before voting.