



Bottomless Pits and Nodding Heads

Every year a couple hundred William & Mary degree candidates finish their research projects and crank out dissertations and theses that describe their great discoveries. Last year they completed 68 doctoral dissertations, 45 masters' theses, and 126 honors theses. The University Archives collects one copy of each to preserve for posterity, and you can usually find a second copy in the stacks. If you should ever need to know what a "bumpy theta pinch" is, look for our dissertations on the topic. The thesis title "*Bottomless Pits*" seems a bit ominous, but could "*All Heads Gently Nodding*" be the title of a study of student sleep behaviors in mid-morning lecture classes? The Throne was very excited to find the title "*Privies and Privilege*" in the collection. The fact that academic research is being undertaken in our particular field of interest is most gratifying!

"I'm sure you'll ace your classes... apparently there's nothing interesting for you to do at night besides study."
 --Emmett Cullen, *Breaking Dawn*, p.491

We know that many of you share our excitement over the upcoming release of the movie *Breaking Dawn, Part I*, which arrives in theaters November 18th. But just in case studying trumps *Twilight* this time of year, we bring you... **The Tribe TutorZone**. Tutors offer one-on-one assistance in all subjects on the first floor in Swem. Lest you forget, just next door is the **Writing Resources Center**. Tap into one of these student consultants when the muses just aren't singing.

Comics: The Unfiltered Cigarette for Your Soul

Don't mind if I do! Worn out from squeezing tiny print and 20th-century foreign angst into your brain? The Throne, like you, likes to look at pictures. Add words, and the result is a powerful tool for communication and entertainment.

The Throne needn't remind you about the **Honor Code** at this time of year; but we will. Tradition has it that W&M is the first college to have an honor system, going back to Thomas Jefferson in 1779. If that isn't enough to convince you not to plagiarize or otherwise violate the **Honor Code**, think about your mother and how disappointed she'd be in you.



That result can be the work of a single multi-talented mind (think Krazy Kat, Pogo, Calvin and Hobbes) or some of the best collaborations on the planet (The Adventures of Tin Tin, American Splendor, Logicomix). Take a look in the **PN6720-** (yes, it's the 3rd floor) and **Popular Reading** areas (lobby-- right again). You'll find titles by the great and the obscure, in English, French, and Japanese. To help with that stuffed brain of yours, The Throne has included some titles we think you'll find, well, comical:

Autobiographies: [Blankets](#), [Fun Home](#), [Stitches](#) **Biography:** [Logicomix](#), [Maus](#) **Fantasy:** [Elfquest](#)

Fiction: The Adventures of Tin Tin, [Blacksad](#), [The Essential Calvin and Hobbes](#), [Habibi](#), [Hellboy](#), [I Go Pogo](#), [Kick-Ass](#)

Zeitgeist: American Splendor (Harvey Pekar), R. Crumb, Doonesbury (Gary Trudeau), Les Frustrés (Claire Bretecher)



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