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COVER IMAGE

For the first time in seasons, Tribe men's basketball is tearing it up on the court. There have been several energy-charged games, including six straight wins and a tough loss against ODU at the most well-attended home game in over a decade. Read inside for more on this amazing season.

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WORDS IN BRIEF

College Ranked Fifth by Peace Corps



As of Sep. 2007, there are 51 College alums currently serving in the Peace Corps, making the College the fifth highest producer of Corps volunteers among medium-sized colleges and universities. In a press release, College President Gene Nichol commented on the contributions made by alums, noting that the efforts of volunteers demonstrate the College's "increasingly service-oriented, international character." The College has more alumni in the Peace Corps than Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University; however, the College could not catch up to top-ranked University of Virginia with 72 alum volunteers currently serving.

Research Grants Allow Undergraduates to do Cutting-Edge Research



Because of recent grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the College will offer many more opportunities for undergraduate scientific research. The College was chosen by HHMI to offer a yearlong, research-intensive course focusing on phage genomics, the structure of DNA from viruses that infect bacteria. The grant from the Mellon Foundation will allow for the construction of a Geospatial Analysis Center to work in tandem with the College's Environmental Science and Policy Program to analyze the earth using geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

College Moves Forward in Website Redesign



The College's plan to redo the current website, dubbed re.web, has progressed to a new stage. Three concept designs have been released, ranging from "traditional to cutting-edge," according to the College's website. Multiple designs put an emphasis on individual stories and are based more heavily on images than on text, as compared to the College's current site. The new concepts were designed in collaboration with the marketing company mStoner and take inspiration from several other university websites.

Four Alums Honored for Commitment to College



In celebration of Charter Day on Feb. 9, the William and Mary Alumni Association will award four alums with Alumni Medallions in honor of their continued dedication to the College. The four honorees are Linda Beerbower Burke ('70), Randall S. Hawthorne ('67, J.D. '70, M.L.T. '71), Suzann Wilson Matthews ('71) and Patrisia Bayliss Owens ('62). The alums' achievements include Burke's success in the IRS, Hawthorne's stint as a track coach at the College, Matthews' position on the College's Board of Visitors and Owens' decades as a docent at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Local Government Summarizes Its Goals



The City of Williamsburg's government released a list of its current goals in The Daily Press. They include transportation, expansion of jails and preschools, changes to payday lending and a land initiative for Eastern State Hospital. The City wants to make the fees and taxes imposed by the Hampton Roads Transit Authority more relevant to alleviate major transportation problems. Also, plans exist to expand local jails and to make preschools more accessible. The City also plans to halt the exploitative payday lending business and create a land planning initiative for the land next to Eastern State Hospital on Longhill Road.

Virginia Governor Commends Commitment to Service



Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine visited the College on Jan. 18 to speak in a forum about civic engagement. He was joined by College alum Cosmo Fujiyama ('07), co-founder of Students Helping Honduras. Over 100 students and members of the Board of Visitors attended the forum. Kaine and Fujiyama spoke about the importance of public service, and Kaine answered questions from the audience on a variety of political issues. College President Gene Nichol also spoke at the forum, commending the College community for its strong commitment to service—230,000 hours per year.

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february 9

who: everyone
what: charter day
when: 10 a.m.
where: pbk
why: it's been 315 years since the founding of the College

february 12

who: registered voters
what: republican and democratic presidential primaries
when: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
where: williamsburg community building on n. boundary street for williamsburg voters
why: exercise your role in our democracy

february 17

who: sports fans
what: tribe women's basketball takes on northeastern
when: 3 p.m.
where: kaplan arena
why: to watch the tribe continue their winning streak against northeastern

february 21-24

who: theatergoers
what: molière's "the scams of scapin"
when: 8 p.m. (feb. 21-23); 2 p.m. (feb. 24)
where: pbk
why: a 17th century example of sticking it to your parents

february 27

who: budding ecologists
what: campus sustainability lecture
when: 7 p.m.
where: small 113
why: the vice president for operations of virginia wesleyan will be speaking

COLLEGE TO BID SADLER FOND FAREWELL

AFTER CROSS CONTROVERSY, SADLER DELAYED DEPARTURE TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION

» JAKE ROBERT NELSON, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

The news broke on Jan. 15 in an e-mail sent from College President Gene Nichol to all students: the College's venerated Vice President for Student Affairs will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year. Some students greeted the news with apathy, while others were nearly reduced to tears, but the departure of such an institution at the College will affect the goings-on of students regardless of reaction.

Sadler had originally planned his retirement for the end of the 2006-2007 school year, a year that would mark both his 65th birthday and his 40th year of work at the College. However, he determined that it would be wiser to wait another year to avoid a departure embroiled in controversy.

Just as he was preparing to announce his retirement, the College became a hotbed of conflict regarding the Wren Cross dispute. "The cross controversy came up," Sadler said. "I really felt that if I left [then] it would have been misinterpreted."

Although Vice President Sadler had been long prepared for his departure, he acknowledged the impending change with apprehension. He noted that he would miss most the quotidian interactions with the College's many students, but he hopes nonetheless that his presence has had an effect on the College community at large.

"I always hoped," Vice President Sadler said, "that in some small way I could help students have the same experience I was fortunate enough to have had here."

Sadler's experience at the College was a unique one. As a first-generation college student, he first approached his studies from a hesitantly methodical point of view, strictly following curricula set out in the College's course catalog without thinking about what he truly wanted. He noted the roles of a few professors and administrators who pushed him to follow his own academic path: a phenomenon he hopes still exists at the College.

Although Sadler denied any strict causal relationship between his reign as Vice President and the College's ascendance in rankings, he admitted that the change was undeniable. He remembered a call for him to research and visit other colleges in an effort to improve the College's state of stu-

dent affairs.

"That [research] laid a foundation for the structure and programs and set a base for the future," Sadler said, "and in terms of our work, a lot of what you see today."

Vice President Sadler also described his role in the formation of some cherished College traditions, such as the post-commencement candlelight walk from the Wren Building to William and Mary Hall and the College's renewal of Convocation for freshmen and new transfers.

One tradition in which Vice President Sadler never participated was the ringing

"The cross controversy came up... I really felt that if I left [then] it would have been misinterpreted."

of the bell at the Wren Building to commemorate years of service at the College. That lapse was quickly remedied in a fury of tintinnabulation upon the announcement of his retirement.

"We went over there and rang that bell 41 times," Vice President Sadler said. Nich-

ol accompanied Sadler in ringing the bell once for each year of service to the College. "It was a special moment."

The ever-humble vice president did not want to go out with a bang; however, his departure will surely merit an immense reaction. Even among the student affairs staff, the announcement of his retirement was laden with emotion.

"I explained what was going on, and then I lost it," Sadler emotionally recalled. "They just started clapping. The hardest part for me was keeping composed, but it doesn't bother me to show that this matters to me."

Vice President Sadler hopes, before his departure, to continue his day-to-day interactions with students, an experience that he thinks exemplifies the College experience. He hopes that he has had an effect on students parallel to that of the mentors during his time at the College.

Citing a College alum and a current teacher, Vice President Sadler summed up the reasons he loves the College: "William and Mary's great gift for me was that it opened me to find my own pathway and constantly encouraged me."

STUDENT LOBBYISTS FIGHT FOR COLLEGE IN RICHMOND

» ALEX DANVERS, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

On Jan. 22, the College of William and Mary fought back against the 6.25 percent budget cut proposed in Governor Tim Kaine's 2008-2010 state budget with a strong showing at The Road to Richmond, an annual event in which students travel to the state legislature in Richmond to lobby on behalf of their school. Between 60 and 70 students attended, according to student organizer and intern from the Office of Student Affairs Seth Levey ('08), a figure in line with last year's record total. Students attended a breakfast with state legislators and College Board of Visitors members before breaking into small groups to visit the offices of state senators and delegates involved in appropriations and finance.

Students were briefed about the event on Jan. 20 by College President Gene Nichol,

Vice President for Community Relations and Public Affairs Stewart Gamage, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Visitors Michael J. Fox and Levey. A page of talking points that highlighted issues important to the College was distributed for quick reference in the trenches of the General Assembly.

The first priority in lobbying the legislature was funding a salary increase for faculty, whose proposed 3 percent salary increase was pushed back a year. The problem with having excellent faculty, President Nichol described, is other universities poaching talent from among their ranks. "The state must do its part for faculty salaries," he said, adding that the College was already having trouble competing with other universities without delays in the salary increase.

The second request students made, according to their talking points, was restoring “the base operating funds... approved last year, but that we lost to the Government’s budget reductions.” The Governor’s budget proposal would make the 6.25 percent budget cuts to the College permanent. They would otherwise only be enacted for one year. This would equal a loss of over \$3 million.

Requests were made for two physical facilities for the College: the new School of Education building and the Integrated Sciences Center. Last February the Virginia General Assembly approved \$5.4 million in funding for planning and design of the new education building, but passage is still sought for the “Commonwealth of Virginia Educational Facilities Bond Act of 2008,” which would appropriate \$11.7 million in state funding towards the overall \$48 million cost of the education facility. The Bond Act would also appropriate \$35 million towards the Integrated Sciences Center, which is scheduled to open this spring. This funding would come as part of an overall package committing \$1.5 billion to institutes of higher education, including over \$100 million to the University of Virginia.

Funding for the 109,000 square foot education facility is a priority, because though the “Chronicle of Higher Education” ranked the School of Education faculty seventh overall in the U.S. in 2007, poor facilities have put the program in jeopardy of losing its accreditation. Simply put by President Nichol, “William and Mary has one of the best Schools of Education in the country, but one of the worst facilities.”

The goal of the trip was not necessarily to enact immediate change, according to Levey, but to “put a face behind the numbers.” Success was “getting the message across” that changing the state budget “is not just playing with numbers.” Fox was more modest in his goals. At a time when the Virginia legislature is facing a \$641 million shortfall, cuts are inevitable. “We just need to stop the bleeding,” he said.

Judging the success of the trip is difficult, but organizers have gotten positive feedback. Both Nichol and Gamage told of General Assembly members praising the articulate, intelligent encounters they had with College undergraduates. They believed efforts were helpful but that the effects this trip will have are down the road. General Assembly members are “very impressed,” Nichol said. “You are



Anne Andrews, a College lobbyist, met with Del. Bill Barlow (D). Photo courtesy University Relations.

advocating for buildings and faculty you won’t see.” Having also organized last year’s Road to Richmond trip, Levey agreed with the positive assessment. “They’re grateful to hear from us,” he said.

Another factor working in the College’s favor is that many former College graduates have jobs in Richmond. Among them is Senate Minority Leader Thomas Norment, Jr. (R, 3rd District), who spoke with students on the trip. A William and Mary Law School alum and former self-described “Williamsburg townie,” Norment encouraged student lobbyists to use the analogy of a consumer giving feedback to a service provider when thinking about what they are doing. “You are the consumers of higher education,” he said, a theme that Levey also picked up on. “There is nothing

The goal of the lobbying trip was to “put a face behind the numbers,” Levey (’08) said.

scariest to a politician than a constituent,” Norment joked. “We serve at your pleasure.” “Little Tommy,” as he called himself, thought William and Mary students would be well received.

The Road to Richmond trip has been a tradition for ten years, starting under President Timothy J. Sullivan. Gamage has led every expedition. For the first trip, she recalls getting permission from James Ukrop (’60) to have breakfast at his eponymous grocery store. However, when a bus full of hungry, bleary-eyed students arrived at Ukrops’ grocery store just after 6 a.m., the doors were locked and a lone employee was unhurriedly sweeping the store. Banging on the door and arguing for her breakfast, Gamage was able to convince the employee, who was not expecting them, to let in the students. An arrangement was struck so that all the students could have five minutes to go through the store and grab whatever they wanted. Cartfuls of donuts,

bagels and orange juice were quickly gathered as a crisis in blood sugar was narrowly averted. “But I had to call Jimmy Ukrop to let him know he was going to have a bill for a whole lot of food,” said Gamage.

Another time, described Nichol, a student was shot. As it turns out, one delegate was cleaning his gun in his office when a student stopped by. There was a misfire and the student was grazed, but not seriously injured. “He was a big advocate of gun rights and he showed it off every chance he got,” said Nichol.

Not always full of zany anecdotes, this year’s trip was efficiently organized to have maximum effectiveness. Buses left the U.C. at 6 a.m. for the 7:30 breakfast in Richmond. The State Library opened its doors early for the catered breakfast before committee meetings began so the legislators could also attend. President Nichol gave a few brief remarks, beaming from behind a green and gold necktie, and then students who needed to get back to campus for classes by 9:30 left on one bus.

About 30 students stayed and split into smaller groups of three or four and were given a list of delegates and senators to talk to for the remaining time. Looking for a few minutes of time in halls heavily crowded with interest groups lobbying the General Assembly, most students were greeted by legislative aides for a brief five to ten minute conversation. A few groups were granted audiences with the legislators, as when Allen Kennedy-Schafer of the William and Mary Law School pulled his group into his former employer, Del. David Marsden’s (D, 41st District) office.

Despite the unavailability of many lawmakers, many students felt optimistic about the trip. Jonathan Welle (’08) said he had “only positive encounters,” with “lots of William and Mary connections.” Lea Bruhmfield (’08) was pleased to have handed out College chocolates this year, disparaging the plastic apples given to legislators last year. Levey, sentimental of having organized his last trip, said the experience made him “proud to be a member of the Tribe.”

Whether the student lobbying had an effect on this year’s budget will be determined down the road. It is not until Feb. 17 that the committee responsible for the budget bill must complete its work, and not until March 6 that a conference report on the budget bill is due. The College can only hope that the General Assembly remembers the faces behind the numbers when it comes time to vote.

Something for Everyone

Student Clubs and Organizations Appeal to a Variety of Interests and Ideals
The DSJ highlights their missions and goals for the new semester



International Relations Club (IR Club)

Mission: This club is for students interested in international relations and is responsible for running the College's Model UN team.

Leader: President Samantha Besora ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

"This semester, as always, we are attending Model UN conferences," said Liz Owerbach ('09), the club's Vice President for Campus Affairs. "We are also hosting a conference for middle schoolers, which is really fun. We have a new service initiative too, a committee for service involvement."



We're trying to raise money for CARE, a leading humanitarian organization which does things like microfinance to fight global poverty. This semester we are also planning an international cuisine cook-off contest and looking to host speakers on counter-terrorism and reshaping US foreign policy."

For more information, check out International Relations Club's Facebook or attend their meetings every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Tyler 102.

Students Helping Honduras (SHH)

Mission: According to their Facebook group, Students Helping Honduras is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide fundamental human needs to orphaned and impoverished children in Honduras.

Leader: Wendy Chan ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

According to Chan, "Our biggest event this upcoming semester will be raising \$1 million for an endowment fund and transition home for the oldest girls in the orphanage. A lot of times when they leave the orphanage, the girls wind up on the streets, so we're hoping to raise some money to buy them a home and pay for them to attend college. We also have a big walk-a-thon, our third annual, at Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia."

For more information, check out <http://www.StudentsHelpingHonduras.org/> or their Facebook group.



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Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC)

Mission: SEAC is an activist organization devoted to environmental issues on campus, ranging from stopping mountaintop removal mining for coal to recycling.

Leaders: Facilitators Jake Reeder ('09) and Josh Wayland ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

"We're hoping to work with a service organization on campus to institute campus-wide recycling," said Reeder, "as well as lobbying in Richmond on the Clean Energy Future's act, among others. We're also going to be growing food on campus to be served in William & Mary dining halls."

"We will get the President's Climate Commitment signed this semester," said Wayland. "Also, we're doing a week-long Earth Day celebration starting Sunday, April 22."

For more information, go to <http://www.wm.edu/so/seac/> or attend SEAC meetings on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. in McGlothlin Street 20.

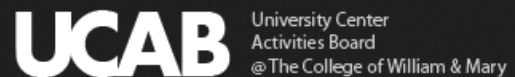
University Center Activities Board (UCAB)

Mission: Eleven committees under the supervision of three directors and two advisers plan everything from speakers on contemporary issues to comedy and music acts to film screenings in the University Center.

Leader: Executive Director Margaret Collerd ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

In celebration of the anniversary of the College's charter, the Norfolk, Virginia-based rock band Mae will perform a concert in the UC Chesapeake on Feb. 9. Other, less well-known activities include a Feb. 7 tournament of the classic Super Nintendo game Mario Kart, a Feb. 8 performance by



comedienne Jen Kober, who uses a combination of stand-up and improvised rock-and-roll comedy, and a Feb. 15 anti-Valentine's celebration and party.

Applications for general board members are due March 14.

For more information, check out <http://www.wm.edu/ucab/>.

Young Democrats (YD)

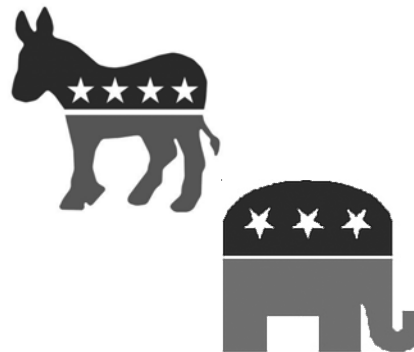
Mission: This club is a gathering place for students who identify as Democrats to discuss politics and become involved at a local and statewide level.

Leader: President Liz Pedraja ('09)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

According to Pedraja, "We're attending the annual Virginia Young Democrats Convention, where Virginia YDs gather to vote on state officers and listen to speakers. We're also planning a banquet on campus, sometime in April. It's our yearly fundraiser, where local democrats come to hear guest speakers. We also show a slideshow of what we've done in the last year as sort of a commemoration of the year's achievements. We are also bringing in guest speakers from the army and Virginia State Congress."

For more information, check out the William and Mary Young Democrats Facebook group or attend the Wednesday meetings at 8 p.m. on the second floor of Blair.



College Republicans

Students for Life (SFL)

Mission: The club, a non-profit and non-partisan student organization, is propelled to teach students through speakers and literature about issues relevant to a pro-life point of view. The group recognizes life as a fundamental right and, thus, aims to exclude no one.

Leader: President Rebecca Hamfeldt ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

On Feb. 11, Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be speaking at the University Center on civil rights issues



including the right to life. The club will also continue to promote awareness of community resources as a substitute for abortion, including pregnancy tests and counseling through the Student Health Center and prenatal care through local charities with religious affiliations. An emphasis is placed on resources for new mothers and a general willingness to promote alternatives to abortion.

For more information, check out <http://www.wm.edu/so/studentsforlife/> or attend their meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in Blair 205.

Mission: This club is a gathering place for students who identify as Republicans to discuss politics and become involved at a local and statewide level.

Leader: Chairman Stephen Salvato ('10)

Plans for the upcoming semester:

"With all that is happening right now in our country with the 2008 elections, this semester looks to be very exciting for our club," said Salvato. "While the first semester is dedicated to campaigning for the November elections, this semester is focused on activism. By that, I don't mean running around protesting everything. Instead, we will focus on activism by bringing local, state and hopefully national figures to club meetings. We will also start a series of discussions at club meetings on issues where Republicans sometimes disagree, everything from illegal immigration to the environment. This helps club members to develop a fuller understanding of important issues from a Republican standpoint. Finally, we will continue to hold a variety of social events, some focused on politics, like watching debates and others focused on just having a good time, like bowling, putt-putt, etc."

For more information, go to <http://www.wm.edu/so/college-repub/> or attend the College Republicans meetings at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in Tucker 215.

A Cappella Council (ACC)

Mission: The council, which is made up of members from each of its 11 member groups, organizes group performances, including a cappella showcases and subsequent auditions each semester.

Leader: Council President Greg Genovese ('09)

Plans for the upcoming semester: Although auditions were held at the end of January, interested students will have a bevy of opportunities to hear the College's many a cappella groups. Weekly concerts held on the portico of the Wren building highlight each group and are often an opportunity to show off both newly arranged repertoire and to promote upcoming releases. Individual groups have separate performances that focus on their complete repertoires.

For more information, check out <http://www.wm.edu/so/acappellacouncil/>.



Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX)

Mission: Voices for Planned Parenthood is the pro-choice student group at the College, which works to educate and mobilize students in support of reproductive rights and sexual health.

Leader: President Devan Barber ('08)

Plans for the upcoming semester: According to Barber, on Feb. 11, Vox and UCAB are bringing a sex-ed program called "I Love Female Orgasm," which is geared towards college students. From March 14 to 16, Vox will be performing "The Vagina Monologues," which will raise money for Katrina victims as well as Avalon, the local women and children's shelter. Vox is also planning an Emergency Contraception drive, which will allow students to purchase Plan B from Planned Parenthood nurses at a discounted rate.

For more information, email voxpp@wm.edu or attend their meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Washington 302.



RUCKUS: *Free, Legal and Lame?*

Is Music Downloading Popular at the College?

» JONNA KNAPPENBERGER, DSJ NEW EDITOR

It's no secret that illegally downloading music and movies is risky. But as new, legal services emerge to cater to college students and law-abiding administrators, the question emerges: is the free, legal downloading alternative viable? Will it last?

If you've been down and out on music recently, maybe someone at the Student Assembly has pointed you to Ruckus, the music sharing site that has recently signed an agreement with the College for service on campus.

According to Chris Ward, Director of Systems and Support in the Information Technology department, the College's only responsibility is to provide space on campus for a Ruckus server.

"They sent the server to me and I made sure it got installed correctly and then it's all up to them. They manage it remotely," Ward said.

Student Assembly Senator Walter McClean ('09), a proponent of the agreement, said, "The only obligation the College has is if there's a power outage we have to get power back to the server. So, basically, we don't have to do anything. There's no bill that went to the Senate. We didn't even need to do that."

How can free downloading be legal?

Each time a member listens to a song on the server, Ruckus pays the record company that provides it, thus avoiding piracy and sharing issues that have arisen on other sites such as LimeWire and Kazaa.

Last September, Ruckus was able to open up their services free of charge to anyone with a university email address. They are able to do this because they are supported by revenue from advertising. Funding also comes from investors, who are interested in the market potential. Just recently, two investment companies decided to pour \$10 million into the project.

Additionally, Ruckus is able to offer free downloads because the "safe downloading" that they proclaim is actually quite safe. It requires a Ruckus player, and Ruckus downloads can be played with Windows Media Player. With this player, students cannot burn the songs or other media to CDs, cannot send them via email or download them to an iPod. The Ruckus songs are not permanent either.

Nonetheless, the advantages of having a server on campus include faster downloading speed. "If you move the downloads onto an internal server, that increases the network speed for everyone. By moving traffic, you're increasing network capability for everyone," McClean said.

According to the Ruckus website, a local server can offer exclusive content that isn't available to the public. The company claims to have a database of more than three million songs and videos, supposedly double the number of available songs from last year.

"They download new stuff to the server once a week and they're start-

ing to branch out into mainstream TV shows and movies," McClean said. "If we're just stuck with the online version, students wouldn't be able to get the TV shows and movies."

The company is also trying to capitalize on the Facebook generation. They bill their website as a social scene, including friending options, personal comment walls and sharing of playlists and favorites.

Besides the College, the company has partnerships with 181 other schools. Ruckus estimates that students at over 1,000 college campuses use their services, which they say is a 1,237 percent increase from a year ago.

Some students, however, are necessarily left out of the picture. The Ruckus software is, in fact, incompatible with all Macintosh computers. This means that, according to IT estimates, about 10 percent of College students who own Macs are left out of the legal downloading alternative.

"This is what you would call 'the catch,'"



McClellan said. However, Ruckus did supposedly address the problem, allowing online streaming through a web browser under any operating system.

Whatever happened with the RIAA?

The Ruckus-College idea supposedly originated with McClellan, stemming from the concerns of spring 2007, when the Recording Industry Association of America mailed letters to 12 computer users at the College about their downloading. The letters were sent to the College, addressed to specific IP addresses, threatened lawsuits and asked for settlement money.

The RIAA is a trade association in the recording industry. According to their website, the RIAA members “create, manufacture and/or distribute approximately 90 percent of all legitimate sound recordings produced and sold in the U.S.”

Since then, five students settled with the RIAA and the identities of the other seven were in the hands of the College, which took a rather protective stance at the time of the incident. Sam Sadler (characteristically) reminded students of the risk of such illegal behaviors but also said, “The College would not release such personal information about students without their consent.”

The RIAA then pushed for the names of the users to be subpoenaed by the court so that they could then sue the defendant in their own name and in the district where he or she lives. Judge Walter D. Kelley, Jr., from the Eastern District in Norfolk, denied the subpoena request on grounds that there was no legal basis to require the College to release the names.

The same situation arose for 16 students at the University of New Mexico. The request for subpoena was also denied there on the same grounds.

According to Attorney Ray Beckerman, who specializes in commercial and copyright law at a New York firm, the RIAA has a “discovery procedure” that they have been trying to adapt to colleges. Basically, they bring a mass lawsuit against numerous “John Does,” then ask the court for a subpoena of the identity (via an “ex parte order of discovery”), and finally seek to sue the user directly.

Other Free and Legal Download Services

Ruckus is not the only service out there. Napster and, of course, the old standby iTunes are available universally but require purchases. A social networking site called Imeem has also emerged as an ad-supported media service.

According to a recent article in the New York Times, Imeem has 20 million different users and a site that grows by one million visitors every month. They split their ad revenue evenly with record companies and do not have to worry about piracy via sharing because they only stream and do not allow for downloads. Imeem also aims at exploring streaming video.

Another site, SpiralFrog, has struggled with finances and put off launching their free site. Even after losing \$3.4 million last fall, as reported in the Times, SpiralFrog says the service continues to grow and has 950,000 visitors.

The RIAA, according to Beckerman, has not attempted to prove actual damages to their industry, but has sought \$750 per song in statutory damages in multiple cases. Several cases are pending which challenge the damages on constitutional grounds.

Do we illegally download?

“We know that there’s a lot of music downloads going on,” said IT’s Chris Ward when asked about illegal downloading at the College. “But, we don’t have any specific ways that we can determine how much is going on.”

A project called the Campus Computing Project, based at Claremont Graduate University in California, surveys universities and compiles information technology data each year. The project reported last October that, of 555 two- and four-year public and private schools, 70.5 percent said their students could lose network privileges for illegal peer-to-peer downloading. About 46 percent impose other sanctions, and almost half have installed software to monitor illegal downloading. About 13 percent have mandatory downloading education classes.

McClellan said that approximately 400 people were using Ruckus before the SA started campaigning for it. Now, that number is probably close to 3,000. There aren’t official numbers yet to show exactly how popular the service is on campus.

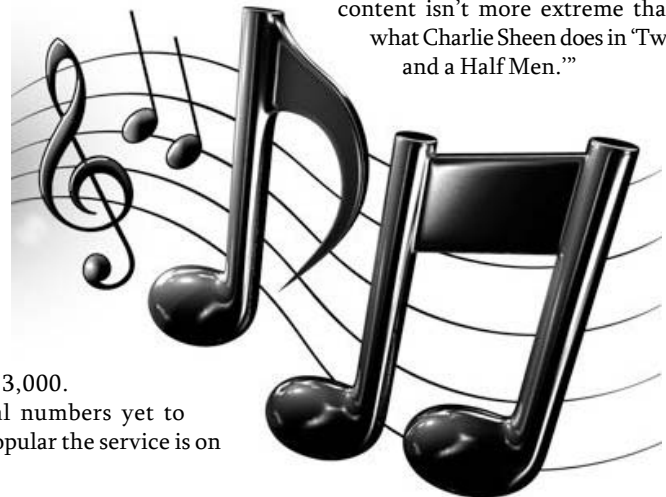
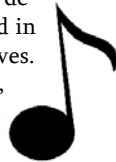
“I know the average Ruckus user downloads a lot. Fifteen songs takes about 30 seconds,” McClellan said. “We want to push a free service that is going to protect students from lawsuits. It’s definitely worth it.”

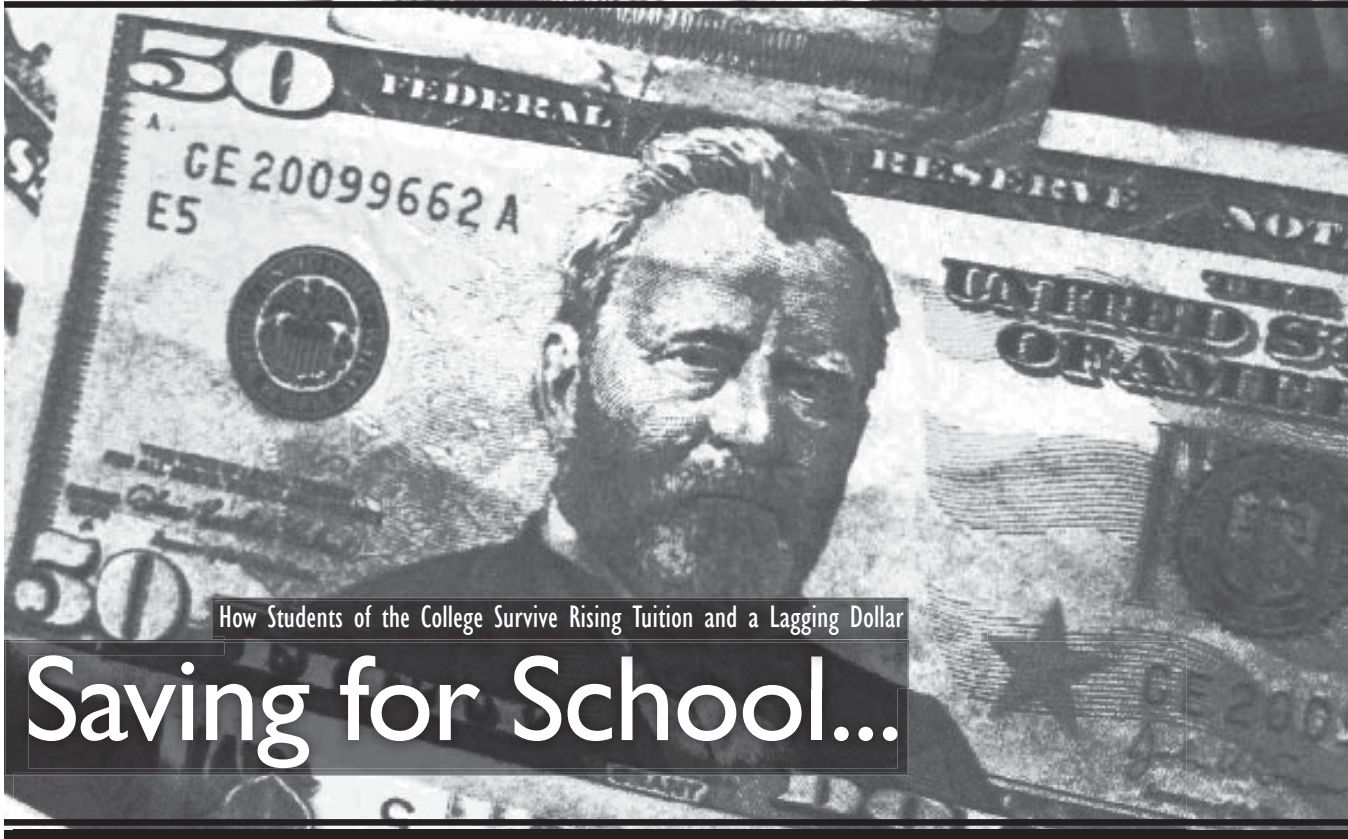
The Ruckus ruckus

Ruckus desperately wants to be popular and has a track record to prove it. Back in 2006, the New York Times reported that a Facebook member named Brody Ruckus, who said he was a student at Virginia Tech, created a group that stated if 100,000 people joined, his girlfriend would agree to some type of threesome sexual encounter. The group grew to over 430,000 members.

It soon came to light, however, that Ruckus was not a student at Tech. Instead, the account was traced to the company. Facebook shut the group down, citing policy against commercial activity by members.

According to the Times, Michael Bebel, chief executive of Ruckus, said, “The subject matter is a little polarizing, but the content isn’t more extreme than what Charlie Sheen does in ‘Two and a Half Men.’”





How Students of the College Survive Rising Tuition and a Lagging Dollar

Saving for School...

» KATIE MOSCONY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

When I was 15, my mom informed me that it was time for me to get a job. Lucky for me, my psychologist uncle needed a file clerk for his office, and I was immediately hired on the basis of my intelligence and skill (well, perhaps nepotism had something to do with it). Family connections aside, Springfield Psychological and I are going on seven years in our employment relationship, and in between summer-long stints behind its front desk, I have dabbled in school-year engagements with various local businesses, all the while carefully saving my earnings in the bank.

The reason for all of this hard work and frugality? Since an early age, I've known that I would be personally responsible for my room and board costs in college. Living on-campus at the College can add up to a whopping \$4793 per semester. For those of my peers whose parents are unable to pick up the rest of the check, tuition plus fees for the Spring 2008 term will run them another \$4582 in-state and \$13,467 out-of-state (current rates courtesy of William and Mary Financial Operations).

According to Edward Irish, Director of the College's Office of Financial Aid, 25-

30 percent of the College's undergraduates have demonstrated financial need. Another 20 percent receive student or parent loans.

It is not surprising, then, that a considerable number of students not only handle the formidable workload that is typical of the College but also juggle it with the responsibilities of a part time job. English major Mike Curtin ('08) works at the Baskin Robbins in Merchant's Square, where he

"...but I also think I'll appreciate my education more knowing that I'm the one paying for it."

has scooped ice cream for the past two and a half years.

"It can be difficult at times to balance work and school, especially when adding extra-curricular activities into the mix," Curtin said. "However, it isn't impossible to work it all out, or even terribly difficult. The best part of working is obviously having money at my disposal, and the worst part is that it is one more thing to do on top of school."

Curtin's friend and classmate Sarah Newman ('08) is a waitress at the Center Street Grill in New Town. She works two

shifts a week to earn money to pay interest on her student loans.

"Sometimes it's intimidating to know that I have so much debt awaiting me when I graduate, but I also think that I appreciate my education more knowing that I'm the one paying for it," she said.

Neal Miller ('09) is another working student, one who is currently employed by Swem Library as a member of e-SWAT. e-SWAT is a team of student assistants who offer technological help to library patrons, and Miller clocks in an average of 10-15 hours per week serving tech duty.

"Sometimes it is difficult to pack everything (especially studying) into one day, but my boss is really accommodating about needing to miss scheduled shifts," Miller said. "I like the relaxed environment. I dislike having to work in order to make money."

Kelsey Williamson ('08) is another student employee at Swem, although unlike Miller, she does so through the College's work-study program. According to Irish, an estimated 25 percent of undergraduates work on-campus.

"I am out of state, so I pay \$34,000 per year," Williamson said. "I get \$21,000 in grants from the school. After outside

scholarships, I take out about \$2,000 per year in Stafford Loans, so I think by the time I graduate I will have about \$10,000 in loans for four years.”

Part-time jobs, loans, grants, payment-plans, paperwork, contracts. It all seems a bit daunting to those of us who, only a few years ago, were enjoying carefree, cost-free living at home. Yet in a country where education costs are accelerating to exorbitant rates, we don't really have a choice.

It's no secret that a college education is expensive, but the expense looks to be getting higher and higher every year. According to a recent editorial “Degree in Debt” from the Philadelphia Inquirer, the cost of

them.

Child-care? I spent two afternoons a week my freshman year babysitting for the four-year-old daughter of a professor, only ending the engagement when she entered pre-school the next year. Retail? Two afternoons during the week and half of my weekends sophomore year were spent behind the counter of the Scotland House selling tartans to tourists. Food service? I followed up my stint as a sales clerk by becoming a waitress and serving up fish at the Backfin Seafood Restaurant off of Route 199, after which I switched to a paid consulting internship this past fall.

Clearly, there are many and varied op-

ports and March 15 for those returning.

Once you have filled out your FAFSA, you will learn the type of aid for which you qualify. Federal grants are need-based funds provided by the federal government. State grants are the same thing but are financed by the state. Institutional grants are awarded from the College itself out of over 300 different funds that are part of its endowment, unrestricted fund and gift accounts.

Another finance option is the Gateway William and Mary program, which provides a combination package of the aforementioned grant types for students from low to middle income families who have

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higher education increased by over six percent last year. The author also noted that since the late 1950s, tuition increases have ranged from equal to double the nation's inflation rate.

The issue of hefty tuition rates has not escaped the notice of current presidential candidates either. Both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are calling for tax credits for American families facing college expenses, and John Edwards has a plan to fund the first year of college for any student who does volunteer service.

Of course all of these future plans for funding sound great. But what can responsible college students do now to help shoulder the financial burden of their schooling?

First of all, and perhaps most obviously, they can get a job. Williamsburg offers any number of part-time employment opportunities for the reasonably intelligent young student—believe me, I've tried most of

opportunities for the job-seeking college student. The other option for the financially challenged among us is to visit the College's financial aid office and take out a loan or apply for a grant. I suggest visiting the office's website (<http://www.wm.edu/financialaid/>) to get a more detailed sense of what you can expect.

In the meantime, however, here's a general overview of what you can expect to see (all information is courtesy of the William and Mary Financial Aid Office).

The College offers three forms of aid: Federal and State Grants, Federal Work-Study (FWS) and Federal Family Educational Loans. Almost all of this aid is tied to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form,

high academic potential. Through this program, students can proceed directly from graduation to the next stage of their education or professional career debt-free.

“We have had great success with the program thus far and expect further increases in high need students in the coming years,” said Irish.

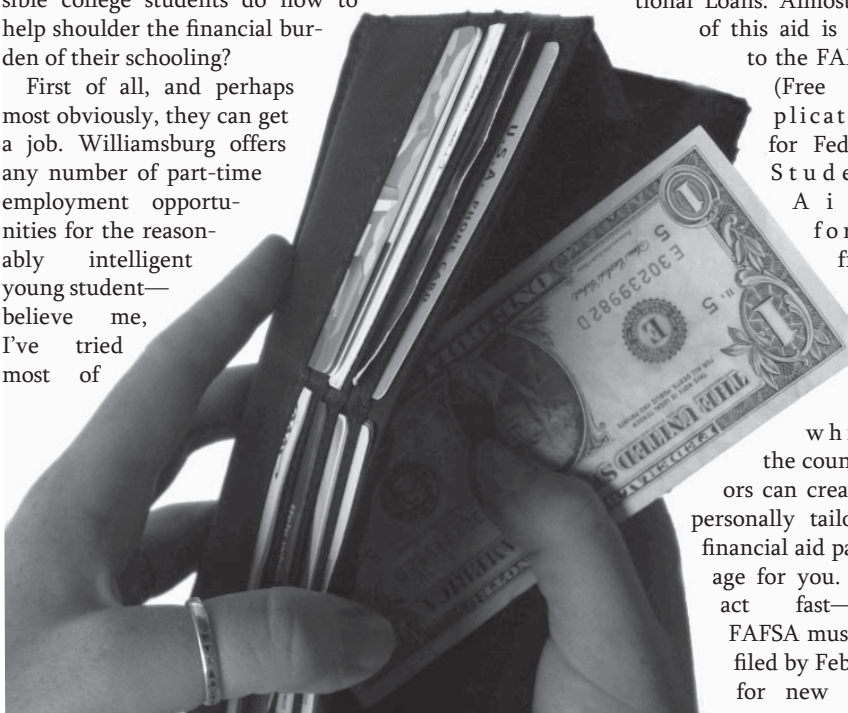
The Federal Work-Study Program, or FWS, helps need-based financial aid candidates to work part-time for the school to offset the cost of their tuition. Students enrolled in this program work up to 20 hours per week in a position related to their course of study.

The College also offers four federal loans—Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, Parent PLUS loans and Grad PLUS loans—as well as private loans. Loans are funds that must be repaid by the student or his or her parents at an interest rate.

Ultimately, whatever option you choose, be it part-time job or financial aid package, it will have to accommodate your personal situation and lifestyle. Scheduling an appointment to speak with a financial aid counselor is a good idea as is discussing your choices with your parents. Though the process can be trying, particularly for families without much financial background, Irish promised that the counselors at the Financial Aid Office are always ready to meet one-on-one with families that need extra help with the forms.

College gets more expensive every year, but you shouldn't have to suffer for it. Look into your financial options and find a way to get what you want out of your education without sacrificing too much out of your pocket.

which the counselors can create a personally tailored financial aid package for you. But act fast—the FAFSA must be filed by Feb. 15 for new stu-



BEST OF'S

A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

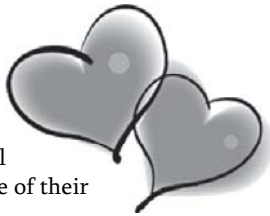
FIVE BEST INTERNATIONAL

VALENTINE'S DAY TRADITIONS

» TEGAN NEUSTATTER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Great Britain

Women used to write the names of their lovers on paper and put the papers on clay balls. They would then throw the clay balls into water, believing that whichever clay ball rose to the surface first held the name of their future husband.



Denmark

On Valentine's Day, Danes send farcical love notes called gaekkebrev (joking letters). They write a rhyme but do not sign their name. Instead, they "sign" in dots, and if the recipient of the letter can guess the name of the sender, the recipient will get a candy egg on Easter.

Japan



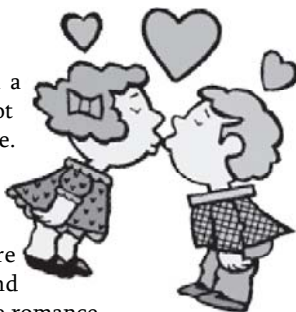
Japan has two Valentine's Days. On Feb. 14, girls give dark chocolate to the boys on whom they have crushes. A month later, it is the boys' turn. On March 14, boys give their crushes cookies or white chocolate.

Italy

In Italy, some unmarried women get up around sunrise and stand by a window. They believe that they will marry the first man to pass by the window within the year. It is also very popular to get engaged on Saint Valentini's Day, as it is called in Italian.

Nepal and India

Here Valentine's Day takes on a bit of forbidden romance, as not everyone is allowed to celebrate. College students are free to do as they like, but high school students have to give their Valentines secretly. If they are caught, they get a warning and their parents are informed of the romance.



FIVE BEST PIECES OF VALENTINE'S

DAY TRIVIA

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270 A.D.

The year Valentine's Day originated. According to legend, Valentine's Day was started in ancient Rome during the reign of Claudius II. The emperor had outlawed marrying for young men since they made better soldiers than men who had families. Saint Valentine, a clergyman, secretly married two people and was executed for it on Feb. 14.

180 Million

The number of cards exchanged on Valentine's Day. According to Hallmark, this holiday is second only to Christmas as the largest card-giving holiday of the year. Procrastinators will be glad to know that half of people who purchase Valentine's Day cards do so less than six days ahead of time.



24.7

The number of pounds of chocolate Americans consumed in 2004. There are 1,271 factories which produce chocolate and cocoa products in the U.S., with California leading (146 locations) and Pennsylvania a close second (120 locations). The chocolate confection industry was a \$13 billion industry in 2003.

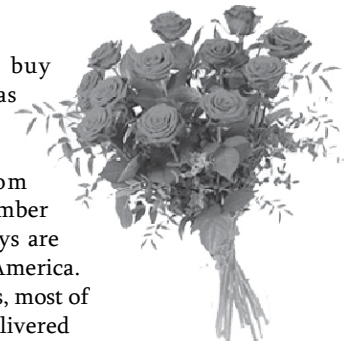


904

The number of dating services established in the U.S. in 2002. These services, like Match.com and eHarmony, have recently gained popularity, and they are utilized by nearly 4,300 people. These services may contribute to the approximately 6,000 marriages that take place daily nationwide.

73 percent

The percentage of men who buy flowers on Valentine's Day, as opposed to the 23% of women who buy them. Over half of America's roses come from California; however, a vast number of roses sold on Valentine's Days are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, most of which are red, will be sold or delivered within a three-day period.

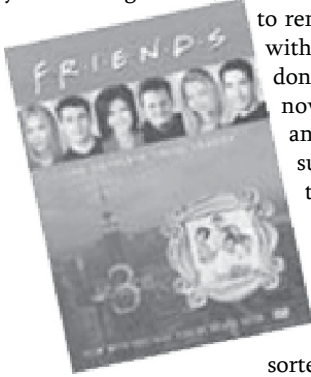


FIVE BEST WAYS TO SURVIVE THE WRITERS' STRIKE

» MEGAN GRADY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Watch TV on DVD

Even though you've probably watched your favorite shows when you first bought them, it never hurts to return to the original seasons to remind yourself why you fell in love with them in the first place. And if you don't have your favorite shows on DVD, now would be the time to go ahead and buy them (or rent them) to make sure you're on top of things when the shows (hopefully) return. You'd be surprised at how many little details you've probably forgotten or future developments that have been foreshadowed that are (or rather, were) currently being sorted out.



Create a Night to Watch

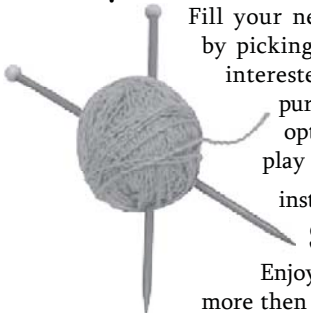
Since you can't watch new shows in real time every week, fill in their time slot by having friends over to watch old episodes. This works out even better than trying to watch them in real time because you can adjust the time to fit your schedule. It also allows you to watch some of your favorite shows that may not be on TV anymore on a weekly basis, like the much-missed "Sex and the City."

Read

Since there are no new episodes of shows except for reality TV, there's less of a need to interrupt your study time to watch. Use your time to study for class or find a book to read for pleasure.

Pick Up a New Hobby

Fill your newly found free time in the day by picking up a hobby you've always been interested in but hadn't had the time to pursue. Crocheting or knitting is a good option. You could also learn to cook, play a sport or dust off an old musical instrument.



Sleep/Eat/Party

Enjoy some of your favorite things a little more than usual. Spend more time at dinner, go to bed an hour earlier, or get work done earlier so you can go out more often. Make the most of the writers' strike because you know that once it's over and new shows are back on, you'll find yourself back in front of the tube where you belong.



FIVE BEST VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES FOR SINGLE GIRLS

» MEGAN GRADY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Dine Out with your Girlfriends

Make plans to go off-campus and enjoy a night with the girls at a place like Aroma's or Retro's or head to New Town. This can prove to be a fun way to get your mind off the fact that you don't have someone special with whom to share what can be a miserable holiday. If you're feeling catty you can make fun of the happy couples you see while you're out.



Don't Watch a Chick Flick

This is the best way to make yourself painfully aware of your singleness. Instead of curling up and watching "When Harry Met Sally" or "Pride and Prejudice," enjoy something less romantic like "Pirates of the Caribbean" or "Live Free or Die Hard" or another movie that doesn't rub the fact that you are single in your face.

Make Valentine's Cards

for Friends

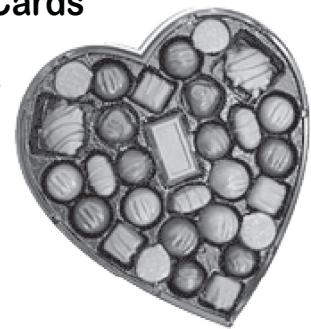
Instead of making mushy love cards for boys who don't understand their importance, make fun ones for your single friends. This way everyone feels a little bit of love on Valentine's Day.

Buy (and Eat) Lots of Chocolate

Treat yourself to some Wythe's or go for quantity over quality at CVS and stock up. Get some for yourself or your friends and enjoy spoiling yourself.

Pick One Special Valentine

If you don't want to go all out and get all your friends cards or chocolates, get one of your best friends to be your super-special valentine. Spoil each other with girly things like getting manicures, dressing up to go out to dinner (or make your own and stay in), going shopping and getting each other flowers.





COLLEGE KIDS AND THE NEWS

Election Season Highlights the Need to Stay Informed

» GRETCHEN HANNES, DSJ STYLE EDITOR

With the primaries in full swing and the 2008 presidential election looming, following the news becomes even more important this time of year. But even though the media tends to saturate our lives, our generation of Americans has little trouble tuning out news about upcoming elections as well as national and world events. Some media scholars, who view our demographic as a generation of lazy minds with a shallow political awareness and no appetite for serious news, feel this generalization is particularly applicable to young

haven't caught it.

What young America has caught is a thirst for entertainment and lighter news. Mindich contends that we "consume the media equivalent of sugary cereals," which has caused us to lose our desire for and our ability to digest hard news. Unfortunately, this creates a vicious cycle that only encourages our apathy: Americans care less about serious news so newspapers print less of it, which only perpetuates our lack of interest in serious news. It may also be that commercial pressures are forcing newspapers to print more fluff to please

shallow institutions."

This does not bode well for college students, who have watched an increasing amount of TV per week since 2001, according to Student Monitor, a market research firm that focuses on college students. During the 2004-2005 school year, Nielson Media Research reported that college students living away from home watched an average of 24.3 hours of television per week. And if students choose to tune into shows like "Grey's Anatomy," "Family Guy" and "SportsCenter" rather than the news, the "dumbing down" effect of TV could be a



Americans. So what are the forces behind this apathy? And is this perception representative of students at the College?

According to David T.Z. Mindich, author of "Tuned Out: Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News," 80 percent of young people don't follow the news, and there is little hope that those people will follow news later in life. The desire to keep up with current events seems to be a bug you have to catch early on, and, unfortunately, the majority of young people today

advertisers, which reinforces Americans' weak appetite for serious news. Whatever the cause, the reality is that many Americans care more about entertainment than politics and more about their personal interests than the interests of the nation.

Television has not helped this trend. According to Robert McChesney, author of "The Problem of the Media: U.S. Communication Politics in the 21st Century," TV has led to a "general dumbing down of society" by producing "lazy minds and

real concern.

Even if young people aren't watching a lot of CNN, they may still turn to television as a news source through shows like Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show," Stephen Colbert's "Colbert Report" or "Saturday Night Live." A 2004 poll released by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that 21 percent of people aged 18 to 29 listed "The Daily Show" and "Saturday Night Live" as a regular source for presi-



dential campaign news.

Interviews with students at the College, however, all of whom cited the Internet as their preferred method of consuming news, contradict the idea that students rely on comedy shows as a primary news source.

Gabrielle Merken ('08) watches "The Daily Show" and the "Colbert Report" but said they provide a "condensed version of the news." The shows are entertaining and useful in that she hears interesting news items that she can later "look up [on another news source] to get more information."

Sara Ragone ('08) said, "[Comedy shows] enhance my news...but I don't rely on them." She disagreed with the idea of the shows as a primary news source because "you can't find them funny unless you already know what's going on in the world."

Apparently most young people don't know what's going on in the world, however. And according to Mindich, they don't need to. He attributes this apathetic attitude towards the news to a lack of conversation among young adults about serious news. "People learn what they need to know," Mindich said, and young people do not need to know much about serious news if they don't talk about it with their peers. When conversations revolve around themselves and their interests and problems, young people don't feel compelled to pick up The Washington Post.

Jordan Coiner ('08) echoed this attitude. She said that conversations with her friends mainly focus on "planning our future, graduation, what we're doing next year, where we might move, graduate

school, paying for graduate school...things that are more of an immediate concern to us right now." Coiner added that she usually doesn't discuss the news with her friends unless "it's a big topic, like the Virginia Tech shooting."

For other students, following the news is a bigger priority. Merken said that she reads the news online "at least every other day" for up to an hour, and when she's home from school she reads the newspaper every day. Picking up this habit has been a positive change.

"Last year and the year before, I didn't look at the news as much and I felt uninformed, like I was living in a bubble," she said. Now, when her friends talk about current events, "it's nice to have more to contribute [to the conversation]."

The other factor contributing to the tuning out of young people is the general decline of civic life in the United States. All Americans, not just those under 40, are dropping out of society and leading increasingly private lives in suburban bubbles. College students often live in a similar bubble on campus that makes it easy to become alienated from public life and not care about events happening outside the bubble. This creates what Mindich calls our generation's "thin citizenship, only following the outlines of democracy."

Some students' news habits seem to confirm the notion of a thin citizenship. Chris Rini ('09) said that he checks sites like CNN.com and nytimes.com but "not super often...maybe once a week. I check headlines and if I see something that grabs my attention I read it." As an international relations major, he said he has to "keep on top

of things," but admits that he "could be a lot more informed."

Amanda Guthrie ('08) said that she receives a daily e-mail from the New York Times website but often only reads the headlines. She often reads full articles about her areas of interest, such as religion in politics, but said, "I really haven't been good about [following] the primaries."

But even though Guthrie and Rini don't read the news daily, they still recognize the importance of staying informed.

"It's an important quality for a citizen... to know what his or her government is doing," said Guthrie.

Rini said, "Everything in the news affects me...anything can affect our economy, our lifestyle." His comment proves that contrary to Mindich's beliefs, some young Americans do view their lives from a global perspective and recognize the importance of tuning in to events happening outside the bubble. Rini, for example, said that "even what's going on in Pakistan is a big deal for everybody."

From speaking with students, it seems that we at the College are more informed than the average young American and are more aware of the importance of keeping up with the news. We can still do better, though, especially when it comes to digesting in-depth serious news coverage instead of skimming headlines and choosing to read those stories that may fall into the "sugary cereal" category. If we don't improve our news habits, we risk becoming a generation of uninformed and ineffective citizens unable to voice opinions and inspire change in the world.

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Electing the Clintons

» DEAN EDWARDS, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

The current political stage makes a Generation-Y kid yearn for the bygone 90s. Nostalgia for the halcyon days of a Clinton in office, peace at home and abroad and real, non-reality-TV television. (Baywatch, not Ryan Seacrest, pulled in the primetime crowds.)

Perhaps that's why Hillary appeals so strongly to many Democratic voters; well, that and the fact that Hillary Clinton represents a kind of second chance for the United States.

Think back to 1992, the enthusiasm and energy that propelled a Democratic president into office after 14 years of a Republican White House. Fourteen years of "trickle-down" economics (an economic theory formally known as "The Golden Shower"). The champion of morality has never overcome the sins that it so freely blames others of committing.

Fourteen years of deceitful politics, cutting taxes for the rich, funding reactionary thugs in foreign countries to overthrow legitimate governments: 14 years of Republican hypocrisy. (Hypocrisy is the cruelest religion in humanity's reservoir of belief. Republicans tend to practice their faith more so than preach it.)

After looking behind us, 2008 looks awfully unlike 1968. This is not a year, or even an age, of radical turmoil and great



change; the supposed nuances are far too large. This nation overcame plenty in 1968, but 40 years on, the United States looks a tad more familiar.

This is 1992.

As in 1992, a Clinton has arrived on the scene, and, again, we face defeating another Bush, another recession, and another epoch of debt and lies. This time, let's allow Clinton to bring us out of a Washington practically controlled by Republicans for 14 years, give or take two.

Likewise, Hillary Clinton represents a continuation of the spirit that wrested the country from the first Bush and the era of Reaganomics. Although that wind of change abruptly died in 1994 with the Republican victories in Congress, the yearning for a new America had never left.

However, like 1968, 2008 may prove equally decisive. Just as 1968 ushered in a series of civil rights acts and radical change; a Democrat in office, with the popular mandate and a supportive Congress, seems likely to give us a national healthcare policy that might just work.

Healthcare, though, is one of many initiatives that the Clinton legacy could finally deliver us. Education, foreign policy and domestic policies will all benefit alike.

Sometimes it feels as if the choice between any of the Democratic candidates lies in the gray of Choice A, Choice A1, or Choice A2. The oratorical move of Obama has been to rally the party behind the moniker of "change," and the effect is demonstrable. People want change.

But everyone in the contest wants change, too. And Obama certainly has no first dibs on the way to make change a reality, either.

Edwards wants change; he's rallied Americans to the defense of the venerated Middle Class. For all her shortcomings, Hillary wants change, too. She rightly said, "I want to make

change, but I've already made change."

Despite financial and political support from lobbyists, Hillary remains the tested and most viable candidate for revamping not only the spirit of 1992, but also the force of change, too.

In much the same light—the spirit of change—Obama shares Hillary's position. It's an understatement to say Obama has the superior aura.

Obama exudes change; his speeches hearken back to a now rare statesmanship. He commands an ethos of change, but, if you'll permit a weak analogy, the sizzle outweighs the sausage.

Regardless of promises, Obama cannot muster the qualifications and intimate political experience as Hillary. Yes, there are obvious detractors to her time in Washington, the

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manhandling of truth for compromises and slow, if not painful progress.

Yet in the face of what Hillary stands for and can deliver, Obama's brand of "Hope" sounds more like an ad campaign for a new Tazo tea.

It's a sweet brew, for sure, but has it steeped long enough in the headwaters of national government to know what's right? More importantly, our president must know how to *get it right*.

Of course, Hillary is no Bill Clinton. She lacks the grace and craft of her husband, who could captivate voters like Obama, and perhaps, even more so. Watching Bill's speeches on YouTube, one's spellbound by his warmth and approach. A load of hogwash at times, yes, but what appealing hogwash it was.

To be serious, Bill Clinton served more than mere rhetoric in 1992, and now Hillary Clinton is offering us a second chance.

We ought to disregard the smear campaign against Bill and Hillary Clinton; all politicians have their stained pasts.

To quote the words of Governor Mario Cuomo of New York from 1984:

"But the hard truth is that not everyone is sharing in this ... splendor and glory. A shining city is perhaps all the President sees from the portico of the White House and the veranda of his ranch, where everyone seems to be doing well. But there's another city where some people can't pay their mortgages, and most young people can't afford one, where

students can't afford the education they need, and middle-class parents watch the dreams they hold for their children evaporate."

Sound familiar? 1992 and an uncannily identical decade of Republican rule look a lot closer to us again.

The specter of Reaganism continues to haunt us; the mention of his name by Republicans and, yes, even Obama, casts a dark shadow on this election, as Reagan had managed in 1992.

Once before, the Comeback Kid from Hope, Arkansas, defeated the Reagan right wing in 1992. His female counterpart would like to deliver the deathblow to that failed political machine.

Another Clinton in the White House is, however, not a Clinton II, as George W. Bush is to the legacy of Reagan and his father.

As much as her strength through the debacle of her husband's impeachment in 1998 shows us, Hillary Clinton is an independent intellectual and a strong character in her own right.

The Republican attack on her health care initiative in the early 90s cannot withstand the groundswell of popular support for the 90s Clinton policies. Owing to their hubris and lack of moral worth, the Republican Party as a whole has succumbed to the consequences of hypocrisy.

Never making good progress, the Republicans promised in 1976, as they did in 2001, to steer America back on course. After a botched war, an unfair tax strategy, and the unnervingly careless (and frequently purposeful) mismanagement of domestic government, the Republicans should lose.

For that to occur, the United States requires the substance of change, as well as the verve. The United States needs Hillary Clinton.

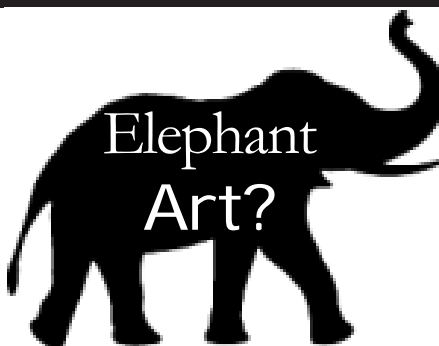
Then Americans may enjoy the happiness of a 90s outlook once more. What's more, we hope this time the tide of change unequivocally bests the warmongering tactics of fear and greed.

Therefore, march on, Mrs. President! While that title may be premature, Hillary was, after all, the wife of a Mr. President. Now she may have the honor in her own right.

On Jan. 16, 2009, the United States will swear in President Hillary Clinton, and in doing so, bring all that was an honest and true hope in a better future back to the American people.

Let's party like it's 1992.

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» KATIE PHOTIADIS, DSJ OPINION EDITOR

These new artists work for peanuts - literally.

The Palomar Hotel in Arlington, Virginia recently hosted an exhibition of paintings created by...elephants. In Southeast Asia, the nonprofit Asian Elephant Art and Conservation organization is training elephants to paint pictures. And, believe it or not, the paintings are selling fast. At the exhibition in Arlington the elephants made a killing, selling paintings for over \$300 a pop. In our consumer economy, even animals have to earn a living.

David Ferris, the Director of Asian Elephant Art and Conservation explained that the elephants in Southeast Asia face a dire problem: unemployment. For centuries, elephants in Thailand, India, Indonesia and Cambodia have been domesticated. For instance, in Thailand, elephants work in the logging business.

However, since most of Thailand has been deforested, the domesticated elephants are essentially out of work. They cannot go back into the wild since the wild has disappeared. At the same time, they cannot survive in society without a paycheck. That is where the Asian Elephant Art and Conservation organization steps in.

The organization supplies the elephants with paint supplies and art teachers. The elephants are trained to paint both abstractly and realistically by sticking a paintbrush up their trunks and making brush strokes on a canvas. According to Ferris, the elephants have their own individual artistic styles.

I am unclear on what this actually means. Perhaps some elephants are inspired by Picasso and others by da Vinci? As I glanced through the paintings at the exhibit, I noticed the diversity of these paintings: some elephants simply smeared colors onto the canvas; some painted crude landscapes; some actually painted realistic-looking flowers; some astoundingly painted cartoon-like

depictions of elephants.

I will say that I am not a skeptical person. I can believe that elephants are capable of painting abstractly and I can even believe that they might be able to create crude landscapes. (I don't discriminate against elephants, I swear!) But roses? Really? And elephant self-portraits that look like cartoon depictions? Is that how elephants view themselves: as miniature Dumbos?

Can elephants even see colors? How do they select the color of the paint? David Ferris said, "They definitely have a sense of composition, in the sense that color-blind people can. They can understand lights and darks." If elephants can barely differentiate between the various shades of lights and darks, how then do they know to paint an elephant in a shade of light blue or to shade a rose in pale red?

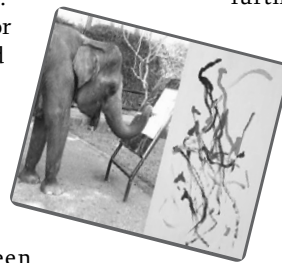
Ferris explained that for most of the elephants the art teacher dips the brush into the different colors when he or she thinks the elephant should switch colors. As I investigated the mystery of elephant art further, I grew increasingly more disappointed. At best, the elephant art could be labeled a collaborative effort between the teacher and the elephant.

But is that really the point? Does it really matter if elephants are capable of creating art? Or is it more important for the elephants to make money? All the profits from the painting sales go directly toward elephant conservation. Without the revenues, there would be a lot more homeless elephants roaming around South East Asia.

Does the elephants' success in the arts suggest career paths for other animals? When I asked Ferris, he laughed, but on a more serious note mentioned the possibility of primates entering the field. Chimpanzee finger painting? Any takers? Just kidding...or am I? Indeed, the popularity of the paintings may be the key to all animal conservation endeavors. Why ask people to donate to a fund to save the pandas when they could be convinced to spend three times as much on a painting of a panda made by a panda?

The architects of market capitalism could not have foreseen this. Even Adam Smith, with all his insights into consumer economics, would never guess that animals would one day need to pick up the paintbrush in order to make a living. No one gets a free lunch anymore, not even the elephants.

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MORE THAN A T-SHIRT

WHAT INTRAMURAL SPORTS BRING TO THE COLLEGE GAME

» HEATHER IRELAND, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

You may have seen them walking around campus already. They walk a little taller, perhaps even with a little strut in their step. They have something you don't have, and they know it. They were members of a championship intramural sports team and they are wearing the shirts to prove it!

Winning a championship t-shirt is the crowning achievement in IM competition, one that evades the grasp of some even for their entire College career. As an Intramural Supervisor, I have the pleasure of passing out these "trophies" at the end of each season even though none of my IM teams have won a championship yet. While that has been a disappointment, it has not been a failure. The time spent with my friends on the fields and courts this semester and the memories made mean more to me than

ownership of any shirt. Some of you reading may not believe that I, of all people, am saying this, but winning is not everything. There are many other reasons to participate in IM sports without being consumed by the epic struggle to obtain one of these coveted championship shirts.

This past fall students enjoyed the opportunity of competing in softball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, flag football, 3x3 basketball, table tennis, mini-golf, bowling and even in the Turkey Trot. For just a small fee, freshman halls, fraternities and sororities, campus organizations, grad students and many other groups of friends, both single-sex and co-rec, band together to try their luck at the offered intramural sports. Playing on team sports without the pressure of a varsity or club atmosphere really allows students to enjoy the time

spent with their friends and even strengthen their relationships, said Brad Bell ('09).

"I have been participating in IM sports with Kappa Sigma for almost three years now and we've always had a lot of fun," Bell said. "For us, it's a great way to bring the brothers closer together and we often use it for our rush to get to know potential pledges better."

Not only has it helped them develop a stronger brotherhood, but Bell was also able to enjoy a Kappa Sigma victory at the volleyball championships last year resulting in a cherished memory ... and t-shirt. The Graduate Assistant for Intramurals, Seth Finck, echoes the same sentiment when looking back on his attempts at intramural glory.

"I love IM sports because it's a great outlet for competition and allows you to feel



The "Flying Squirrels" celebrate their 2007-2008 intramural championship title. Photo by Heather Ireland.

like you're on a team again," Finck said. "Some of my best memories come from the IM fields, and perhaps my best new memory is the Flying Squirrels football championship, which happened this past fall."

Cailin Falato ('09) works at the Rec Center and also plays on the Flying Squirrels, the intramural team composed exclusively of students who work at the Rec. In doing so, she has a lot of experience with intramural competition. Due to her experiences, Falato has come to appreciate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by one of the integral parts of IM sports: the students who have the often-unenviable job of having to referee their peers.

"You have to respect the IM refs," Falato said. "They usually know people on the field, but still stay fair to both sides and have to stand by any controversial calls. It's a lot of pressure, and they really deserve props for putting up with us."

"I joined Rec Sports because I thought it would be a fun way to make a little money," Megan Cooke ('11) said. "You meet so many new people before, during and after the games, which can help with networking among many other things."

Matt Ragghianti ('08) does not mind admitting that working for IM sports is great for anyone who loves sports and needs a flexible job to accommodate classes. An IM supervisor and referee who is well respected for his clean calls and knowledge of the games, Ragghianti is able to find time to work shifts for IM sports, participate in his fraternity's activities, perform well in classes and still compete on intramural teams himself. If you are also looking for a campus job that will allow you to balance all those activities and more, the IM sports department is always eager to welcome new referees into the program, accepting all levels of previous experience.

"I like sports, and since I don't play for any teams on campus, this is an easy way for me to still be involved," Cooke said.

Most of the IM supervisors and referees play on intramural teams as well, since the reason many begin working for the Rec Center is a love of sports and physical activity. First year law student Adam

Reeves continues to play intramural sports even as a grad student, an extracurricular he carried over from his undergraduate days at the College. Beyond the chance to take a break from the stresses of classes at the Rec Center working out on the machines, Adam takes advantage of the opportunity to get a workout through his involvement on IM teams. And he's not the only one.

"Running on the treadmill or doing the bike by yourself gets pretty boring after awhile," Ashley Pinney ('08) said. "But with IM sports, I can still get a great workout while having fun and spending quality time with my friends."

There are no try-outs or cuts when it comes to intramurals either. While some bring a more competitive edge to the courts and fields than others, this is taken into consideration by offering different leagues for the various teams that suits their level of play. You don't have to be great, or even that good, to participate on an IM team, as I proved by making my flag football debut this semester.

"My favorite IM sport is outdoor soccer," Pinney said. "Even though I'm a pretty awful soccer player, I just love the thrill of the game and the fun competition that comes with it."

In the end, however, it does come back to the shirt. The championship t-shirt is

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a symbol of pride and accomplishment eagerly sought after. I had a friend who confessed to me during his championship softball game this past fall that he had made it into six different championship games over the past few years but had yet to win a shirt. That night I gladly handed Andy Speidell ('08) a championship shirt that he proudly sported in class the next day. That was the first of two Lambda Chi Alpha championship shirts he earned last semester, with the second coming in floor hockey.

"I think a big thing with participation is that you want to be able to wear that shirt around," Finck said. "It doesn't matter if you win an A championship or a C championship, you're a champion when you rock that shirt."

If you care to try your hand at winning a championship shirt, gather your friends together this semester and sign up for one of the many available competitions: 5x5 basketball, weightlifting, dodgeball, 3-point shooting, outdoor soccer, racquetball, volleyball, tennis or Ultimate Frisbee. If you are interested in more information regarding either playing intramural sports or working as a referee, please call Joe Tighe at (757) 221-3314.



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THE PATRIOTS IN PERSPECTIVE AT SEASON'S END, DID THE PATRIOTS DESERVE IT?

» OMAR SHAIRZAY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Despite losing to the Colts in a close AFC title game last year, people around the league knew that the Patriots' dynasty was not coming to an end just yet. The Patriots had the NFL's best coach in Bill Belichick, arguably the best quarterback in the league in Tom Brady, a very talented running back in Laurence Maroney, a stingy and veteran-rich defense and a solid special teams

Patriots stamped their ticket to Glendale, Arizona to face off against the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. At press time, the Patriots were on the cusp of completing the first 19-0 season in NFL history. In addition to not losing a game this season, the Patriots' offense racked up numerous awards. Quarterback Tom Brady broke Peyton Manning's regular season touchdown passes record with 50. Number 1

inevitably be raised: are the 2007 Patriots the greatest team ever to play the game? For someone my age, it is very hard to answer this question with much certainty. I did not have the chance to watch some of the other greatest teams ever play—teams like the 1985 Bears, the 1972 Dolphins, the 1978 Steelers, the 1984 49ers or the 1962 Packers. Sure I can look up statistics and compare those to this year's Patriots, but

"After all of these amazing, record-setting accomplishments, the question will inevitably be raised: are the 2007 Patriots the greatest team ever to play the game?"

squad. The Achilles heal of the Patriots had always been their mediocre—and at times below average—receiving core. So when the Patriots went on a wide receiver shopping spree last off-season, they created a lot of buzz in the process. Suddenly the Patriots were the team to beat. With the acquisition of such big name players like Donte Stallworth, Wes Welker and, the biggest of all, Randy Moss, sports analysts around the country started tagging New England as a Super Bowl-champion bound team.

Eighteen wins and zero losses later, the

wide receiver Randy Moss caught 23 of these 50 touchdowns, breaking Jerry Rice's record. However, it should be mentioned that Rice snagged 22 touchdown grabs in only twelve games (due to the strike-shortened 1987 season), while Moss played four more games and only eclipsed Rice's record by one catch. The Patriots also broke the record for most points scored in a season with 582 points this year. The 1998 Vikings previously held this distinction for scoring 556 points in a season.

After all of these amazing, record-setting accomplishments, the question will

something is lost in translation. While point differentials, points scored, points allowed and stats of this nature are interesting, there are so many extraneous variables to consider when comparing them over decades that raw numbers lose a lot of their meaning. There is only one way to judge a team's greatness, and that is by wins and losses. Who cares how many points you score if the other team scores more? Sports are about winning and losing, case closed.

If the Patriots win the Super Bowl (which they should have no trouble doing), they will have a perfect record of

19-0. This is something no other team in the history of the NFL has ever done. Having a 19-0 undefeated record in and of itself is enough to lift this team to the lofty status of greatest of all time. One might say that the 1972 Miami Dolphins never lost a game either, although they only played a total of 17 games. Who is to say if they played two more times that they wouldn't lose one or even both?

If you don't agree with that, let me do something I said I wouldn't do: compare raw statistics. The Patriots outscored teams in the regular season by 315 points, while the Dolphins outscored teams by only 214 points. That's over 100 points fewer. Still not convinced? Don Shula, the Hall of Fame coach of the 1972 Dolphins, has said that if the Patriots win the Super Bowl and go 19-0, that the 2007 Patriots will be the greatest team of all time, case closed. Now that is an unbiased opinion.

Since the argument that a 19-0 record automatically equals the "greatest of all time" may not convince some people, let me continue to throw some stats around. The point differential, widely regarded as a good indicator of a team's dominance, of the Patriots per game was just over 20 points—second all time among championship teams. Only the 1941 Chicago Bears—with a differential of 22.6—are higher than the Patriots. However, the 1941 Bears were not undefeated.

They went 10-1, which is impressive but not unique. Every season, it seems that some team is 10-1 at some point. In other words, the 1941 Bears weren't that special.

Further, the 2007 Patriots have pretty much rewritten the record books with the numbers they have put up.

There is only one potential weakness to the Patriots' claim for greatest team ever—Spygate. Spygate was where the Patriots were caught filming the New York Jets' defensive signals during their first game of the season

in September. Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick was fined the league maximum, \$500,000, the Patriots organization was fined \$250,000 and the team lost its first round draft choice next year, three very harsh punishments that reflect the severity of the offense.

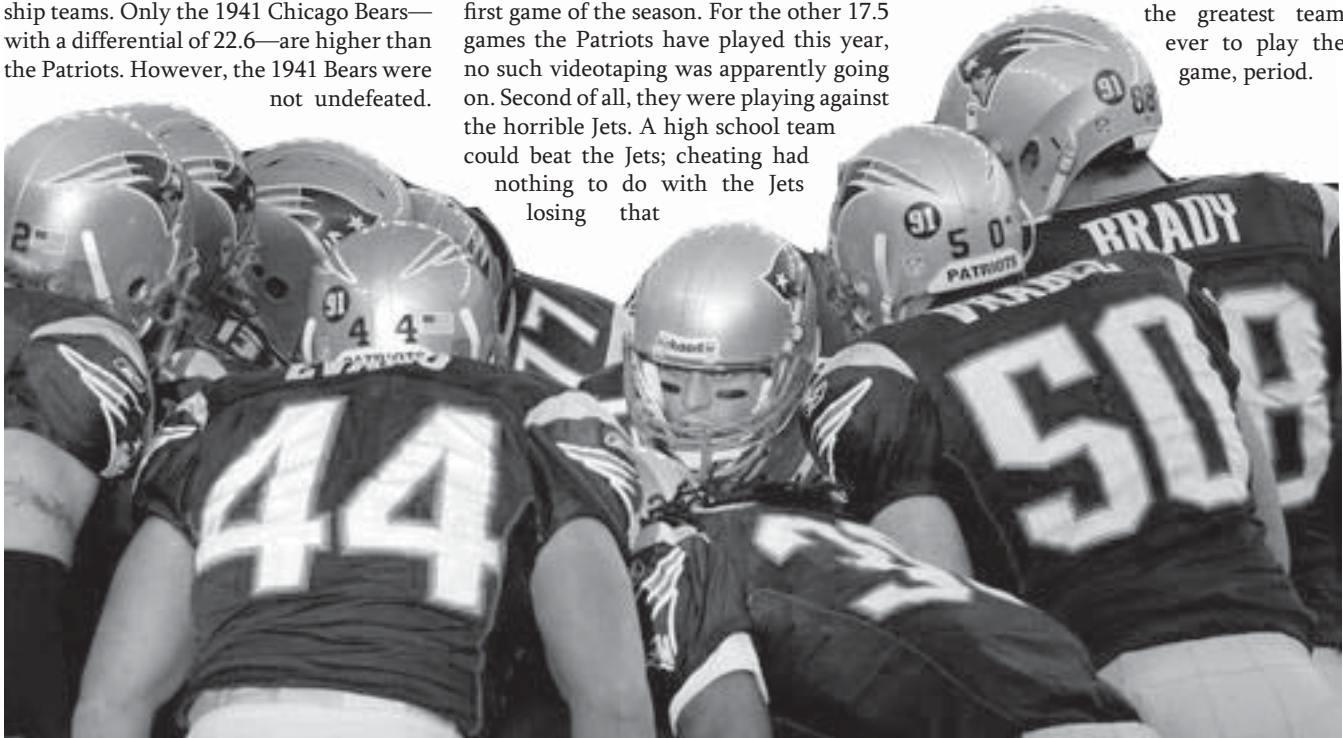
People who dislike the Patriots or think they are not worthy of the high praise they are now receiving say Spygate nullifies all of the Patriots' accomplishments this season. This argument is completely ridiculous. First of all, this taping of signals occurred during merely the first half of the first game of the season. For the other 17.5 games the Patriots have played this year, no such videotaping was apparently going on. Second of all, they were playing against the horrible Jets. A high school team could beat the Jets; cheating had nothing to do with the Jets losing that

game. Third, all teams try to get the signals of their opponents. This is just a part of football and a part of sports in general.

John Madden admitted on a Monday Night Football telecast that cheating involving stealing signals occurred while he was coaching the Raiders in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The Patriots were just careless and got caught. That does not make cheating okay, but how much of an advantage could they really get from two quarters of the Jets' defensive signals? Knowing an opponent's signals is a very small part of football. Spygate should not even be an issue when considering the greatness of the 2007 Patriots.

In the age of the salary cap, which is supposed to prevent teams from stacking their rosters with expensive pro-bowlers and keep games more competitive, a team should not be able to go undefeated. But the Patriots have, and they have done so very easily. I watched every Patriots game this season and not once, even if they were trailing, did I have the feeling that they were going to lose. They have so many weapons, are so poised, are so well coached and are so dominant on the field. Not only do they have the best offensive unit ever created, their defense is also very strong.

This balance of offensive and defensive prowess alone makes the 2007 Patriots a rarity. Combine that with all the records, all the huge numbers, all the future Hall of Famers and the 19-0 season, and you have the greatest team ever to play the game, period.



TRIBE BASKETBALL

» JOHN BRENT HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

In March of 2006, George Mason University redefined the role of the “mid-major” basketball program with their improbable, nay, impossible run from 11 seed status to a Final Four team. In this Cinderella season, the Patriots lost only once in the NCAA tournament, falling only to eventual champion Florida. Mason, upon receiving this bid to the tournament and small school immortality, was highly criticized for even being asked to enter the tournament, after losing in the first round of the CAA tournament to passed-over Hofstra.

You may wonder why, almost two years later and over a month away from March Madness, I choose to digress to these exciting times. The reason is that Tribe men’s basketball is currently rising from the ashes of their seemingly ruined season like a phoenix of yore, and the Tribe may, and I emphasize may, find themselves in the position to, like George Mason, leave major NCAA teams asking the question, “Who did we just lose to?”

While this speculation may be early, with the Tribe only hovering around a .500 winning percentage for the year, the men’s recent showing of late game heroics has inspired nothing short of confidence, that special trait that I can only define as the “it” factor. I will admit that despite strong play from Laimis Kisielius ('08) and David Schneider ('10), just to name two, the Tribe will almost definitely find itself overmatched against any major opponent. However, in some of the Tribe’s most recent wins, the team has exemplified to me a lot of traits that stir memories of last year’s VCU team (who went on to beat Duke in the NCAA tournament) and the aforementioned George Mason Patriots of 2006.

The major trait that seems constant in contending CAA teams is a feverish style of play that, perhaps combined with the fact that analysts consistently snub CAA teams with allegations of not deserving post-season play, makes CAA teams hard to beat come March Madness. For example, over a four-game span this season the Tribe managed to overcome four consecutive deficits

of double digits to rally late in the second half and win. They capped off this streak with a win in a packed Kaplan Arena versus Northeastern on Jan. 16 in a contest where the Tribe’s first and only lead came with 1:30 left to play in the second half.

But even in telling this story I am ahead of myself, because to fully understand the dynamic of this year’s Tribe basketball we should begin with discussing the Tribe’s first loss of the year to number nine Georgetown, currently 15-2 and leading the Big East. That game found the Tribe down by

only two with less than 10 minutes to play. Despite losing by an eventual 15, the Tribe played closely and effectively neutralized Georgetown’s Roy Hibbert, a projected top five NBA draft choice.

Following that defeat, the Tribe struggled, improving only to 4-8 before going on a five-game winning streak. During the 4-8 period, the Tribe lost inside presence Alex Smith ('09) to injury, and his lack of presence has certainly been felt. However, with his return seemingly imminent, it is an important upside to note that the recent



Drawing the largest crowd in a decade (5,284), the Tribe lost 72-59 to ODU January 26. Photo by Meg Luteran.

reemergence of the Tribe has been without one of its leading players. When he returns, he will add to an already constantly improving lineup.

After such a strong showing so far this season, the Tribe finds themselves in a position to, if not win, certainly make a run at the CAA regular season title. They also have the potential for a high ranking in the CAA tournament, from which the winner will receive an automatic NCAA tournament bid. Regardless of how the Tribe plays in the CAA tournament, if they continue winning during the regular season they may play themselves into at least marginal NCAA "bubble" status and should certainly garner consideration from the NIT if not the NCAA.

While after this year the team will lose Kisielius and Nathan Mann ('08), the play by John Sexton ('11) has been very stellar off the bench. Also, the Tribe will get the addition of Arkansas transfer Sean McCurdy to help stifle the loss of Mann at the guard position. McCurdy was a three star prospect at Arkansas but rode the bench during his first two years. With two years of eligibility remaining, he will be a welcome addition to next year's team.

As the Tribe enters the heart of their CAA schedule there are games scheduled against George Mason at the Patriot Center and VCU at home. There is also a looming "ESPN Bracketbusters" game. (Who will we draw? Only time will tell.) Given their season thus far, the Tribe has played into a position where, if they continue to win, and they should only get better, we may be looking at our first postseason tournament since 1983.

Farewell and Thank You

A new year, a new semester, and the Tribe seems to be in pretty good shape for 2008. We have a new NCAA-approved logo, an exciting basketball team, and gubernatorial recognition for our commitment to service.

There's one thing we're still missing though: a mascot.

But I think we would all agree that there is a far sadder loss for the students, faculty and staff here at the College: Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler. Sam's retirement has occupied the thoughts of many during these first few weeks of classes. And who can blame us? There will be big shoes to fill for the next Vice President for Student Affairs.

As Co-Editor of a campus publication, I was particularly consumed by this news during the first week of school. The mix of an Editor's excitement over breaking news and a student's sadness for the retirement of such a prominent College figurehead was intense to say the least.

The day his retirement was announced, Rebecca and I generated questions for Sam that would adequately capture the importance of and emotional reaction to his finale as Vice President for Student Affairs.

The atmosphere in the Student Affairs Office was definitely different that day. Brian Whitson from University Relations had scheduled many interviews for Sam, so timing was tight. As we waited patiently, Rebecca and I didn't really know what to expect. Having both worked with Sam before, we were very affected by the announcement.

But it was the same old Sam. He welcomed us into his office and reiterated several times how much he valued campus publications' coverage of his retirement announcement. Our questions were answered candidly and completely, even touching upon hot-button issues such as the Wren Cross controversy. As a journalist, I can't think of a person I've ever enjoyed interviewing more than Sam Sadler.

Towards the end, the interview felt more like a grandfather giving his granddaughters treasured advice. Rebecca and I were close to tears, and Sam had gotten emotional as well. However, one theme of the interview was particularly striking. Throughout our conversation, Sam kept referring to what he considered the magic of the College. That this place and the people in it can mold and shape a student in such a way that they can find their own path, and are given the tools to be successful in following it. At one point, Sam cited teachers and mentors "who really pushed me and encouraged me, helped me learn to stretch...gave me confidence."

When I think about myself and my classmates, this statement is all too applicable to all of us. What other place can not only give you the academic rigor to stand with the best of them in the real world, but also help you carve out a unique (often extremely challenging) path specifically tailored to your individual dreams?

Sam Sadler, especially, personifies this magic. In addition to a successful undergraduate career, he has dedicated 41 years to helping others achieve this same sense of accomplishment.

After the interview, I realized that we do in fact have a mascot that perfectly embodies the values of the College. His name is Sam Sadler.

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