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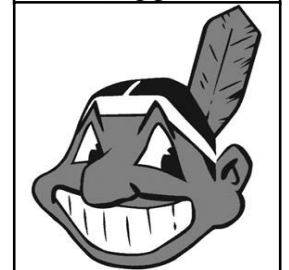
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# WORDS IN BRIEF

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october 9-11, 16-19

**who:** william and mary students

**what:** damn yankees- a w&m theater production

**when:** october 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. and october 19 at 2 p.m.

**where:** pbk

**why:** baseball and the devil in the same play

october 11-14

**who:** all students

**what:** fall break!

**when:** october 11-14

**where:** wherever you want

**why:** because we all deserve a break

october 17

**who:** richmond road residence life staff

**what:** an amazing race across campus

**when:** 8 p.m.

**where:** monroe hall

**why:** to chase clues in search of the fastest time and top prizes

october 25

**who:** tribe football fans

**what:** homecoming game vs. rhode island

**when:** 1 p.m.

**where:** zable stadium

**why:** school spirit

october 31

**who:** everyone

**what:** halloween!

**when:** all night

**where:** everywhere

**why:** because who doesn't still like candy?

november 4

**who:** anyone over 18

**what:** national elections

**when:** all day

**where:** the sadler center

**why:** because democracy only works if we vote

## William and Mary Research Team Receives \$2 Million Grant



The PLAID (Project-Level Aid) Project at William and Mary received almost \$2 million from the Gates and Hewlett Foundations in grants. PLAID is an interdisciplinary project that seeks to create a database on international development finance. Three William and Mary professors and many undergraduate students are involved in the project. "The PLAID project can help researchers and policymakers worldwide better understand how the billions in international aid are in fact being spent," said Dean of Arts and Sciences Carl Strikwerda.

## Reveley Becomes Acting President



President W. Taylor Reveley, III was sworn in Friday, Sept. 5 as the president of the College. Reveley was appointed as Interim President last February. Reveley seeks to "make a serious difference for the better," he has said, rather than being a transitional president. "Taylor has exhibited such extraordinary skill, warmth and commitment that we are confident this is the best path for W&M right now," the BOV said in a statement after the appointment.

## The Commons Has Gone Trayless



The Commons Dining Center phased out trays this November in an attempt to reduce waste. "This idea was completely brought forward by the community and by student groups," said Assistant Regional Marketing Manager Sherri Flanigan in an interview with The DoG Street Journal. "We always try to work and respond at the local level towards environmental stewardship and are always happy to put our community's great ideas to use."

## Undergraduate Admission Launches Video Prompt



William and Mary is the first institution to use a video prompt in the Common Application, a standardized first-year application. Instead of simply reading an essay prompt, students watch a two-minute video with members of the admissions committee explaining the prompt. "... [T]he video offers additional context that is intended both to put them at ease and to promote their creativity," explained Dean of Admission Henry Broadus in a William and Mary Press Release.

## The College Considers New Arts Complex



The College is undergoing a feasibility study for a new Arts Complex that would combine music, theater, dance, studio art, art history and the Muscarelle Museum in a single location. "I think the pay-off for William and Mary in centralizing its arts with a world-class facility will be enormous," said Professor of Music Bryan Hulse in an interview with The DoG Street Journal. "It will certainly boost our image and increase our competitiveness."

## New Summer Program in South Africa



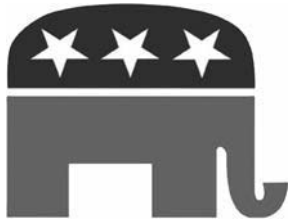
Professor of Economics Berhanu Abegaz led the inaugural trip to South Africa last summer, with approximately 20 students participating. The trip was unusual in its combination of academics and service learning, combining university lectures and hands-on volunteering. The students spent time at the University of Cape Town and the UNESCO South African Wildlife College. The students partnered with SHAWO (Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organization) to volunteer in Khayelitsha, South Africa's third largest township.

**SEPTEMBER PRINT CORRECTIONS:** In the "Reveley Revealed" article, Francesca Chilcote was a contributor. The article on Professor Ben Bolger should have read, "I began college at age 12 (at Muskegon Community College) and then later transferred to the University of Michigan."

# Epic Election Sparks Political Fever on Campus

» TIMOTHY SIVERD, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

With a hotly-contested election approaching, political organizations at the College are working tirelessly to spread their respective messages. Virginia's status as a "battleground" state has numerous organizations trying to tip Virginia their way and, consequently, have a significant impact on the general election.



## College Republicans Chairman: Scott Morris ('10)

The organization of College Republicans is similar to that of their Democratic counterparts, with one national organization, the College Republican National Committee, governing the local chapters.

The CR chapter at William and Mary was founded in 1976 and has grown to be one of the largest in the Commonwealth. According to Morris, CR currently has close to 700 students on its listserv, with approximately 60 attending meetings regularly.

"The mission of College Republicans is simple: we promote the interests, issues and campaign activities and, therefore, Republican candidates at large, whether national or local," Morris said.

CR members have found it significantly easier to support campaigns closer to campus; however, Morris said CR is willing to do whatever it takes to support the Republican Party, which sometimes calls for more extensive travel.

"Certainly it is easier for us to campaign for the state and congressional districts nearer to us, but we travel all over the state, and sometimes even out of it," Morris said. "In 2004, for instance, we attended a campaign rally in Pennsylvania."

Morris also feels that the close nature of the presidential election has generated unprecedented lev-

els of energy and excitement, which has helped to attract new members to the organization.

"The enthusiasm from our members has surpassed any expectations I had coming in," Morris said. "The strong turnout from all four years - freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as some graduate and professional students - is outstanding. We are certainly hoping to carry that energy through November 4th and beyond the rest of the year."

Although CR is definitely a political organization, members are encouraged to attend social events to build camaraderie and a sense of community.

CRs gathered to watch Sen. John McCain's acceptance speech for the nomination to run for the presidency at an "RNC Convention



Photo by Timmy Siverd

Party" following their first meeting. Morris said CR has also worked closely with Students for John McCain to have a strong showing when the Today Show filmed in Williamsburg.

C.C. McCarthy ('10), a Republican student on campus, represented the College at the Republican National Convention, where she served as a convention page. McCarthy successfully navigated an intense selection process, selected with only 123 other applicants nationwide.

As a convention page, McCarthy's daytime responsibilities included passing out papers to ensure all preparations were made for the delegates. During the convention itself, McCarthy handed out signs, filled in seats and performed other tasks to help the convention run smoothly.

McCarthy said that attending a convention,

## Students for John McCain: President: Bryan Alphin ('10)

The College also hosts a local chapter of Students for John McCain, whose mission, according to Alphin, is to "help Senator McCain get elected to the White House."

"We hope to achieve this by spreading the message of real reform on campus and ensuring America's priorities are ahead of those of a single political party," Alphin said.

According to Alphin, Students for John McCain is pleased with the support it has found thus far on campus. "We have support of about thirty students, but we are expanding," he said.

Students for John McCain is also organized nationally, leaving this chapter free to campaign aggressively on McCain's behalf locally.

"Our main focus is William and Mary and the Williamsburg area," said Alphin. "However, we are working in conjunction with the state and national campaign leaders of the McCain campaign to coordinate our efforts - whether it is door-to-door campaigning, making phone calls or attending big rallies."

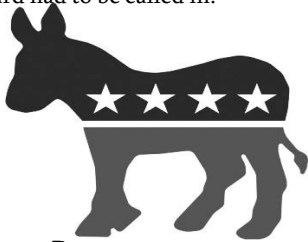
The group focuses on spreading McCain's broader message - that the Republican ticket shares the same values as Virginia residents.

"Living on a farm in Southwest Virginia, I am ashamed to see the Democratic candidate accuse my community of clinging to guns or religion as a way to explain our frustrations," Alphin said. "I find that incredibly offensive, which is why I would like to see a president who understands our problems and is willing to defend our values."

whether Democratic or Republican, is a great way to learn about “behind-the-scenes” politics. She noted that attending the RNC as a page was an exceptional opportunity, as her floor credentials gave her access to various high-profile individuals. McCarthy personally met almost everybody at Fox News, as well as Wolf Blitzer, Rudy Giuliani and Jon Voight.

While she said the entire experience was awe-inspiring, two instances were particularly special for McCarthy. She felt that attending Sarah Palin’s acceptance speech was a “once in a lifetime” opportunity, saying that the energy and enthusiasm were simply amazing, and the atmosphere was more thrilling than any concert she had ever attended.

Her other memorable experience was not as positive as Palin’s speech, but was dramatic, nonetheless. As a page, she had bus transportation out of the Excel Center, and on one of these trips, energetic protestors filled the street and the National Guard had to be called in.



**Young Democrats**

**President: Elizabeth Pedraja ('09)**

The Young Democrats of America is a national organization of more than 1,500 local chapters and 150,000 members. In fact, according to its Web site, YDA is the “largest youth-led, national, partisan political organization.”

According to Pedraja, William and Mary’s Young Dems chapter is comprised of a core group of 30-50 members, with a few hundred more who are on the listserv and attend various events.

While most YDs seem excited and motivated for their cause, Pedraja feels the presidential election has made the atmosphere even more electric. “Everyone is enthusiastic this year about change,” she said. “For the first time, the young vote is being targeted as a swing voter group, and the power to alter the course of a nation is exciting.”

Although YD chapters serve other young demographics, such as middle schools and high schools, as well as workers and professionals under the age of 36, Pedraja feels the chapters are especially important on college campuses.

“College is usually the first time a person

**Students for Barack Obama: President: Jared Calfee ('10)**

It’s no secret that Barack Obama has inspired many of the American youth. Students for Barack Obama, a recent group started at the College, has seized the opportunity to focus on involvement in the electoral process.

Despite his organization being fairly new, Calfee is pleased with the turnout so far.

“According to our Facebook page, our organization has 370 members on campus,” Calfee said. “Of course, some members are more active in the group than others, but we are pleased to have such a broad base of support from students wanting to get involved and make a difference.”

Calfee noted that the group’s organizational structure is quite similar to that of YD and CR. It is organized nationally with local chapters at hundreds of schools across the country. As for his chapter, Calfee feels it is crucial to focus on spreading Obama’s message around campus and the Williamsburg area.

Regardless, Students for Barack Obama members have gone through great lengths to support the Democratic Party in general.

“During the primary season, we helped out other states by making calls and, in some cases, even traveling there to help with ‘Get Out The Vote’ efforts on election day,” Calfee said. “I traveled with two fellow students to South Carolina to canvass all day for their primary. We were working with thousands of other volunteers, which I feel had a significant effect on the outcome, as Obama won by almost 30 percent.”

With the general election looming, Students for Barack Obama has been working with exceptional vigor. According to Calfee, the College’s chapter has been partnering with the campaign’s Virginia field staff and other Virginia schools to identify and register potential collegiate voters, as the college demographic is particularly strong for Obama.

becomes aware of and makes opinions regarding global and national issues,” Pedraja said. “There are several issues being dealt with in this election, such as gay marriage, health care, the Iraqi war and pro-choice rights, that we have been dealing with and will soon directly affect us.”

While it is easy to get absorbed in national politics, YD also works tirelessly to promote the Democratic Party’s agenda at the local level.

Although Pedraja recognizes that national elections raise more enthusiasm and thus attract more members, she feels that some of YD’s most important work is performed locally.

“There is more of an emphasis on local candidates, such as the state senate, because these are the elections we can directly impact,” she said. “With the turnout being much lower, every single door we knock on has a direct result on the election.”

to work with.”

Many YD members are involved in politics outside of campus. Secretary Katie Mulhall ('09) attended the Democratic National Convention in August as an intern with NBC News.

Mulhall’s Monroe project investigated how campaigns interact with the media and her internship let her gain first-hand experience on the subject throughout the summer. She sat in on conference calls with both campaigns and wrote blog posts for NBC News’ Web site.

“It was amazing to be among the 80,000 people at Invesco Field for Obama’s acceptance speech,” Mulhall said. “The atmosphere at the entire convention was one of infectious

enthusiasm, but the atmosphere for Obama was exceptional. His speech was so emotional that many people were moved to tears, even members of the press who are trained to remain neutral. The unexpected fireworks were the perfect end to an awesome night; it was just amazing to look up and see fireworks all around you.” ■



Young Democrats Meeting. Photo by Isabelle Cohen

Pedraja’s professes great pride and admiration for her fellow YD members.

“The people in this organization are some of the most dedicated, hardworking and compassionate people that I have ever worked with. What makes me proud to be the head of this organization is not so much the work we do, but the people I get

# Transparency on Campus

**The Board of Visitors and College Community Both Seek a Better Connection, But It's Not So Easy to Find**

» WILL BRANNON, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

At its meeting on Sept. 5, the Board of Visitors appointed Interim President Taylor Reveley as acting president without a search. Another far-reaching decision – like the BOV's choice not to renew the contract of popular former President Gene Nichol last semester – about the College's direction was made by a body that most students and faculty know very little about. The BOV is perhaps the most poorly-understood institution at William & Mary: despite its importance in the College's life, students and faculty have historically paid very little attention to it.

The BOV is, however, the highest governing body at William and Mary, with major formal and informal roles. Within the bounds established by state law, it is “fully empowered,” said Rector Michael K. Powell ('85), to make the most important decisions about the College's future. The BOV has final say over personnel decisions, budgeting and other important matters. The Board does not, however, have a day-to-day administrative role; it restricts itself to decisions on what Powell termed the “strategic level.”

Besides choosing the College's senior management, interviews with Powell and others indicated that the BOV's most important area of responsibility is the budget and corresponding fundraising.

The BOV is most involved at “the broader levels of finances, budgeting, tuition matters,” said faculty representative Katherine

ways discusses an increase in tuition [which requires its approval], always coupled with discussion of an equal increase in financial aid,” she said.

Last year's tuition increase was almost 10 percent, but there are still other sources of revenue for the College. The BOV's members are closely involved in the details of fundraising and development, as far as being concerned with “specific individuals [and] specific gifts,” said Kulick.

They have to be; the state's “continued unreliability as a funding partner,” in Powell's words, leaves the College no choice.

The members are not, however, expected to mitigate that unreliability through lobbying.

“We rarely have daily and direct contact with the state legislature,” said Powell.

The BOV relies instead on such professional lobbyists as College fixer Tommy Norman. Moreover, “alumni are well-positioned to lobby for the Board,” he said, commenting that they often do.

The BOV does have a powerful bully pul-



Michael Powell. Photo courtesy University Relations.

relations to dealing with students to what Powell called “the national conversation on education.”

How the BOV goes about its work may be more mundane, but it is no less important. It has several subject-matter committees, which do most of its work. There are committees on Financial Affairs, Student Affairs and many other topics, whose meetings make up most of any two-day session of the BOV. Every member of the BOV, including the faculty and student representatives, is on at least one committee. They view presentations from the administration and eventually present it to the full 18-person BOV for consideration.

New member Colin Campbell, asked to describe how the BOV compares to corporate boards of directors or the boards of private universities, said that “they're not at all the same kind of thing.”

The BOV, which runs a public institution, has quite different responsibilities from the directors of a private company. According to Campbell, the former president of Wesleyan University, its role is also quite

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Kulick.

It's BOV to approve all major College spending, and it is closely involved in raising money, as well. The Board, for instance, “al-

pit in its role as an “opinion leader.” Along with the administration, it and particularly its rector are the public faces of the College. They are visible in everything from alumni



SA President Valerie Hopkins is the student representative to the BOV.  
Photo by Marina Stranieri.

different from that of a private university's governing board. For example, though the BOV closely oversees the College's fundraising, Campbell said that unlike at a private university, "it's not an expectation" that the members raise money themselves.

The College's BOV is also unlike its private counterparts in another, more important, way: it's expected to be transparent and accessible. The BOV, as a state agency, is subject to many open-government laws that give it a different culture from a private entity.

"There are a whole lot of legal restrictions on how [we] can interact," said Powell, the rector. "I can't talk to more than one or two board members without it being called a meeting."

Counter to the impression shadowy business done behind closed doors, the BOV doesn't meet in private much; according to the rector, they're not allowed to. State law requires that most meetings be public, that notice be given and that closed sessions be only



New BOV member Colin Campbell is the former president of Wesleyan University.  
Photo by Will Brannon.

about certain topics. There are also practical difficulties: relatively few of the BOV's members live close to Williamsburg, and all of them have very busy schedules.

According to Powell, because the meetings are public, most of what the BOV does is public as well. Relatively few people attend, however; out of about 8,000 faculty and students, there simply isn't space for very many.

The BOV, in other words, has the problem of making itself accessible to the whole college community, but no easy way to do it. The BOV uses email and other electronic tools, but they're inherently limited, according to Powell. The greatest problem the BOV faces, its members say, is the lack of "formal channels" for the BOV to interact with the students and faculty.

The absence of such channels caused sig-

BOV, with another pending confirmation by the SA Senate, whose job it is to present student views to the BOV. In that role, they assist Hopkins, who as the SA president is the legally designated student representative to the BOV.

For its part, the BOV has also made efforts to reach out to students and faculty. It has instituted a program for members of the College community to have lunch with the BOV while it's in Williamsburg. There are dinners for departing faculty members, more informal get-togethers and comment sessions and the personal efforts of BOV members to get in contact with students and professors.

For instance, at the recent meeting on Reveley's appointment, each mem-



All BOV meetings take place in Blow Memorial Hall.

nificant problems during the selection of a permanent president to replace Gene Nichol. Taylor Reveley, who was appointed interim president after Nichol resigned, was made the permanent president at the Board's meeting on Sept. 5. The decision came after the BOV had promised a national search process. Though Powell and Campbell said that the decision not to have one was made at the meeting, not in advance of it, it has still proved intensely controversial.

That's so despite the fact that, as SA President Valerie Hopkins put it, there is "overwhelming support for President Reveley." What many students have a problem with is "the way he was appointed."

Some efforts have been made on each side to remedy the lack of communication. The Student Assembly now has an Undersecretary to the

ber "called nine or ten people," said Powell, and tried to find where the balance of opinion lay.

Despite all these efforts, it may simply not be possible to make the BOV as accessible as some students want it to be.

"There are 6,000 students and 17 of us. It's a lot work for 17 folks," Powell said.

Nevertheless, there has been improvement. According to Kulick, the faculty representative, the current board has a much better relationship with the college community than some of its predecessors, with more "give-and-take." Given the importance of the decisions now facing the college, she sees the improved relationship as significant. "We're at a very important juncture, and we can either step back and view one another with suspicion, or engage and take up a role in all of this," Kulick said. ■

# Brothers and Sisters, Side by Side



Greek Housing at William and Mary

Photos by Carrie Daut & Marina Stranieri

» KELSEY POWELL, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

With over a quarter of the campus population involved in Greek organizations, it would be impossible for every member to fit into fraternity or sorority housing. So, what's the deal? Who makes the decisions about which girls or guys live in Greek housing? Why do some fraternities have Greek housing and others don't?

Students assume Greek housing operates as it does on television. For example, ABC Family's 'Greek' portrays enormous houses which throw extravagant parties every other night. However, Greek living varies from campus to campus, and what's true on television certainly isn't necessarily true at the College.

Many students wonder if it's unfair for the sororities and fraternities to fill a majority of the student housing, but how much do they actual fill?

According to the Greek housing manual, as of January 2008, "No more than 15 percent of female and 15 percent of male sophomore-junior-senior housing will be allocated for Greek-letter social organizations. The present percentage for fraternities exceeds these guidelines but [has] been grandfathered based on the physical limitations of the facility."

With at most 15 percent of housing denoted to the Greek organizations, and even given that the fraternities take up about 2

percent more, there are still some fraternities and sororities that do not have any special housing. There are certain criteria, which are outlined in the Greek housing manual, which the organizations must meet before they can even qualify for special interest housing.

"The Greek-letter social organization must be a duly-recognized social organization," the manual reads. "The group must not currently be on probation. The membership of the Greek-letter social organization must be stable. At least 12 members and pledges must have existed over the past two years. The Greek-letter social organization must have evidence of sound financial standing."

Even of all the Greek organizations that meet all of the outlined criteria, some have chosen not to have housing or don't find it necessary.

In Sorority Court, 11 of the 12 houses are filled with nationally-recognized sororities. However, two historically black sororities, Zeta Phi Beta and Delta Sigma Theta, active on campus, do not have on-campus housing designated for their sorority. The Delta Phi fraternity occupies the 12th house, which is more or less located behind Sorority Court.

Alpha Epsilon Pi also has alternative housing; the fraternity has a small lodge rather than a complex in the Units.

Assistant Vice President of Residence Life

Deb Boykin said in an interview with the DSJ that Alpha Epsilon Pi "got lucky... before the Randolph complex was language housing, some fraternities resided there and in the lodges."

At one point, fraternities filled three lodges. Due to the popularity of that particular location, students complained and Res Life decided to designate only one lodge per year to Greek housing.

The Greeks may have housing, but that doesn't mean everyone who lives there is in the organization.

The decision of which sisters live in the house varies from sorority to sorority. Some sororities have officers living in the house and others use a lottery system. Sororities at William and Mary actually have more members than fraternities, but less space for housing.

According to Boykin, to keep their housing "the fraternities and sororities need to have 90 percent of the housing filled, and 80 percent of the housing must be filled by members."

This leaves 20 percent of fraternity and sorority housing for "bumped" students or for friends of the organization's members to fill. Often, it is fraternities who run into problems filling their housing rather than sororities.

There are rumors among freshmen that if one joins a Greek organization, he or she



can move into housing second semester. However, “freshmen cannot move in halfway through freshmen year. Freshmen must live in freshmen housing for two semesters,” Boykin said.

There is also the suggestion that the administration and residence life run into more problems with the fraternities. When asked whether or not statistically this was true Boykin replied, “Yes, often fraternities have more judiciary problems than sororities.” She noted that there have already been some of those problems this year.

Sororities tend to have stricter regulations in which the national organization prohibits them from serving alcohol at any sorority function. Some - many - fraternities have looser national regulations.

“Although it is naive to assume that alcohol does not exist at the College, alcohol does not flow freely from fraternities,” says the Fraternity Life Guidebook for the 2007-2008 academic year.

“Each chapter is expected to abide by its national or international risk management policies and the College’s campus alcohol policy and enact measures to exclude underage drinking from social functions. Examples of these measures are ID checking, alternative beverages, alcohol-free events and sober enforcement monitors.”

Alcohol at frat events (depending on the frat) is not always prohibited. However, strict regulations are strongly encouraged by the administration to prevent underage drinking, which can lead to judicial violations.



Fraternities are housed in the infamous Units.

The Council for Fraternity Affairs recognizes Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega and Chi Phi, but these fraternities do not have campus housing. Other fraternities recognized by the CFA have specialty housing in the infamous Units, across from William and Mary Hall. Delta Phi and Alpha Epsilon Pi are the exceptions to this rule.

Psi Upsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Omega Beta Delta (“Omega”) and Pi Lambda Phi are not recognized by the CFA. Also, this year Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be returning to William and Mary. It is recognized by the CFA, but will have no on-campus housing.

When asked about his assumptions surrounding Greek housing, Andrew Tran (‘11) commented, “I assume that there will be parties,” especially in fraternity housing.

Tran added, “I think [specialty housing is] meant to help Greek organizations grow closer together. They do however have a bad rap about them. I think they are good if you are in a Greek organization. It’s necessary to foster closer ties with the sisters or brothers.”

Even though it may bring brothers and sisters closer together, an associate member of Delta Chi, Joseph Quinn (‘11), noted that, “Greek housing should be

approached with caution.” “Living around a bunch of great friends can be enriching and fun, but it can interfere with academics and other social alternatives,” Quinn said.

Delta Chi currently has two off-campus houses but the members are considering applying for a Unit next year.

AJ Saltz (‘10), a member of the Phi Mu sorority who lives in Greek housing, commented that while she likes seeing friends on a regular basis, a cozy environment, a house and kitchen and the convenience for attending sorority functions, she finds disadvantages - small rooms and the fact that “sometimes having friends around can be distracting.”

“I like Greek housing. I think it’s a good home base for the Greek organizations. And it’s good that it’s not a ‘privilege’ to



Sororities are housed in Sorority Court.

live in your sorority house or fraternity unit - the cost is the same and the rooms are often smaller,” Saltz said.

Overall, the general consensus for living in sorority housing is positive. Samantha Weston, a William and Mary alum involved in Phi Mu, noted that sorority housing is “great, nice location, easy to stay in touch with people... [and that there is] free laundry.”

If you are a part of Greek life on campus, thinking about joining or have decided to pass, understanding what Greek life is and how it operates can help you regardless. The more you know, the less you are afraid to try something new, like indulging in a Greek-sponsored activity. ■



Sorority Court is made up of 11 sorority houses.

# The Times, They Are A Changin’

» HEBBA YOUSEFF, DSJ STAFF REPORTER;  
FRANCESCA CHILCOTE, DSJ STAFF REPORTER



The theme of change, so paramount in these presidential elections, has trickled down all the way to the college campus: a new college president, a new VP of student affairs, a new provost. We remember our beloved Sam Sadler in the re-christening of the University Center (UC). In the spirit of new beginnings, UCAB, who takes its name from the UC, will be revamping its image.

At the UCAB retreat at the beginning of the year, Thomas Milteer ('09), Director of Public Relations of UCAB, broke the news of the name change to the General Board Members. The UCAB Executive Board pitched this idea as an opportunity to present a more professional

appearance to possible guest artists. Moreover, they maintained,

increased professionalism will be useful to members as post-graduates when applying for jobs. Jessica Gold ('11) agrees: "I am really looking forward to UCAB's name change and the new professional image it will create."

The press release, issued by Milteer, hit the general public on Sept. 4, announcing

their decision to the campus. "In light of the University Center's change to the Sadler Center, UCAB decided to follow suit and seize the opportunity to build a new brand for itself with a fresh name and logo. The change will be a process that lasts the entire fall semester leading up to a launch of the new name in the spring."

The most remarkable part of this decision? The student body will be directly involved in the brainstorming process. The group formerly known as UCAB will be considering student suggestions in their attempt to incorporate the campus. "UCAB is asking for ideas and submissions from within the organization as well as the William and Mary

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student body. We are looking for something catchy, professional, and relevant to the College," explains Milteer in the press release. Despite heated debates on both sides, UCAB insists that "SCAB has already been ruled out."

All these changes beg the question, "How are the freshmen feeling?" You can spot a first year from a mile away simply by hearing them call the Sadler Center by its right name.

While upperclassmen might be nostalgic about the UC and the big yellow cab on the back of UCAB member's shirts, freshman Brianna Sewell ('12) offers her fresh-outlook, "As an incoming freshman I have no connection, so it's not really a big deal."

UCAB will be accepting submissions at [ucabnamechange@gmail.com](mailto:ucabnamechange@gmail.com) until Wednesday, Oct. 8, after which, the Executive Board will review the propositions and make a decision based on General Board input.

UCAB is all about incorporating student feedback into their programming and ideas. Another way to get involved in UCAB's decision making process is to rate their events. Students can issue stars based on how good an event is and how well publicized it was, as well as offer comments on the UCAB website at <http://web.wm.edu/ucab/>.

However, no matter what UCAB ends up being called, its programming will still remain the same. UCAB, while it's still known as UCAB, is hosting some events coming up pretty soon:

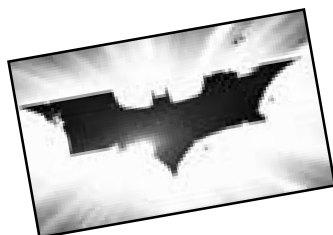
**Tribevision (Channel 52)**

Why pay to see a movie when you can just turn on the TV? This mostly unknown UCAB-run channel plays movies on cable channel 52. The schedule for October includes old and new hits such as *Batman Begins*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Knocked Up*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, *Psycho*, *Back to the Future*, *21*, *Rent*, *Lars and the Real Girl*, *Vantage Point* and *Baby Mama*.

Check out the Tribevision Facebook group to keep abreast of this month's feature and post your request for next month's.

**Fridays at 5**

Fridays at 5 are a long standing UCAB tradition, featuring different types of bands, spanning all genres. The remaining bands to perform are Steel Train and Hackensaw Boys. Steel Train is a rock band that hails from New Jersey. They are signed to Drive-Thru Records, who have also signed well-known acts such as Hellogoodbye, Allister and Dashboard Confessional. Hackensaw Boys is a folk rock punk band hailing from Virginia. Their music features an eclectic sound and instruments that are not very common for punk bands.



**Dark Knight at Lake Matoaka, October 24, 10 p.m.**

What is better than seeing *The Dark Knight*? Seeing *The Dark Knight* in the middle of the pitch-black *night* at Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. Enough said.

**Homecoming Concert, October 26, Lake Matoaka**

The Homecoming Concert last year featured the popular Guster. This year the concert features two up-and-coming bands, The Ting Tings and Rogue Wave. The headlining band, The Ting Tings, emerged last year in various television shows with their single "Shut up and Let You Go." The single was also made popular by Apple commercials. They group hails from the UK and boasts a new and fresh



s o u n d .

Their sound has been described as a pop sound, so do not be surprised to find yourself bobbing your head along with the catchy "Shut Up and Let You Go." Rogue Wave, described as an alternative rock band, opens for The Ting Tings. Their music may not be as well known as The Ting Tings, but they are an act to keep your eye on, and their popularity is growing. With these two bands, the Homecoming concert is sure to be a hit.

**Election Party, November 4, Lodge 1, 7 p.m.**

You may have heard that this year marks an election year that has many people ready to celebrate new beginnings. In honor of this special year, UCAB is holding an Election Party on November 4. Reflective of the many different views on campus, the party will be appropriate for everyone.



**Anthony Rapp: "Without You," November 5 at 7 p.m.**

For all you Rentheads, the original Mark will be coming to the College to speak about his recent memoir, "Without You," which follows his youth, his experience in the first production of *Rent* and the death of writer/composer Jonathon Larson.

**Comedian Alonzo Bodden, November 21, 8 p.m.**

UCAB's comedy committee has been known to book some of the funniest comedians out there, and Alonzo Bodden is no different. He is known as one of the executive producers of "Last Comic Standing" which searches for new comedy acts.



UCAB has made it clear that, no matter what ends up being printed across the back of UCAB's shirts, they will still hold student interests at the heart of their organization. In the coming year, UCAB hopes to not only give themselves a new name, but also renew their dedication to working with groups across campus to program for every student. Stay tuned to see the new developments the name-change process will reveal, not only for the logo, but also for the re-dedication to their goals and purpose. Just don't call them SCAB. ■

# BEST OF'S

## A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

### FIVE BEST COSTUME IDEAS

#### FOR HALLOWEEN

>> LEE DRESSER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### One Night Stand

One time I saw a guy wearing a wooden stand and a lamp on top of it, and I nearly died laughing. He held a sign saying "One Night Stand." I was fairly certain this wasn't going to happen, but with such a creative outfit, you never know.



#### The New William and Mary Mascot

The search for the new mascot has stalled, but that doesn't mean students can't speculate. So this Halloween you should go out as William and Mary's new mascot. How about a lion with a "W" crown or a walking-talking-Wren-building?

#### Rock Out with Your C#@k Out



Rather than paying fifty bucks for something you'll probably never wear again, make your own Rock Out with Your C#@k out costume by wearing an extra tighty-white over your underwear, slightly unzipping your pants, and sticking a plastic chicken in your jeans. You'll be a cock-a-doodle-doo!

#### Promiscuous Bat



It is well known that some girls wear horrendously revealing costumes with little or no connection to the creature they're actually trying to resemble. So, make the most of it and be something totally ridiculous like a slutty bat or even a skimpy cardboard box. It'll give guys an easy way to approach you with "Hey, so what are you?" and it doesn't really matter if you don't have a good answer!

#### Letters of the Alphabet

Here's an outfit for a whole freshman hall. Just cut pieces of cardboard into the letters from A-Z or A-D, depending on how many friends you have, and paint the letters different colors. Then sew them onto a cheap t-shirt and you got yourself a cost and, if you use used cardboard, eco-friendly costume.



### FIVE BEST NEARBY PLACES

#### YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

>> MEGAN GRADY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Mooretown Shopping Center

Located off Mooretown Rd, across the street from the hospital, this gem boasts Starbucks, Subway and other small specialty shops as well as multiple food places and chain stores. You'll find a Chinese place, Great Wraps, Rue 21, Lowe's and Petco, among other things. This is a fairly new shopping center and while it cannot rival New Town, it's not a bad option if you want to mix things up a bit.

#### Wal-Mart

As cheesy as I feel including Wal-Mart on this list, it is a discovery I am very glad I made. The Wal-Mart in Williamsburg is huge and really does have everything you could ever want, as well as being clean and the associates being friendly. So if Target doesn't have everything you could ever need, drop all your hesitations about Wal-Mart and go out there - you might be pleasantly surprised.



#### Patrick Henry Mall (in Newport News)

This is a little farther down the road than some people might want to travel, but if you're getting sick of the outlets and want to shop in a "real" mall, this is the closest option there is. Only about half an hour away in Newport News, it offers most chain stores you would find in any other mall, as well as some other things you may not have heard of before. So if it's a rainy day and you feel like going shopping but don't want to fight the traffic or the weather at the outlets, a mini-road trip to Patrick Henry might be your best option.

#### AMF Williamsburg Lanes



I had never even thought about going bowling locally, but once I discovered this, I re-realized it's always a good time. It's definitely worth checking out if you want to mix things up a bit, and sometimes there are even events that groups in the school participate in, like fundraisers. Also, since it's indoors, it's a great option

now that the weather's cooling off.

#### Go-Karts Plus

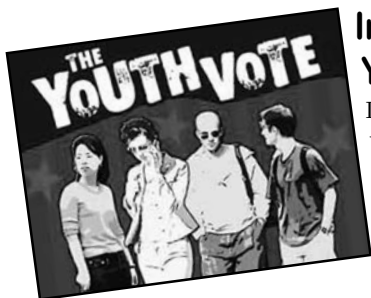
This is a fun place that doesn't require shopping! If you miss driving your car or are looking for a cool place to go on a date, hit up Go-Kart's Plus. It's a cheap way to have fun and bring out your inner child, as well as keep up with your driving skills.

## FIVE BEST REASONS TO VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION

>> POOJA GUPTA, DSJ STYLE EDITOR

### The Historic Election

At the end of the campaign season, we will either have our first woman in the administration or our first minority president. Either way, wherever your political leanings lie, this is an unprecedented election; be a part of it and become a part of history. Twenty years from now, when your children ask you about this year, you'll be able to claim a part of the responsibility for the results.



### Increasing the Youth Vote

In the 2000 election, youth voter turnout was 37.3%. In 2004, this number skyrocketed to 46.3%. The youth voter turnout has been increasing steadily. Analysts are predicting an

even larger upsurge in the coming

election, calling youth voters a "force." People are paying attention to our demographic, so we might as well keep ourselves in the spotlight! We wouldn't want to crush a trend.

### The Awesome "I Voted" Sticker You Get

Whether it's oval and white, with a spiffy American flag, rectangular and classy, or glitzy with white stars decorating the border, these stickers are rapidly becoming a status symbol of sorts. Earning one and applying it firmly to your lapel is akin to entering into a top-secret, exclusive club. Plus, I hear it's great for picking up potential dates.



### Decide Your Future

Issues in the 2008 election are catching the eye of young voters across the country, from global warming and energy policies to college affordability. For many of us, this is our first time voting in a presidential election – and the first time the issues will affect us directly. Our age group's influence is growing every day and our ability to pick the next administration is mounting.

Don't be left out. Have a voice in the election – and the future.

### Grandma Says So

A friend of mine, a college junior, recently received the following email from her grandmother in Southern Virginia: "Hi Dear, have you registered to vote? I really think you should. It's really important. Tell me if you need help, I'll be happy to research for you. Definitely register. Also, do you have a boyfriend yet?" Well, Grandma says so.



## FIVE BEST WAYS TO SURVIVE THE UPCOMING MIDTERMS

>> MEGAN GRADY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

### Get Some Sleep

As simple as this sounds, it's actually something a lot of us don't do enough of during highly stressful times. We know that the less sleep you get, the worse you do on exams and papers, so why push yourself to the max? Take the time to break up your studies by taking short naps and definitely make sure you get your normal amount of



sleep each night.

### Aroma's/Daily Grind

Speaking of coffee, I know I'm not the only one out there who believes that it is essential to be drinking this stuff nonstop in order to survive exams. Either coffee shop is great for grabbing a cup and studying some. My personal recommendation at Aroma's is the Prince George Green Mint Mocha with one of their peppermint biscottis. It's to die for. And the Grind is just a closer place to stop in grab a cup and study when you need a change of scenery



from your dorm or Swem.

### Hit the Rec for a Workout

For some people, this may be the best way to relax in the midst of a hectic schedule. If you're looking for a change of pace from your regular workout or just want to try something new to break up the week, check out one of the FitWell classes that are offered. Yoga is a great way to hone in on body relaxation while Kickboxing can help you relieve tension and stress.



### Make a Wawa Run

We all love Wawa runs! During midterm season, treat yourself to that extra F' real milkshake or fabulous sub sandwich. Even a pint of some Ben and Jerry's ice cream can help you through the home stretch of studying. It's not far and it's open 24 hours, which is also helpful for a late night coffee run.



### Just...Relax

This concept is as simple as sleeping. Treat yourself at least once during midterm season to something you know will help you relax. If that means taking a nap on the Sunken Gardens or going to get your nails done, whatever it takes. We all know how hard we work all the time and there's no reason not to carve out a little "me" time in there somewhere. Just put down your notes, sign off Facebook, and enjoy some time relaxing with yourself.



» GRACE HEUSNER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

If you're a freshman, you most likely received a free plastic mug and light bulb from the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) when you arrived here in August. Upperclassmen may remember the Earth Day celebration SEAC put on in April, complete with an Appalachian folk band jamming on the SC terrace. If you haven't been affected by these events, you may have noticed that the Caf has stopped supplying trays on Tuesdays and Thursdays in an attempt to encourage students to carry less food and throw less of it away.

SEAC is behind of all of these efforts, as well as the increased recycling efforts on campus, and, most progressively, the establishment of a Committee on Sustainability by President Reveley. The national increase of interest in environmental sensitivity has translated into an enormous increase in student interest in the organization on our campus, and the group is looking forward to another productive year.

William and Mary's chapter of SEAC is part of a nation-wide organization which, according to its website, is a "grassroots coalition of student and youth environmental groups, working together to protect our planet and our future." They claim that, "thousands of youth have translated their concern into action by sharing resources, building coalitions, and challenging the

limited mainstream definition of environmental issues."

SEAC as a national organization was founded in 1988 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when interested students wrote to *Greenpeace Magazine* with an advertisement to form a student network among college students. Since then, through "campaigns, conferences and a lot of hard work," SEAC has grown into a coalition of over 100 student and community groups in the United States and Canada. These groups are divided into regions according to the priorities of the membership. Regional or State Coordinating Groups (RCG) and/or a Regional or State Coordinator (RC) coordinates each state or region, coming together on conferences, actions and gatherings.

Being part of a nation-wide group helps William and Mary's SEAC chapter determine its priority campaigns, though

SEAC member Caroline Cress ('10) says, "we used to be more aligned with the national chapter, but we've become a little more moderate in recent years... they're fairly radical." This distance allows William and Mary's SEAC chapter to focus on issues that are unique to the College community, rather than toeing the national organization's lines.

Currently, SEAC is working on a national campaign, PowerVote—encouraging young people to vote for environmentally sensitive candidates—but focuses on key areas of improvement to the William and Mary community: Recycling (Wednesdays at 8:30), Food Sustainability (Thursdays at 8), and Energy (Thursdays at 7—all in the SEAC Office in the Campus Center).

SEAC has grown quickly in the past two years. Charlotte Davis ('10) notes, "In Fall 2006, the members of SEAC could sit in a circle of about 30 people in the SEAC office". Much has changed since then. During the 2006-2007 school year, the organization held a conference, secured funding for a compost tumbler on campus and almost completely



Students advocate for a greener lifestyle. Photo courtesy of SEAC.

eliminated the purchase of Styrofoam take-out containers from the dining halls.

The momentum continued into last school year, and today, SEAC meets in McGlothlin Street Hall 20, a room that is significantly larger, and consistently full, for meetings. These meetings (Tuesdays at 6) are to recap and plan major events, but much of the work behind SEAC happens during campaign meetings. These groups—Energy Campaign, Food Sustainability, and Recycling—work on more specific issues, and then report and coordinate with the entire group at Tuesday’s meetings.

Last year, SEAC devoted significant efforts to get former President Gene Nichol and current President Taylor Reveley to sign the Presidents Climate Commitment, a nationwide commitment among college and university presidents to reduce campus “carbon footprints”. While that has failed to occur, Co-Facilitator (President) Philip Zapfel ('09) believes SEAC “has succeeded in breaking down traditional ideological and administrative borders in order to get things done.”

He cites the successful “Green Fees” referendum of last year as an example: “Eighty-six percent of students supported our Green Fee proposal last year, seeing that not only did it improve the sustainability efforts of W&M, but that it was also an excellent business decision on the part of the College.” With that success, SEAC has big plans for this year: beginning a cross-campaign “Personal Practices Initiative” to inform students on campus about ways to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle.

In addition, SEAC is expanding their “Education Initiative,” whose goal is to enrich internal knowledge among SEAC members. This began last year with presentations about the environmental benefits of hemp and on the true meaning of food sustainability.

The diversity of SEAC campaigns is possible in part by the dedication of its leaders. This year, SEAC’s “Co-Facilitators”

(Presidents) are Charlotte Davis ('10) and Phil Zapfel ('09). Davis, an Environmental Policy and Sociology major, became involved with SEAC during the fall of her freshman year by helping organize the Youth Energy Summit, an environmentally focused conference of college students. Davis says, “I was immediately drawn in to the organization because, as a young idealist and

national campaign, SEAC is working on Power Vote, a national project to get American youth voting for candidates depending on their climate change policies, and holding elected leaders to environmental responsibilities.

SEAC hopes to continue its influence on the College and the environment. Zapfel remarked on the ability of SEAC to train its members for the future. “The tangible work we are doing on campus is improving not only our immediate surroundings, but also improving the ability of all students and W&M community members to work for a more sustainable future elsewhere as well.”

Davis says that SEAC is, “a wonderful force in the life of the College, most importantly in what it provides for students”—an opportunity for “young people to learn things they cannot learn in classrooms.” She notes SEAC’s experience with professors and administrators, which has helped in building solid working relationships while improving the environmental runnings of the school.

So, SEAC in a sentence? Davis concludes, “Overall, as we

grow, we continue to offer more opportunities for students to grow as activists and leaders, to help the College become more environment-friendly, and to maintain ties to the wonderful environmental work being done across the state and across the country.”

For more information on PowerShift, go to [v.powershift.org](http://v.powershift.org) or email [powershiftwm@gmail.com](mailto:powershiftwm@gmail.com). ■



Students meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. to discuss upcoming events. Photo by Timmy Siverd.

activist who had previously had little support in environmental efforts, I found SEAC to be a warm, open community that encouraged me and supported me in my environmental strivings.”

Zapfel is majoring in English and minoring in Environmental Science & Policy. He first joined SEAC during his junior year, determined to return from time abroad and “get involved.” Zapfel says, “I began work in the SEAC energy campaign on the Presidents Climate Commitment, and soon moved on to work on the Green Fees proposal and the freshmen orientation video, among other things.” Both Zapfel and Davis stress leadership mobility in SEAC and are grateful for the help of their predecessors in becoming the co-facilitators of SEAC.

Outside of Williamsburg, SEAC is working with state and national campaigns. While a solid group of William and Mary students attended PowerShift in D.C. in November 2007, SEAC expects to take more than 100 students to Virginia Power Shift at Virginia Tech on October 10-12. In line with the



# It All Comes Down to Us



» BEN SCHULTZ, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

Last year, the College earned a D- from the Sustainable Endowments Institute and recently received the designation of being one of the “Five that Fail” from the Sierra Club. While the Sustainable Endowments Institute used a handful of criteria to grade William and Mary, the Sierra Club based its grade on the administration’s refusal to sign the Presidents Climate Commitment last spring. This raises the question, does William and Mary fail based solely on administrative action or is there something that we as students can do?

I truly believe that we as students are what make the College great or not on all issues, including protecting the environment. The College will steadily improve its environmental record over the coming years, but we should not stand by idly and wait for change to present itself to us. We must take action as individuals in our daily lives.

The actions toward which we must first direct our attention are those that will cause little, if any, inconvenience but which still make a significant impact on the environment, rather than radical changes that are too burdensome to the average student to such a degree that we cannot reasonably expect them to happen very often.

One of the first things you should do, if you don’t already, is to recycle. On campus, the College tries to make it as easy as possible for you to recycle. There is a recycling dumpster located next to the dumpster where you already take your trash. To make things easier for you, none of your recycling has to be sorted— meaning all of your paper, plastics and metals can go together into the same bin.

Recycling, despite its popularity, is only part of process through which you can reduce the amount of trash you produce. It is important to remember the other two R’s as well: reducing and reusing. In addition to recycling, you should take steps to minimize

the amount of trash you produce.

Some simple things that make a big difference are using reusable drinking containers for water, coffee and other drinks rather than using paper or plastic Solo cups. You should also purchase products with less packaging, like Ramen noodles over Cup Noodles. One of the best ways to reduce your trash is to simply take the things you already have and continue using them rather than throwing them away. Some easy reusable and versatile items are grocery bags and plastic bottles. And, if nothing else, “reusing” is a great excuse to go thrifting.

Another great way to help save the environment and some money is to turn things

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off when you are not using them. The benefits of this come primarily because of the environmental hazards associated with our current forms of energy production.

By cutting your energy use, you will also be cutting the demand for mined fuels and the release of harmful substances into the environment from a number of sources throughout the production cycle. Some things that are really easy to do are to turn off your lights, TV and music when you leave your room, shut down your computer at night and unplug appliances that are not in use but could still be drawing power.

You can keep saving energy after you leave your now dark and quiet dorm room by driving less. Keep in mind that short trips around Williamsburg are walkable and that if

you are in a hurry, you can ride your bike, meaning that there really is never any need to drive on campus. For longer trips, try to combine several stops into a single trip and carpool with a few of your friends.

While it can be at times unreliable, the Williamsburg Area Transportation system can also be a good way to get around. It is a little known fact that you pay \$58 a year through your student fees for the right to ride the bus for “free,” so you should hop on the bus a few times just to get some of your money’s worth.

Unlike some of the other previous suggestions that may have less apparent and immediate positive effects, driving less will without question save you money and keep harmful pollutants from entering the air. It really does not matter if you drive a Prius or a Hummer- they both use the same amount of gas when they are sitting in the parking garage.

Just because we each take these actions does

not mean that we can ultimately solve the large-scale problems we face today without institutional changes that would affect the way the system operates. It is appalling that the College has refused to make a formal and specific commitment to do its part. National environmental groups have criticized the College for this and will continue to do so, but we can make things a lot better if we each do our own piece.

Comedian Robin Williams once joked that “China has the bomb, or maybe not. Maybe they just have a billion people yell ‘boom.’” If success is going to be achieved, that is how it is going to happen: a large group of motivated people working for change. So do those easy and small things in your everyday life, and together we just might do something huge. ■

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# The William and Mary Indians



» ANNIE BROWN, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

On Wednesday, September 10 the Men's Rugby Team sold shirts emblazoned with the long-abandoned Tribe Indian mascot to raise funds and protest the removal of our feathers at the beginning of last year.

The shirts came in two equally racist designs: one said "W&M Indians," and the other was an image of a stereotypical Indian Warrior—tomahawk, feathers and all. The team was also providing "Bullshit Deflectors" to all who passed by.

I experienced the deflectors first hand when I decided to stop and ask the rugby team if they knew exactly what racist symbolism they were promoting.

"These shirts are racist," I said to the four men at the table. "The term Indians and that symbol were taken away for a reason, and many Native Americans are offended by that."

"Things are only offensive if you think they are offensive, besides, we had one of the first Indian schools," a player replied.

"Yes, but those schools were filled with Native American children who were pulled from their tribes to be Christianized and..."

Before I had finished my thought, the bullshit deflectors went over the ears of all four men at the table.

"These work great," they laughed.

To be fair, I don't think the rugby team was expecting to be confronted that day. Also,

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I honestly believe that they did not mean any harm by selling those shirts. To many students, it's all in good fun. However, these shirts and mascots are part of a bigger problem. When it comes to discussions about our nation's unpleasant past we are all happy to put on our bullshit deflectors. We as a society, and more specifically as a college, are ignorant of Native American history and how that history

continues today.

The College became a part of this history when it was chartered in 1693. The education of Native Americans was included in the original mandate of the college. This mandate resulted in the construction of the Brafferton School for Indian Education; however, this education has been severely misrepresented to the College community.

Professor of Western and Native American History Andrew Fisher explained, "The Brafferton School reflected the cultural arrogance and religious intolerance of its founders and their society, which hoped to educate the Indian right out of the students who enrolled there."

The school was built to take children of native leaders from their tribes to civilize and Christianize them in order to extend British colonial interests in North America. Despite these realities of the past, The Brafferton School is often used as an argument to maintain Indian-related mascots. Slavery is also a part of The College's history, but we would never reference this history on our sportswear.

Think of a logo such as the Tribe Maroons, named after the fugitives who hid in the Great Dismal Swamp. Why can Native Americans be used as mascots, but if we were to use images of other racial minorities it would be unacceptable?

When the College replaced its Indian mascot in 1985, its history of educating Native Americans was used to keep some Native American reference in our logo. The College chose the feathers and Tribe, which were supposedly better because they symbolized community and were less offensive. Yet, 20 years later, the College found itself in the same predicament, with the feathers and Tribe as references to the racist savage mascot of the past kept to placate alumni donors.

I understand why the rugby team would make shirts referencing the Indian mascot of our past. The Indian makes our feathers seem so inoffensive; however, no matter what the image is, a reference to Native Americans is still a manifestation of the political disempowerment of a group of Americans

that continues today.

Professor Fisher commented, "It's dehumanizing because it reduces all Indians and their diverse cultures to an image of ferocity and violence—of savagery."

The College went out of its way to display local tribe members who did not mind the logo. But why do a few tribe leaders get to counteract the arguments of hundreds of Native American organizations that say Indian mascots perpetuate stereotypes and racist thinking?

One should never take a symbol as just a harmless graphic. Rather, it is a part of a larger historical context. The continuation of these mascots points to the myth of cultural extinction of Native Americans. When we are taught by mainstream historical discourse that these people are gone, why should we be afraid to use their image? As Professor Fisher states, when we sell racist merchandise or do tomahawk chops at games we don't think to alter our behavior because if these people are gone, then "who are we offending?"

The students of William and Mary were never told why the Indian or their beloved feathers were harmful to our society. What we have to realize is that these symbols are not disconnected remnants of a racist past. Politically active Native American organizations are still silenced and underrepresented in our government and media today.

"If the history was different, the image wouldn't matter," Professor Fisher explained. Symbols are about the power to choose how one's self is represented in popular discourse. The boys of Brafferton did not choose the Indian mascot, and the Native American students of William and Mary did not choose the feathers. If alumni would agree not to pull all our funding, maybe we could make a clean break: get rid of Tribe and the feathers and have an open discussion of what it would mean to confront the past and truly honor the Native American citizens of our community. ■

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# Hold Your Breath

## An Inside Look at the Underwater World of Synchronized Swimming

» ANNA MAHALAK, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Hold your breath for nearly four minutes straight. Now, at the same time, keep your toes perfectly pointed above water as you balance upside down, under water, moving in perfect sync with your four teammates. And don't forget to smile.

And you thought synchronized swimming was "easy."

"I think that many people do not realize the athleticism required by synchronized swimming," explained senior Rachel Morris. "While synchro is long remembered as a dainty, showy, girly sport, it also takes an incredible amount of power, strength, flexibility and body awareness. Athletes on the most competitive teams are incredibly fit and often do a good amount of cross-training [such as] swimming laps, running, etc."

Technically the synchronized swimming team is classified as a "club" here on campus – but these athletes require as much commitment to themselves and to their teammates as any varsity sport on campus. Even during the off-season this fall, these girls spend eleven hours a week in the pool and at least thirty minutes on land, running and doing aerobics outside of practice on their own time. As freshman Michelle Tillman put it, "It really isn't flowered swim caps, diving in sideways or any of those other poor representations shown in movies. Yes, we wear 'costumes' with sequins and glitter. However, it is a serious sport. I challenge anyone to really try it; they will realize how hard it is."

Think you are synchro material? Try to "eggbeater" for a few minutes – synchronized swimming lingo for treading water – while lifting both arms and shoulders out of the water. On average, you will soon find yourself nearly out of breath or barely

able to keep your head above water. Synchronized swimming combines the athleticism of swimming, dancing, and gymnastics into one competitive sport.

The experienced "gold" team at the College is comprised of two freshmen – Julie Silverman and Michelle Tillman, sophomore Lisa Mongillo, juniors Cori DeSanto and Brynn Hollingsworth, and seniors Ra-

team is comprised of swimmers who began their synchronized swimming career at the College. Freshman Xiaoyu Guo, sophomores Emily Titus and Anne Bernier and senior Nicole Roussell make up this year's green team. There are limited club teams at universities across the country, and only a handful of varsity teams. William and Mary's club team competes against schools such as Stanford, Ohio State University, Richmond, and George Mason – a mix of club and varsity teams. Among all collegiate teams, the Tribe placed 12th at last year's national competition and plans to improve this year.

The key to their success – like most sports – is teamwork. But still, synchronized swimming is unique even in that regard. "Unlike sports like basketball or football, which are certainly team-oriented as well, the synchro team members simply cannot be substituted-out when injured or having a bad day. The team is only successful when every member of the team contributes their absolute best at each and every practice," said Morris. Practices truly are a testament to this collaborative effort that supports the team's success. Girls take turns critiquing each other during warm ups, helping their teammates improve. Each individual also gets a say in swimming and writing the routine. If one particular move does not seem to be working, ideas can come from everyone, not just the captains or the coaches. This creative license generally leads to a better, more original routine.

Tribe synchronized swimmers are committed – in the pool or on the deck. Senior Hannah Cohen is an example of the many veteran swimmers who have stayed on as assistant coaches even when they haven't been able to swim themselves. Co-



Tribe synchronized swimming placed 12th at last year's national competition. Photo by Carrie Daut.

chel Morris and Laura Krzykowski. Most of the swimmers came to William and Mary specifically for the synchronized swimming opportunities. The "green"

hen has not allowed her injured status to keep her from seeing her team succeed – she is always present to lend her eyes and ideas to make the routines and the swimmers better. She assists the synchronized swimming head coach Barbara McNamee with these duties.

Barbara McNamee, mostly known as Coach Mac by her swimmers, has spent 12 years as a coach at William and Mary, but her experience in synchronized swimming goes far beyond the college level: she was a judge at the Olympics in 1992. Senior Laura Krzykowski added, “Mrs. Mac is such a valuable asset to the team because of her strong technical background and her connections within USA synchro...she is also an excellent figure coach because of these technical skills, and I know my figures have improved immensely since coming to college.”

With McNamee's leadership the club team has consistently performed at the national level, finishing in the top 12

teams each of the past four years. They have also qualified a variety of swimmers to go to the U.S. Nationals. Rachel Morris and Brynn Hollingsworth qualified last year for their duet and even had to reschedule fi-

With these and other veterans returning, it is not only a hope of the synchro team to maintain their success at nationals this year – it is an expectation. “One of the team's biggest goals this year was to choreograph a routine that better fit current synchro trends,” said Morris. “In the past, we have tended to swim more ‘cutesy’, fun routines that while well-executed, were not extremely competitive at national meets. This year we chose music from the movie “Blood Diamond,” which is much more intense and will hopefully yield a more powerful and exciting routine. We hope to improve our team placement from Collegiate Nationals last year as a result of this change in routine style.”

Although the competition season does not officially begin until January,

you can see one of the best synchronized swimming programs in the country perform this fall. Want to see how challenging synchro really is? Come to the show Friday of Homecoming Weekend to find out. ■



Synchronized swimmers spend at least 11 hours a week in the pool, even in off-season. Photo by Carrie Daut.

nal exams to go to Arizona, not to mention writing and swimming a completely new routine in under three weeks. As a testament to their hard work and Coach Mac's watchful eye, the duet did not miss one element or receive any penalties.

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# DSJ IN DEPTH: ONE ON ONE

>> JOHN BRENT HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

The TV is turned to Monday Night Football. On the screen, the Jets have just returned an interception for a touchdown versus the San Diego Chargers in what will prove to be the lone highlight of the game for this die-hard Jets fan. Across from me, David Schneider, the Tribe's starting point-guard, sits and watches the game.

The topics of conversation over the course of the game are far reaching. They range from Justin Timberlake to the Schneider telltale jump shot -- which features a, to say the least, distinctive kick along with the ball's release.

On Timberlake, Schneider cites him as one of his favorite musicians.

"I love playing the guitar,"  
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Schneider, "but I love all types of music. Justin Timberlake has so many great songs. My older brother turned me onto him, and as crazy as it sounds, 'Sexy Back' is one of my favorite pump-up songs."

Among other pump-up artists that Schneider listed were AC/DC and Busta Rhyme's. However, his ultimate pump-up, and perhaps his lone superstition, resides in a different pre-game ritual.

"Last year," Schneider recalled, "during our run to the CAA Championship, I got into the habit of watching the last five minutes or so of the movie *Miracle*. I love how inspiring that story is. A team that no one gave even the slightest chance showed up, did what they knew they could, and shocked the world."

Last season, although on a smaller—less global—scale, the William and Mary Tribe basketball team did something similar. Few Tribe fans will soon forget the team's improbable run to their first ever CAA Conference Finals. F o r

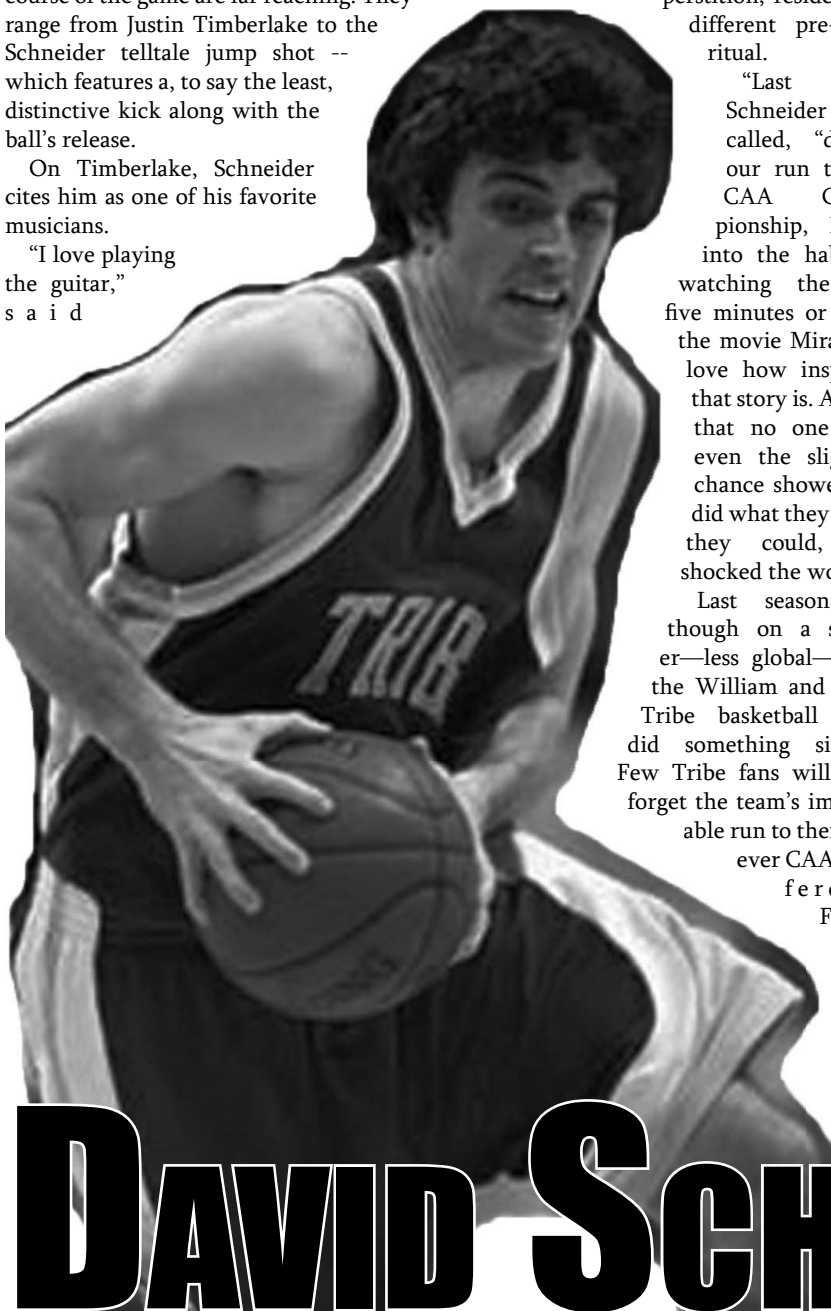
those who aren't familiar with this series of events—and returning students who find themselves in this group should be ashamed—the Tribe won three straight games in the last ten seconds of play to advance to the CAA Finals. The win in the semi-finals came against the top ranked team in the conference, Virginia Commonwealth, and was played essentially on the Rams' home court, since it was played in Richmond. Additionally, the loss knocked VCU—in all likelihood—out of the NCAA tournament, relegating them to NIT status.

This year, needless to say, the Tribe won't sneak up on VCU. Or anyone else for that matter. Not this year.

"Yea, VCU probably have us circled on their calendar this year," Schneider said. "But that's the way we want it. We want respect. When I came to the program, we knew there was a lot of potential, but there wasn't a whole lot of esteem. Last year, our run at the end of the season turned some heads. No one is going to sleep on William and Mary this year."

Indeed, the Tribe has not necessarily had a strong basketball program. Since 1986, the Tribe's record in CAA play is only 123-239. However, the program is in a state of change. Since Schneider's arrival two years ago, the team has had a winning percentage of over .500 each year. This stat, although I don't usually fall victim to the allure of statistics, is particularly amazing. Perhaps even more amazing, however, is Schneider's resolve that this is not a goal completed, simply a step in a much bigger trend.

"When I was being recruited, I was talking to a lot of schools," Schneider said. "But part of what appealed to me most about this school was the fact that I could come here and really try and help build this program.



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**DAVID SCHNEIDER**

I knew William and Mary didn't have the name recognition of a Michigan or USC, but I really liked that I could come here and have the potential to make waves. If I had gone to a bigger program, I would've had mixed playing time and a mediocre college career. At William and Mary, there was the chance for something more. When I got down to campus, and I walked around, I was really knocked off my feet. There was really something special here, something unique. I'm definitely a history buff. That, plus the potential to redefine basketball here, was too much to pass up."

When pressed about what exactly this "something more" was, Schneider divulged his goals that he had set for his time on the

court at the College.

"One, of course, is to win a CAA championship," Schneider said. "But, just changing the direction of the program is really what I wanted when I came here. And now, I can definitely say we've done that. But I do have one other thing. I want to see

By now, the Jets have fallen out of contention with the Chargers. None the less—and perhaps acting in rare form my roommates would say—I am unfazed. Instead, I continue to delve into the conversation, which, has now shifted away from basketball to other sports—I dance around the

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Kaplan full. Think about it during freshman orientation, the place is packed. We can do that. The more we win, the more people will want to come out. And this season, I think we can break last year's attendance record."

topic of the losing Jets, although he has already noted the Jets jersey I am sporting. Instead, Schneider tells me about his passion for the Arizona Cardinals, and we learn that while we lament different NFL teams, we share the same imminent fate of

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## SNAPSHOT OF AN ATHLETE:

### DAVID SCHNEIDER

Listed Height: 6' 3"

Listed Weight: 187 lbs.

Position: Point Guard

Class: Junior

Favorite Basketball Team: Phoenix Suns

Favorite Band: Nickelback

Hobbies: the beach, guitar, tennis, swimming

Favorite Movies: Wedding Crashers, Forrest Gump

Hair Cut: More business casual, shaved, versus last year's signature curls

Other sport/position: Football/Quarterback

Biggest Influence: Dad

College Basketball Bloodlines:

Grandpa, Dad and older brother



Photos courtesy of Tribe Athletics

*David Schneider*

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disappointment.

We talk shop for a long time, David and I. The conversation continues to meander, as a matter of fact, well after the interview has ceased. With the Jets demise as a background, David, his roommate Mike (a requested shout out, I must add) and I speak about the Jets, the TV show *Lost*—one which we are all avid fans of—and the idiocy of “The Hogettes”(sorry Redskins fans). Finally, the conver-

sation makes its way back to basketball (thanks to the Canadian sensation and Phoenix Sun Steve

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Nash, of whom Arizona native Schneider is logically a huge fan). It is here, that, finally, I muster the courage to ask Schneider about his—ahem—unconventional jump shot.

After laughing, he says with a smile, “I knew that was coming.”

But he doesn't shy from the subject.

“Basically, it started when I was very young. I have an older brother who also played college ball, and he always had the size advantage over me. I used the big jump and the kick to get more space. Over time, it kind of evolved, because it would help me create room when I took outside shots, whether it was a fade-away, or another look. But, this summer, that was something Coach Shaver and I decided we were going to work

on, and I think a lot of people will be disappointed to see it's not nearly as pronounced”

As the game draws near half-time, and my deadline draws near, I decide it's time to head back to my dorm. Before I leave, I ask David if he has any last advice or requests for the Tribe Faithful, the Kaplan Krazies, his people:

He said, in a word, “Believe.” ■



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# Forget Obama

**Wake up to the value of our community. Put national identity on a back burner.**

Forget Obama and McCain. Forget the canvassing, offices, conventions, registration drives, bumper stickers, texts, advertisements, polls, rumors. Forget all of that if you want to really make your vote count this year.

Pouring energy into national politics is accepting a packaged campaign message. There's nothing wrong with that. On the other hand, local and state politics are much more likely to be personally fulfilling and less alienating. Through local processes, we have the opportunity to mold our community and change it dramatically for the better.

Obama's acceptance of involvement (though truly fantastic and unprecedented for voter participation) is a myth compared to the type of involvement you can have if you work with governing bodies closer to home. Take Obama's and McCain's messages to heart: community organizers are the lifeblood of society and service is a priority. The time is now.

It certainly seems that the typical John Sophomore focuses intensely on big politics

and ignores the local. This is interesting, considering that government is one of our most popular majors. Pre-law and policy students, in particular, should pride themselves on involvement at the local level.

Additionally, as open-minded students, we can learn the power and processes of local action, and be more likely to apply it after we graduate, making us better citizens and neighbors. We're not just an alma mater of the past, but an alma mater of the future.

There are immediate opportunities to get involved! A few students have recently put together a political action committee to advocate student issues and elect a student to the Williamsburg city council in the future.

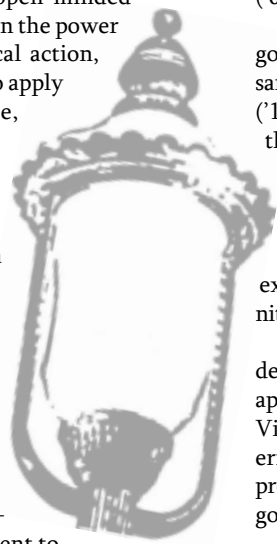
The PAC, Students for a Better Williamsburg, has already raised over \$1,000 in the two months since it was founded. The idea was spurred by last year's unsuccessful city council run by SA Senator Matt Beato ('09).

Students for a Better Williamsburg has gotten support from students of both partisan leanings. SA Senator Michael Douglass ('10) helped start the group and said that there is a distinct process to encourage and discuss student candidates for public office.

Douglass got it spot-on when he said in a recent DSJ interview, "Our goal is exclusively to make bridges to this community."

It's heartening to hear from SA President Valerie Hopkins ('09) that 40 people applied for the SA vice presidency. New Vice President Kristin Slawter ('09), a government major with minors in biology and process management consulting, looks like a good pick.

That leaves 6,999 of us to find our own avenue of involvement at the College. ■



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