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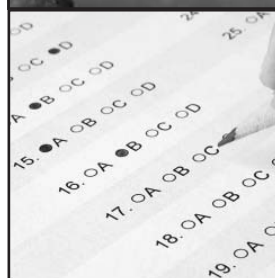


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The William and Mary Board of Visitors met in mid-September for the first time this academic year. During their meetings, they discussed many issues that affect the College, including the relationship between William and Mary and the state government.

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**Local Chaplain  
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A course on sexuality and spirituality designed for eighteen to twenty-two year olds will be taught this fall by Episcopal Chaplain Father John Maxwell Kerr, Unitarian Universalist Director of Lifespan Faith Development Margaret Sequeira, and Presbyterian Director of Campus Ministry Gini Campbell. The chaplains wish to teach students the truth about sexuality without the societal stigmas attached to it.

**PIE Special Education  
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The William and Mary based Preparing Inclusive Educators (PIE), funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Program, looks to increase the number of qualified special educators, particularly in underrepresented groups in the field (particularly males and minorities), as well as to further educate those already in the field and to recruit college students to this unique field.

**The Forum Begins Year  
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The subject in the first meeting of The Black Faculty and Staff Forum of the College of William and Mary (informally referred to as the Forum) was change. This was particularly in changing the forum to attract new members to its declining roster. Measures taken to revise the organization included eliminating the membership fee as well as beginning measures to bring about more awareness of the Forum.

**International Veteran  
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Former private sector consultant Paula Feeney discussed with students of the College several paths to take in order to get a lucrative international career. Discussed at the meeting were internships, extra-curricular activities, reading, masters programs, as well as the several careers available to those who wish to go international, such as working for the US Government or a US international corporation.

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Marshall-Wythe Foundation Professor of Law Linda Malone was awarded the Distinguished Fulbright Chair in International Environmental Law for 2009-2010. As the Distinguished Fulbright Chair, Malone will research and lecture at the Polytechnic Institute of Turin in Italy centering on sustainable development, particularly aiding societies in reaching environmental sustainability.

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The William & Mary Police Department Ed Schardeing, its third captain in the department's 35 year history. Schardein, who began work with the WMPD in late June, comes aboard following a 22-year career with the Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department. Schardein fills the post of Captain Ed Davis, who retired in February after 20 years working with the university.

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**where:** campuswide  
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# EYES TOWARDS THE FUTURE

» DANNY MOSIER, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

One of the hardest attitudes to hold when looking at the future of William and Mary is optimism. Despite the 17 percent budget cut from the state the College endured in 2008, a year later in September 2009 the state cut the budget yet again by 15 percent, meaning that the state has reduced its operating support for the College by \$16.6 million a year since 2008. While a bleak outlook is the easiest philosophy to latch onto in these times, even President Reveley has done his best to be a “ray of sunshine” and a “brief burst of cheerfulness” during these dark days.

“When the state cuts your budget relentlessly,” said Reveley, “it can lead to a lack of cheerfulness. But that isn’t a realistic way of looking at William and Mary... we have a long way to go in many areas, but we also have a huge amount of accomplishments.”

This nervous optimism was the attitude of many attending the September 2009 William and Mary Board of Visitor’s meetings. Meeting four times a year, the Board of Visitors (BOV) is the governing body of the College, comprised of 17 members appointed by the Governor of Virginia. Several faculty and student representatives also sit at the meetings, which take place over the course of three days.

On the morning of September 17, the entire Board gathered in Blow Hall to begin the major work for the day (the Committee on Audit and the Com-

mittee on Administration had gathered on the previous day). Rector Henry C. Wolf (’64) called the meeting to order and began by addressing the passing of Harriet Storm (’64), who had served on the BOV from 1979-1988, and the earlier passing of Frank Batten Sr., who had served on the BOV from 1990-1994. A moment of silence was held for them and Friday’s schedule was rearranged to allow BOV members to be able to attend Storm’s funeral. On a lighter note, Wolf congratulated the appointment of the BOV’s two newest members as well as congratulating the reappointment of Jeffrey B. Tramwell (’73) to the BOV.

President Reveley then made his opening remarks, citing many of William and Mary’s accomplishments in the past year, including 2008’s record fundraising year and the appointment of 25 new faculty members this academic year. He continued by addressing the undeniable fact that huge change will be necessary for the future of

William and Mary, primarily in terms of communication.

“We are deadly serious about trying to come up with a new financial model without the unrealistic expectation that the state would provide our budget,” said Reveley. “When you put all of these aspects together, we have every reason to believe that the 21st century will be the most productive of William and Mary’s many centuries.”

Reveley’s remarks led to the Committee on Financial Affairs, for which the entire BOV stayed. Joseph W. Montgomery of Wachovia Securities opened the meeting with the good news that William and Mary’s financial recovery had begun a bit sooner than anticipated.

“Every university we’ve worked with has had to rebalance,” said Montgomery. “It’s been an ugly year across the board. [William and Mary has] had a pretty good year, but that doesn’t tell the whole story.”

Montgomery stated that one of the major reasons for the quick recovery was a large reduction in risks on the part of the college. While the lower volatility has led for the college’s best returns since 2003, it also prevents greater returns from happening, which are needed especially following the budget cuts.

Montgomery then presented his proposed strategic allocation for the College’s finances, which greatly emphasizes a greater expected rate of return but also increased expected volatility. The plan puts a greater focus on U.S. Bonds and alternatives. Montgomery

mentioned combining investments from the investment companies PIMCO and Pioneer in an attempt to keep volatility down.

“Our purpose is to bring out the best ideas,” said Montgomery. “Do our returns outweigh the risks?”

On the subject of alternatives, Montgomery mentioned looking at hedge funds and managed future funds, which are cited to have benefits for up to 10 years as well as having much lower risks.

Following this was the Committee of Financial Affairs’ presentation, which began with the grim reminder that both the U.S. and Virginia’s economies are lower right now than further projected, although many think that America is currently in the low point of its recession.

“Planning is just as important when the economy is going up or down,” said Vice President for Finance Samuel E. Jones.

Jones continued by easing many of the worries about the governor’s proposed one day furlough, which would force employees of the college to take a day off without pay. The furlough will only reduce the employee’s salary by four-tenths of a percent and will not affect their retirement in any way. The College is currently working to figure out how to implement the furlough without negatively impacting the students. Also mentioned was the proposed idea of the state to shift some of their funds for K-12 education to higher education, although it is unknown how much will be shifted or when this shift will occur.

“We’re a public university with declining public support,” said Rector Wolf on the subject of state funding. “What has happen in the last couple of years has stripped away any illusions for state support for higher education.”

Jones then presented several vague but reasonable options to balance William and Mary’s budget, including increasing revenue, limiting hiring, expanding alternative work schedules, and reducing operating support.

Following this presentation Resolution 2 was presented to the Board, which details many budget requests for consideration by the governor as a part of the 2010-2012 operating years. Areas included in Resolution 2 are facilities support, graduate student financial aid, and utilities and other contract related costs increases. Following the presentation, the

Virginia Institute of Marine Science Director Planning and Budget Carolyn R. Cook presented Resolution 3, which contained many operating budget requests for the 2010-2012 operating years for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Following both

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—Joseph W. Montgomery

presentations, Resolutions 2 and 3 were voted on by the Board and approved unanimously. Following the approvals the committee on financial affairs was concluded. The BOV members then split up for the next several hours to go into separate committees dealing with other aspects of the College’s functioning. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds dealt with such issues as the demolition of multiple structures (Resolution 4), utility easements (Resolution 6).

The Committee on Academic Affairs was introduced by Provost Michael R. Halleran, who gave comforting words to the faculty present, citing the commitment and effectiveness of the faculty he has witnessed in his short period of working as Provost.

Following Halleran’s remarks was the somewhat less positive Report from Faculty Liaison Committee Chair Professor Kathleen F. Slevin.

“Thinking over the last 12 years,” said Slevin, “a question I always ask is ‘are we strong in our faculty?’ The answer is a negative one. Although we’ve just gotten 25 new faculty members, they’re not any better than our current faculty, although new ideas are always welcome.”

Despite the recession, Slevin predicted that the number of faculty hired by the college would increase in the coming years, primarily due to the number of professors who will be retiring. The entire committee was not negative, as positives such as the fact that 1,395 new freshmen are expected to join the Tribe next year, but many issues still needed to be addressed.

The most commonly asked question to the Academic Affairs committee seemed to be “what does it mean for us to be a liberal

arts school?” As the nature of the College’s public school status is currently being challenged, many board members deemed it important to begin thinking about the essential elements that make William and Mary distinguishable from all other schools.

“Many of us are very worried to the point of being discouraged,” said Slevin. “Our biggest concern is for the integrity of the academic programs... I know that money is the

root of all evil, in terms of what we want to do”

There was a big cry at the meeting for the BOV members to be more aggressive in getting revenues than they’ve ever been before. It was mentioned that the faculty and staff of the college is going to need to be able to set its priorities for the future and gather the data that is critical for them to do so.

Provost Halleran then proposed that the committee begin meeting and having internal conversations outside the BOV to begin working out their priorities in education, including helping to prevent undergraduate research from fading away.

Following this the session was closed in allowance to discuss resolutions detailing aspects of faculty functioning. Following the Committee on Academic Affairs was the Committee on Development and Alumni Affairs, the Committee on Athletics, the Committee on Student Affairs, and the Richard Bland College Committee.

The final committee of the day, the Committee on Strategic Initiatives, was by far the most anticipated of the day, attracting the entire BOV to attend. Led by committee chair Jeffrey B. Tramwell (’73), the goal of the committee is to come up with the best propositions and steps the College should take in its current situation, particularly how to deal with the current financial troubles. While the strategic evolution has been going on for a while, the plan has had to be completely restructured in the past couple of years.

Tramwell continued by outlining many of the challenges the College is currently facing, particularly in engaging students >> *story continued on page 6*



The Board of Visitors begins their September 2009 meeting. All photos by Kenneth Qiu.

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facing, particularly in engaging students and obtaining lifelong commitments from them to the College. Mentioned in solving the financial issues included plans to increase the College's external resources by 25 percent, necessitated by the lack of state funds.

A new tuition model that was thrown around during the meeting may be distressing to students. Statistics show that a model that implements higher tuition as well as higher need based aid is more successful in increasing graduation rates amongst several economic groups.

The model for student tuition was not the only one that BOV members thought should get an upgrade. Many thought that the plans previously discussed for changing aspects of William and Mary did not modify enough about the current models, instead expanding or altering only certain aspects. One BOV member referred to the popular maxim "never waste a crisis" to denote the opportunities for change that the College's current predicaments represented. A particular challenge for William and Mary is the unique aspects of the College that make it akin to both a public and a private university, leaving no models to refer to for guidance or examples.

"We need to look at the strategic plan as a work in progress," said Halleran. "Let's look at the strategic plan as an evolving plan that will react to continuous external change in its environment. If we can't change, we're going to become lost in

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— Rector Henry C. Wolf

time. As a plan it's supposed to be a road map to the future."

"We have to realize that the old world is gone," said BOV Secretary Janet M. Brashear ('82).

A point emphasized throughout the meeting was that the action in planning should not be delayed for a significant time or even until the next round of BOV meetings, implying that planning and work should begin immediately.

"I don't want the priority of the problem to be lost in detail," said Board Member Robert E. Scott (J.D. '68).

Following these comments was the unveiling of the most eagerly awaited plan of all the meetings—the preliminary draft of the William and Mary Dashboard. Dashboard is a grid chart which details 20 measures to be discussed, modified and taken during the next several years. These measures include several aspects of undergraduate administration, including undergraduate acceptance rates, undergraduate degrees awarded and undergraduates who

are members of race/ethnic or minority groups. Also included are categories of the national rankings of US News & World Report, such as the national universities and financial ranks, as well as other economic measures such as operating expenses provided by the state and total value of all endowments. The inclusion of a category based on the quality of the faculty is currently under dis-

cussion. The numbers and percentages of these measures are included on the chart for the past five academic years, indicating the trends these aspects have undergone. A target column for each aspect is included but left blank, needing to be filled later. The trends of these aspects are also compared to the data from the University of Virginia and Brown University, two universities with which William and Mary shares many similarities.

The Dashboard chart is a preliminary list that needs to be modified upon discussion, yet the faculty is now able to see the directions and focuses the administration intends to take in the next several years. Brashear made a clear point of welcoming feedback on Dashboard, emphasizing that the scope of the committee is broader than merely the strategic planning. A great emphasis on communication was in place for the rest of the meeting, enunciating new possibilities for communication in the most effective ways. The final piece of the presentation was several excerpts from several major newspapers and news websites highlighting the accomplishments and newsworthy activities of the College's students and faculty.

"We don't have precise words but only ideas of what our mission exactly is," said William and Mary Vice President James R. Golden. "We're drilling down exactly what it is that makes us distinct, and we have already seen what the ideas are that we will drive for the next several years."

The Committee on Strategic Initiatives, the final meeting of the day, was closed. As there was only a small meeting of the entire BOV on Friday morning, this signified the end of the major work of the BOV's September round of meetings. With a full plate to delve into at the start of the meeting and an entire banquet to deal with at the meeting's close, the consensus of the meetings was that a lot of work and a lot of change needs to happen for the College to stay on top. ■

# BEWARE!

## A MENACE IS IN THE AIR!

» DANNY MOSIER, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

A message telling College students to wash their hands may seem very overbearing and pointless, since it has been pounded into the consciousness of all American children since the first days of preschool. However, this message is one of many the College has been trying to imprint onto students, and they are completely serious about it.

Since the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year, the Office of Health Education and the College have begun a large print and online campaign to warn students of the dangers in contamination that occur during the flu season. These warnings also include methods for students to stay healthy.

Sarah Menefee, the Office of Health Education's Health Educator, describes the purpose and timing for this year's large campaign. "The Office of Health Education (OHE) works to enhance the overall health and wellness of the WM Tribe," said Menefee. "This year's increased awareness in hand washing, flu shots and flu prevention information has definitely taken priority for the OHE this fall."

The flu is the obvious focus of the current campaign. A link at the front page of the William and Mary website, entitled "Flu Update," takes students to a page filled with information on the flu virus, information on obtaining vaccines, symptoms of the flu, and simple steps to prevent the spread or occurrence of the flu. Several posters across many residence halls and high population centers across campus detail the same information on flu prevention and awareness. One poster in particular, featuring College President Taylor Reveley in a green and gold variant of the Uncle Sam costume doing his best Uncle Sam impression amidst the bold text stating "Only You Can Fight the Flu," has been completely embraced by the student population, albeit as a joke. This year's round of standard flu vaccines, provided by the Student Health center, was vastly more publicized than last year's series. There is not yet an H1N1 vaccine available.

While early fall is typically the period in which influenza outbreaks are the most common (referred to as the flu season), the flu has become particularly relevant due to the highly publicized outbreak of the H1N1 strand of the virus (the Swine Flu). Since its outbreak in April 2009, the H1N1 strand

to get information out to students before an outbreak of flu occurred." Menefee assures that the OHE is not simply "riding the hype machine" with the flu information and has a broader focus on student health.

"The OHE [has] programs in three main areas of health topics that affect our students the most," said Menefee. "These are substance abuse, mental health, and sexual health. In addition, the OHE will program in any relevant health topic that could impact our campus. We have developed a slogan and video that describes many of the Healthy Tribe Choices that WM students engage in that we also try to promote."

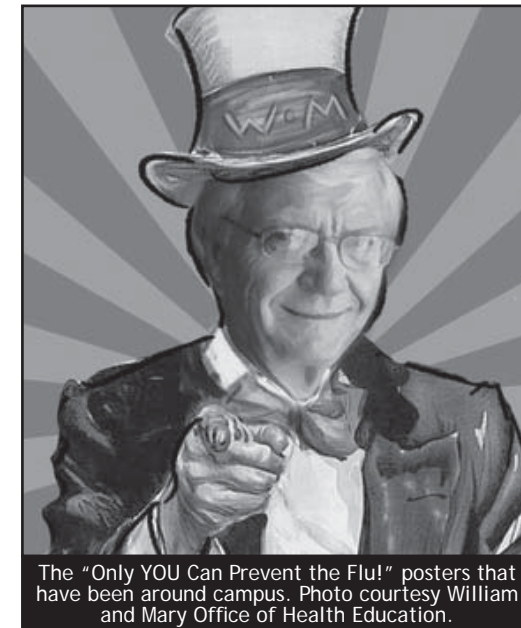
The said slogan is "What is a Tribe Choice?" and the YouTube channel, entitled "Tribe Choices," contains many student-produced videos which detail choices students should make in common situations to stay physically and mentally healthy. The channel can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/tribechoices>.

The campaign seems to be a successful one so far. Not only has the Uncle Sam Reveley poster been stolen by many students, but there seems to be a much greater awareness for the prevention of influenza infections.

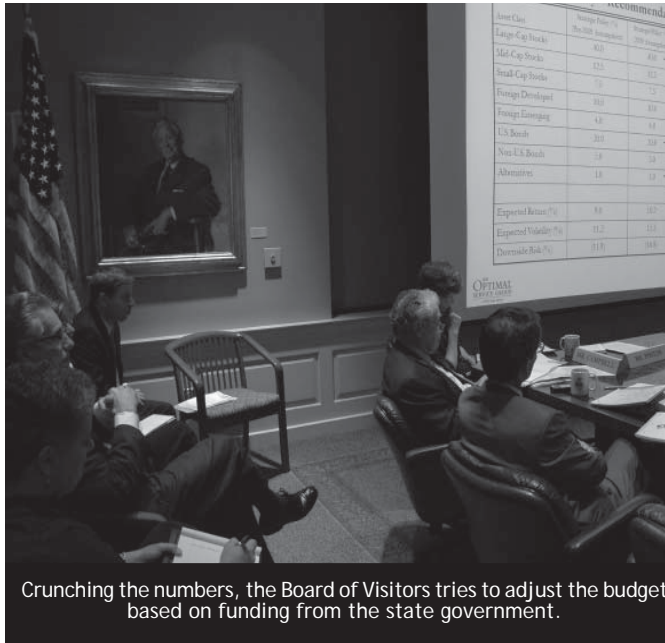
"Last week we partnered with the Student Health Center and the Student Assembly to run a flu clinic that vaccinated over 800 students from seasonal flu," Menefee said. "Although we ran a similar clinic last year, the increased awareness in flu prevention this year probably contributed to more students coming to this year's clinic than last year's."

While the student population and the OHE will have to wait for the flu season to completely pass to see if the College's campaign was successful or not, you can't say they didn't warn you.

More information about influenza, H1N1, and the OHE can be found at <http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/emergency/health/index.php> and [www.wm.edu/flu](http://www.wm.edu/flu). ■



The "Only YOU Can Prevent the Flu!" posters that have been around campus. Photo courtesy William and Mary Office of Health Education.



Crunching the numbers, the Board of Visitors tries to adjust the budget based on funding from the state government.



# OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE



## STUDENTS GET INVOLVED IN WILLIAMSBURG POLITICS ON CAMPUS RELATED ISSUES

» ISABELLE COHEN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

While there are a number of decisions made by the City of Williamsburg that directly affect the lives of students, current issues in city-student relationships involve the new noise ordinance and some of the proposals for changing the infamous three-person rule.

Over the summer, the City of Williamsburg enacted a new noise ordinance.

“Our old ordinance was found to be unconstitutional,” said City Councilor Judith Knudson. “It was very similar to the ordinance in Virginia Beach. Someone had protested against that one, and it was found to be not constitutional. We had to have a new ordinance because we didn’t have one at all.”

The ordinance specifies that sound levels must not be found to be above 65 decibels from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and 55 decibels the rest of the time, measured from the edge of the residential property’s boundary. The average conversation is about 60 decibels.

There are a number of other ways to violate the noise ordinance. One is called “large party nuisance,” and is defined as a “plainly audible sound that continues unabated for thirty minutes or more, and emanates from a gathering of ten or more people where the gathering is not completely contained within a structure, but spills outdoors...” It further specifies that it must be “plainly audible across a property

line.” This is according to a memorandum by the City of Williamsburg.

According to the same document, the first violation is punishable of a fine of a minimum of \$300. The second violation within a 12 month period is punishable by a \$500 fine.

The first violation by William and Mary students occurred about 24 hours after the ordinance took effect.

With the College, there is a range of opinions regarding the noise ordinance.

“I’m sure the first response of any policeman is to alleviate the situation without writing a summons,” said David Witkowsky (’11), one of the Undersecretaries of Public Affairs to Williamsburg. “The one potential problem... is that there may be neighbors of students who, out of spite, will take this law to the fullest, and will call the cops and insist on summons being written all the time, because there are more specific degrees in the language of the ordinance.

“Overall, I don’t think it’s in any way unreasonable,” said Witkowsky. “11 p.m. is pretty generous. That’s when the quiet hours start in my dorm, and I live in Ludwell.”

Other students disagree.

“The problem with [the noise ordinance] is that it is too harsh,” said Michael Douglass (’11), one of the founding members of Students for a Better Williamsburg (SBW).

“One example is the requirement for air conditioning units. One of your neighbors can complain about your air conditioning unit, and your air conditioner will be exempted from the rule if you can get a note from the manufacturer saying that it’s working properly, and there’s nothing that can be done to muffle it beyond what’s already being done. That means you have to bring a technician out, which costs money. A lot of folks, not just students, don’t have much of that.

“It is a better noise ordinance in some ways, in that it is less arbitrary on its face, but it is extraordinarily restrictive,” said Douglass.

Students for a Better Williamsburg is a political action committee that was founded in June of 2008 by three students, Douglass, Josh Karp (’11) and Nick Fitzgerald (’09). Its function, says Douglass, is to “make sure we are mobilized, as a student body,” especially with regard to local issues. The PAC has raised a total of approximately 3,500 dollars, including in kind donations.

Another big issue facing Williamsburg-College relations is the infamous three-person rule, which states that no more than three unrelated persons may live in the same house together. As a result of some of last year’s controversy, changes to the rule have recently been proposed, although as of yet there’s nothing final.

One talked-about solution is being called the four-person rule, which would allow houses that fit specific criteria to house four students, rather than the current three.

“I don’t think any options have been given that go beyond four [students per house] right now,” said Witkowsky. He said that square footage, infrastructure and number of bedrooms are all factors that would be taken into account.

Another issue that comes up when thinking about student housing is parking.

“Parking is a probably the most unmovable issue in this situation,” said Witkowsky. “Residents are concerned, as it is, with the parking situation now. One of the biggest concerns that the residents have about an increased occupancy is that they will see more cars in their neighborhood.”

“One of the concerns,” said Emily Gottschalk-Marconi (’12), the other Undersecretary of Public Affairs to Williamsburg, “is that even if the inhabitants didn’t have a car, per se, they would have their friends park [at their house].

“One of the things the members of the city are really worried about,” said Gottschalk-Marconi, “is actually quantifying how many people are living off-campus. They just want to know who they’re living with.”

Although the exact number of students living off-campus in Williamsburg is not known, William and Mary has a student body of over 7,000, and 4,200 students live on-campus.

“Everyone knows [parking] is a problem,” said Councilor Knudson, speaking not just about off-campus residency, but the College as a whole. “We’re all trying. What you’ve got is an old town, old streets, which were never built for this number of cars.” She added that she does think the College could better manage parking space on-campus, specifically the storage of construction equipment.

“The houses [which would qualify to hold four people] have to be able to hold four parking spaces, each eighteen feet in length,” said Kirstie Brenson (’12), SBW’s Communications Director. “Each house has to be at least 200 square feet. It’s just not realistic for student houses.”

“We almost feel like this legislation offers no resolution to the problem at all,” said Brenson. “We’d prefer not to see unnecessary legislation go through the council. We actually adopt the position of several prominent housing figures. We’d like to see the standard of about two people per

bedroom per house.”

Brenson added that “parking’s a more difficult issue. We understand that residents’ concerns involving parking are legitimate. We’d be a little bit more open to restrictions, but we haven’t talked about specifics.”

On many issues, the College and Williamsburg’s government agree. For example, many students are excited about the new Chipotle restaurant, whose zoning permits were approved last spring.

“I’m

hopeful and optimistic that as we really explain to the students how important this year can be in terms of engaging

in a dialogue with the city, and just civic participation in general, we really can do quite a bit,” said Class of 2010 Senator Ross Gillingham. “We just have to remember that the most important thing is not to get cynical and disengage, but rather engage and make your opinion and voices heard.”

One of the main ways in which SBW and the Student Assembly support student participation in local politics is in encouraging students to register to vote in Williamsburg, something they’ve been able to do only relatively recently.

“When Dave Andrews was registrar, until 2007, he had a much more strict definition of residency, and he was very reluctant to register students to vote,” said Gillingham. “Since 2007, there has been a huge push on student voter registration, starting with the Class of 2011.”

Gillingham estimates, roughly, that approximately 2,000 or more students are registered to vote in Williamsburg.

According to Molly Bulman (’12), the Undersecretary of Public Affairs for Voter Registration Initiatives, student registration this year is in full swing. As of the third week of September, they had registered 275 students. The deadline for registration for voting in the gubernatorial elections is October 5.

“We’re aiming for around 700 students [registered] by the end of the year,” said Bulman.

The Student Assembly’s efforts involved

huge pushes for registration at Freshman Orientation, as well as tabling during lunch hours at campus dining halls. Another initiative is called “Rush the Vote,” which focuses on the registration of students involved in Greek Life.

“Students live in Williamsburg nine months out of the year,” explained Carlos Quintela (’12), the Student Assembly’s Secretary for Public Affairs. He said that it was important for students to register to vote “so we can change some of the policies,

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like the noise ordinance and the three-person rule” which affect students.

He said that specifically it was important even for out of state students to register, because “the Governor and the House of Delegates really affect William and Mary’s budget. They’re the body that decides how much money we get.”

“I personally would hope that if students vote in the city election, they’re interested in the city, not just one thing,” said Councilor Knudson. “It’s no small thing to vote in a local election. I don’t think it’s something you should do frivolously.”

Since students make up approximately half of the population of Williamsburg, local registration can have a big impact on Williamsburg politics. In recent years, two William and Mary students have run for the Williamsburg City Council. The most recent was Matt Beato, who ran in 2008 and lost, winning only 15.6 percent of the vote. The next city elections will be held in the spring of 2010.

“I think there absolutely will be either a student candidate or somebody who lives in the city who is favorable to student viewpoints,” said Douglass. “I have spoken with several people who’ve expressed some sort of interest in it, and I am very, very certain that we will have a candidate, and that Students for a Better Williamsburg will weigh in on this election, will donate at least a thousand dollars to somebody, and that we will very actively work to get somebody elected to city council.” ■



# Crossroads

## The People and the Vision Behind the Comedy

>> CHELSEA GERMAN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

“A component of the school.”

This is what Findlay Park ('11) has hoped his project would become, when asked

for what he foresaw for its destiny. That project is called Crossroads, a name he did not choose

at random, although it does not necessarily carry for him the most common definition. To Park, crossroads are those instants wherein individual lives intersect, and in touching, even if only for a moment, achieve depth and unity.

This concept, explained by Professor Tracy Arwari to her HISP 207 class last semester, sparked an idea in Park's mind that grew into a grand vision. The undertaking forced him to assemble a team of enthusiastic fellow students, heighten his time management skills, and even then take only 12 credits this semester to secure enough hours for sleep.

Thus the College's first comedy news show, Crossroads, came into being. The profound concept from which Park drew his initial inspiration hints at a depth beneath the comedy, and this hint proves correct. Yet, more impressive and fascinating than the serious news and messages between jokes

are the people who have made it all possible. And so, before delving into the details of the show, an introduction of the staff seems appropriate.

First, the one who started it all: Arwari, an ebullient and personable presence in the Hispanics Studies department,

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ment, gently guides the show's student creators with her practical wisdom and finely honed sense of humor.

Then comes Park, a Government major whose family lives in London, yet whose best British accent only reaches the verisimilitude of Frasier's. Other notable attributes include his strong chin, the fact that he was born in Thailand and his confident personality. He wears multiple hats as the show's anchor, director and one of its writers.

The next person to come on board had to force her way in, over what must have been a lively dinner that took place in Washington, D.C., this past summer. Joyce Kim ('11) is the only minority on staff, due to her gender, ethnicity and residency. For, as statistically shocking as it may seem, she is the only native Virginian on the team. Her roles include writer, producer, minority expert and host of the Minority Report, one of the show's

segments.

John Hill ('10), hosts a sequence called Kings of the Hill that introduces the movers and shakers on campus, and also serves as Crossroads' sports correspondent and writer.

Next we move on to the three New Yorkers, who describe themselves as a Holy Trinity of sorts. Eamonn Cummings ('12) deems himself the Father. He hosts a segment entitled Cummings and Goings, and writes for the show. Stephen Dachert ('13) controls the visual aspects of the production

as editor, cinematographer and flyer designer. Joe Haden ('11), another



Crossroads founder Findlay Park thanks comedian Bo Burnham, who performed at the College earlier this year. All photos courtesy of Findlay Park.



Members of the Crossroads team: from left, Eamonn Cummings ('12), Findlay Park ('11), and John Hill ('10).

writer, completes the New York triad.

The other talented youths involved in Crossroads are Eric Rydin ('10) of Texas, who hosts a sequence examining the romantic side of life at the College, tentatively titled the Love Bridge. Next comes the newest member of the team: Austin Wiese ('10) of South Dakota,

one of about three students in the College hailing from that state.

These ambitious students recently let me sit in on one of their group meetings, 15 days before Crossroads' premiere. There I got to observe Wiese explain to the others his vision for how he fit into the show. Already heavily involved on campus, but enthusiastic about this project nonetheless, he volunteered himself as a writer and occasional guest anchor.

Based upon the segments men-

tioned, it seems obvious that The Daily Show and The Colbert Report powerfully influenced the show's format.

“We should go back and watch the first episode of The Daily Show for inspiration,” said Park, as he and his teammates deliberated on which skits should go into their own first episode,

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—Findlay Park ('11)

“and the first episode of the Colbert Report. That’s more recent.”

The Daily Show, although a spoof, has been credited with effecting positive change, by revitalizing interest in politics and exposing hypocrisy. Crossroads also offers a harmonization of comedy and serious insight. Between segments, humorous drinking-related ads by HOPE will play. Using the “edgy approach” of a Daily Show-like format, Park says he intends the

show's debate segment, which he will moderate, to serve as an “outlet for different opinions” with the decidedly non-comedic goal of presenting all aspects of an issue and letting the audience draw its own conclusions.

Issues to be tackled include the Honor Council Referendum, the weight given to the U.S. News Rankings and how that affects the running of the College, and a schism in the Government department concerning the teaching of non-specialized classes.

“We’re going to try to keep it insightful [and] get the school

talking about the way it runs itself,” said Park. “Sort of like the Daily Show, we want to say, ‘This is happening,’ [and ask,] ‘Why is this happening?’ [Even if that makes] the administration uncomfortable.”

Haden, similarly, said that the show will be “funny, but with content.”

When asked what direction he foresaw Crossroads heading in, Park said, “We want the students involved in the show.”

The students will decide the future of Crossroads, as the staff grows in number and the audience responds. A project still in its infancy has unlimited potential, and its ultimate shape is yet uncertain. As a TV show founded on the concept of the interconnection of humanity, if it can fulfill its creators' aspirations to convey diverse opinions while uniting the campus in laughter, then it may one day succeed in becoming, as Park hopes it would, “a component of the school. ■



# BEST OF'S

## A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

### FIVE BEST HALLOWEEN PERKS

» MORGAN BARKER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Costumes

On what other holiday is it appropriate to adopt an alter-ego for the night? Take advantage of this costuming tradition and become someone else for Hollow's Eve. But around here people aren't the only ones who dress up; swing by the Thomas Jefferson statue and the statues in the Tyler Garden. Who knows, Thomas Jefferson may be Captain Kirk this year!

#### Trick or Treating

Everyone's favorite Halloween pastime: being rewarded with candy simply for knocking on someone's door. Share the sugary goodness with your friends and trick or treat around

your dorm. I would advise you to hit the houses on Richmond Road, but the City of Williamsburg says you must be 12 or under to participate... so stay on campus with your candy bags.

#### Busch Gardens

Take advantage of Busch Gardens Howl-O-Scream! It runs through November 1 and features six mazes, a haunted house, seven scare zones and six shows. This is a must if you enjoy being scared; if not, there are still great rollercoasters.

#### Gift Free

Tired of consumer culture? Then Halloween is the day for you because it's completely, 100 percent free of gifts! There's no need to stress about what to get for mom and dad or what dessert to bring to family dinner, because this is the one holiday where random strangers give you candy and expect nothing in return!

#### Ghosts

Whether you're superstitious or not, embrace the afterlife for this holiday. Head to Colonial Williamsburg and take a ghost tour or create your own ghost tour, but be sure to include the Skipwith House, the hedges, the Wren Chapel and the Randolph House. But if you're looking to stay closer to home, try the Sunken Gardens, Tucker Hall and our own President Reveley's house.

### FIVE BEST THINGS ABOUT FALL

» MEGAN GRADY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Apple Cider

My favorite part of fall is when Colonial Williamsburg starts serving apple cider. It's a lot of fun to take a walk down DoG Street on a Saturday morning to grab a cup of cider and a cookie from Christiana Campbell's bakery. It's better than Wawa coffee and a delightful way to start off any day.



#### Wren Ten's

There's nothing better than grabbing some friends, making some posters and going to cheer on your favorite a capella group on the Wren Portico every Wednesday night at 10 p.m. Not only do you get to hear some good music, but it's a great break from studying. All shows are guaranteed to be lively and full of entertainment!

#### Busch Gardens Day

Another one of my favorite parts of fall is the discounted day at Busch Gardens, just for W&M students. This year, Busch Gardens Day was October 2. It's a great way to celebrate a month into the semester. And it's a nice discount for getting into Busch Gardens.

#### Change in Weather

Not only does it feel nice to cool off (although we've gotten pretty lucky this year), but it's fun to watch the campus transform

into a beautiful array of red, gold and orange. Hang out and study on the Sunken Gardens one of the cool fall afternoons after the leaves change—it's one of the most beautiful times of year here at the College.

#### Fewer Tourists

The population of tourists is significantly lower than the remaining seasons. Kids are back in school, so the only people around are visitors or retired folks. What does this mean for College students? Fewer people randomly wandering up to you on campus to ask for directions, less traffic, and a lower likelihood of getting hit

around Confusion Corner! It also means fewer people crowding favorites like the Cheese Shop or Aroma's.



### FIVE BEST WEBSITES TO KILL TIME... INSTEAD OF WRITING THAT PAPER

» KELLIE O'MALLEY, DSJ MANAGING EDITOR

#### Cute Overload

Let's be honest, who doesn't love to look at adorable animals? You would have to be pretty heartless to watch the Puppy-cam and not smile at the crazy antics of those puppies. This is the perfect website when you need your fix of precious.

>><http://cuteoverload.com/>



#### Oh Crap. My

#### Parents Joined Facebook

We can all empathize for those who see "1 New Friend Request" on their Facebook page only to discover its mom or dad trying to join the technology age. This site highlights the hilarious pitfalls of those parents trying to adapt to the Internet generation.

>><http://myparentsjoinedfacebook.com/>

#### This is Why You're Fat

In the age of American obesity, this site shows snapshots sent in by viewers of the various food options offered across the U.S. contributing to its growing waistline. My personal favorite is the "Meat Baby," ground beef in the shape of a baby with a bacon diaper. Delish. Don't worry, though, these probably won't be showing up at the Caf anytime soon.

>><http://thisiswhyyourefat.com>



#### People of Wal-Mart

Recently profiled by CNN, People of Wal-Mart is a collection pictures people take, generally from cell phones, of the customers of Wal-Mart. The wacky, tacky and true of this massive conglomerate range from the man in his tight jorts being arrested on the floor to the woman with three foot-long nails. It is impossible not to laugh at this site.

>><http://www.peopleofwalmart.com/>

#### Ugliest Tattoos: A Gallery of Regrets

It's all in the name of this one. Look at the tattoos people choose that in retrospect will probably not be their best life decisions. It might be hard to describe to your kids why Jesus riding on a pogo stick was a "really cool" back in the day.

>><http://ugliesttattoos.com/>

### FIVE BEST WOODLAND CREATURES OF WILLIAM AND MARY

» CARRIE CROW, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Toads

Always wear lipstick, just in case. They're easy to catch and squishy – two traits never formerly attributed to Prince Charming, but he also didn't squash under shoe soles. The whole wart gig is a myth anyway. But please, protect our precious toad population: they're the only thing keeping the squirrels from running this place.

#### Turtles

First day of class, I walked past the Crim Dell and thought "I don't remember there being seven turtle statues by the drain!" By the time I did a full double take and popped my eyes out of their sockets, most people nearby were probably convinced those turtles had magical properties. The turtle population is booming, and their patient demeanor is quite charming. But still waters run deep –

although one of Williamsburg's milder residents, you never know what they're thinking when they give you a good, long gaze.

#### Ducks

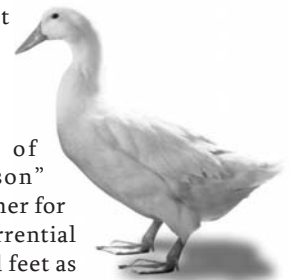
With the coming and going of Williamsburg's "monsoon season" brings another thing: terrific weather for ducks! They only come out in torrential downpours, slapping their webbed feet as they strut along the Sadler Center Terrace like they own the place, students jumping in surprise to realize there's a duck within a foot of their ankles. They don't come out often, but when they do, they remind us of the overconfidence of Williamsburg's wildlife!

#### Hawks

Is there a better way to release stress and anxiety than by watching a hawk snuff the life of another creature on your way to class? I'll never forget the students' faces when a beautifully executed dive-and-lift tactic seized a squirrel right in front of Tucker – and fifteen pedestrians. Harmless (to those over a foot tall), the hawks bring a surprisingly hardcore element to campus.

#### Squirrels

Let's face it; why did the squirrel cross the road? To organize crime syndicates. The signs are everywhere. These aren't your average fluffy-go-lucky squirrels here, so never underestimate them. They tuck easily and know no fear. However, they are also good for hours of fun, watching them leap out of trashcans at unsuspecting students, scurry across anything they can get their paws on and complete death-defying feats up in the tops of trees.



## Easy Peasy Capresi Salad

Insalata Caprese: A Summer Salad Staple

» ISABELLE THIBAU, STAFF REPORTER

### Basic Ingredients:

- 1 large red tomato
- About 4 ounces fresh mozzarella (not the dry block for shredding - the package should include a mozzarella ball with whey liquid)
- About 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 7 leaves fresh basil

salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Slice the tomato into round, ¼ inch slices.

Slice the mozzarella into very thin as possible slices (this will be difficult because the mozzarella does not easily let a knife pass through it).

On a plate, alternate laying tomato and mozzarella slices.

Next, make a basil chiffonade, which is simply slicing the basil into long, thin strips. Sprinkle basil chiffonade over the salad.

Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, and add salt and pepper (preferable ground) to taste.

### Comments:

This classic Italian dish is my summer favorite. It is simple, fresh and delicious. The success of this dish, however, depends largely on the quality and freshness of your ingredients, so buy fresh! Use mozzarella packaged in whey or salt water, use fresh basil leaves and freshly-ground pepper. You will love your Caprese creation!

Bored of just tomato and mozzarella? Add shredded romaine or salad mix, whole kernel corn, sliced scallions, olives and/or even tuna! I love playing around with this basic salad to liven up my summer meals. It is so healthy and fresh-tasting. This is perfect for a student always on the move who still wants to eat healthily.

**Serving Size:** 1



## Grace's Food Finds

artcafé26: Europe comes to New Town

» GRACE REYNOLDS, STAFF REPORTER

Is the Williamsburg dining scene getting a bit stale? Are you fed up with the predictability or in search of something new? Well, look no further. From the constantly changing art displays to the European-inspired seasonal cuisine, the New Town restaurant artcafé26 is about as fresh and funky as it gets.

The restaurant's catch phrase—"A Touch of Europe in Williamsburg"—couldn't be more accurate. Upon first setting foot in this mysterious New Town nook, I feel like I'm walking into a mix between a modern Parisian café and a chic art gallery. The restaurant's patrons are seated at café tables throughout the large, rectangular, naturally lit room. Classical music plays gently, and modern art adorns the walls. I feel utterly relaxed, transported: am I still in Williamsburg?

artcafé26, owned by Sibilla Denga, an art historian from Aachen, Germany, has a truly unique presence on the Williamsburg restaurant scene. The food and art alike are fresh, stimulating, and elegantly displayed—a true delight to the senses. The food, prepared by visiting European chefs, showcases a modern spin on traditional European fare. The menu features traditional European breakfasts (served through lunch), including croissants with gourmet Brie, homemade Belgian waffles, and eggs anyway you like. The menu also features non-traditional omelets with unique names such as "Franz Lauter" (broccoli, tomato, spinach, and cheddar cheese), and my personal favorite, "Lotti Adaimi" (goat cheese, olives, tomatoes and spinach). The omelets are baked open-faced and emerge from the kitchen looking like artfully crafted breakfast pizzas.

But the culinary experience extends far beyond breakfast. Lunch at artcafé26 features delicious homemade soups, entrees such as filet of cod roasted in herbs with tomato risotto, and a fabulous array of ever-changing desserts. Dinner is served on Friday and Saturday nights.



The front entrance of artcafé26, a European-style café in New Town. Photo courtesy of [www.artcafe26.com](http://www.artcafe26.com).

Starters include unique twists on traditional European fare, such as Foie Gras Crème Brûlée, Smoked Duck-Breast with Mousse of Peas and Infused Scallop with Ratatouille Parmesan, to name a few. Main courses feature lamb, fish, beef, duck and scallops, all creatively prepared and elegantly displayed. Denga keeps patrons interested by changing both the menu and the art on a regular basis, catering to what is in season.

Savoring my lunch of perfectly poached eggs atop multigrain toast, leisurely sipping hot tea, I am amazed by the attention to detail. My eggs look like delectable little white balloons nestled atop circular multigrain toasts, all garnished with fresh mint and artfully displayed upon colorful china. My teapot rests atop a heated metal stand in order to keep it hot. As Denga approaches my table and welcomes me to artcafé26 in her understated German accent, I can't help but

feel worlds away from the Caf, the College, and Virginia in general. On this rainy September afternoon, artcafé26 has provided me with a much-needed escape.

My recommendation: Go to artcafé26 for a romantic dinner date, a rainy afternoon tea, Sunday brunch or simply treat yourself to a get-a-way lunch on a bad day. The atmosphere and the food are sure to rejuvenate, inspire and relax you.

Price Range: \$5-13 for breakfast;  
\$12-\$15 for lunch; \$30-\$60 for dinner

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# THE CAP AND TRADE DECEPTION

»AUSTIN RAYNOR, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST  
THE BILL

In June the House approved the Waxman-Markey Bill, otherwise known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454), with the intention to “create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.”

One of the most significant components of the bill is its “cap and trade” provision, which involves the sale of “carbon credits” that cap, or limit, the levels of carbon businesses may emit. Over time these caps are progressively lowered so that reduction goals are met. If businesses operate above or below the level dictated by the number of carbon credits they possess, they may buy or sell extra credits from other businesses in order to accommodate their production needs. The ostensible aim of this system is to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions and in turn suppress the deleterious effects of global warming.

## WHAT CAP AND TRADE IS NOT

The Waxman-Markey Bill, despite claims to the contrary, is not an environmental measure. An easy way to see that is to look at instances where cap and trade has actually been put into effect, such as in Europe. According to numbers produced by the European Commission, which is a branch of the European Union, emissions actually rose 1.9 percent in the three years after enacting cap and trade legislation in 2005.

However, even if Europe had met its goals, it is certain that no global benefit would have ensued. This becomes evident once you look to the science behind the propaganda.

Scientists on both sides of the debate agree that even rigid conformity with an extremely aggressive cap and trade program would produce no more than a 0.07 degrees Celsius reduction in the Earth’s temperature by 2050. The insignificance of this number is thrown into sharp relief when you consider that we cannot even estimate the mean surface temperature of the Earth to within 0.07 degrees Celsius. Fur-

thermore, EPA administrator Lisa Jackson has stated publicly that “U.S. action alone will not impact CO2 levels.”

What this statement implies, of course, is that bringing other industrial nations on board would improve the effectiveness of our own efforts. However, there is no indication that the rest of the world will cooperate. China, the world’s largest carbon dioxide producer, has forthrightly rejected carbon emission caps. India, the world’s fourth largest emitter, has stated that the West has “no case” to pressure India to reduce emissions.

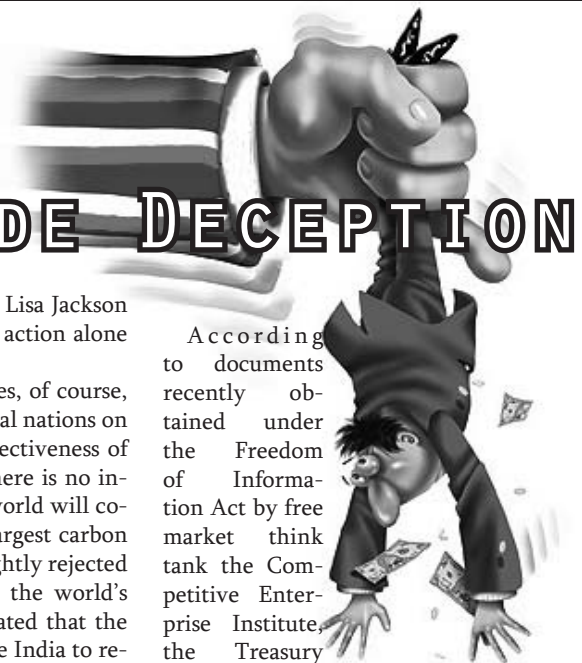
All reasonable analyses, then, suggest the Waxman-Markey bill is utterly useless. But to remove any trace of doubt, consider: Greenpeace, one of the world’s largest environmental activist groups, rejects the legislation on the grounds that the proposed programs would be totally ineffective.

## WHAT CAP AND TRADE IS

The Waxman-Markey Bill, which as we have seen is not an environmental measure, is actually the biggest tax increase in American history. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) claims that the legislation would cost the average household “only” \$175 a year by 2020. But this number, shockingly, includes only the strict operating costs of the program.

What this deceptive number fails to include is the potential effect of energy restriction on the national economy. A footnote to the CBO report reads: “The resource cost does not indicate the potential decrease in gross domestic product (GDP) that could result from the cap.” Businesses that currently emit high levels of carbon will be forced to pay for billions of dollars worth of government-issued carbon credits. Production and growth will slow and this effect will be especially harmful given the recessionary environment.

Analyses of a cap and trade approach suggest that its costs will be approximately 1 to 4 percent of GDP of participating nations, which in the case of the U.S. is between \$140 billion and \$560 billion annually.



According to documents recently obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by free market think tank the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the Treasury Department estimates that the government will raise

up to \$200 billion a year from the sale of carbon credits if a cap and trade program is enacted. These costs will be passed on to consumers in the form of higher energy prices. According to the Treasury Department analysis, the cost to the average household would be \$1,761 per year, equivalent to a 15 percent increase in personal income taxes.

Taxing private industry on this scale will inevitably undermine the fragile process of economic recovery in addition to causing long term damage. The Heritage Foundation estimates that, as a result of cap and trade legislation, unemployment will increase by nearly 2 million in 2012, the first year of the program, and reach nearly 2.5 million in 2035. Total American GDP loss by this time would be \$9.4 trillion. The Obama administration’s facile repetition of “\$175 per household” is, as we have seen, grossly incomplete and deceptive.

## THE GRAND DECEPTION

The Waxman-Markey Bill masquerades as an environmental measure but is in reality no more than a massive tax increase cloaked in green language, intended merely to fund President Obama’s expansion of government. Its passage would be economically ruinous and environmentally useless—two things we can little afford at this moment in history. ■

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# THE MEANING OF LIFE *School (D)*

» MAX CUNNINGHAM, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

In my experience, one can never underestimate the power of a question. Whether in a classroom or further along on life’s great path, a simple “why” or “how” can completely change the direction of a conversation or the nature of an idea.

That being said, I would love to see one classroom-specific question disappear forever.

We’ve all heard it at one point or another. What’s more is that nine times out of ten, I have the same question running through my head:

“Is this going to be on the test?”

If you ever need to kill a classroom discussion of great substance, just ask that.

Of course we’ll never live to see that question die—it’s far too important in our world. As students we need to know what to expect for the exam. What makes me feel far more unsettled lies with why we care to ask it time and again.

That reason: grades.

Grades are a quantitative measure of academic success, statistics that prove our intellectual advancement. Anyone with aspirations to attend graduate school, impress potential employers or (perhaps most importantly) make Mom and Dad proud must study and work hard to earn the highest possible grade.

Personally, I can’t remember a time when I didn’t care about my grades, and that beat lives on today.

But every man reaches a point in his life where he needs to take a look at his motivations and goals. I have finally reached that point.

Since my recent arrival at William and Mary, I have asked myself these questions every day: why do I attend class, study through the night and pay tuition? Is it to expand my knowledge of the world, or is it for much more basic reasons?

My short answer is that I need quantitative proof of my academic advancement as much as the next guy. Grades motivate me to study, to work hard and to apply myself. I listen when professors talk about exam material because I want, albeit need, to score highly on exams.

However, when I look at my life and how I am using (and have used) my precious short time on this earth, I sometimes feel incomplete. I would go as far as to say that on some days I feel wasted.

For so many years I cared so much about learning specific facts and mastering specific skills in order to do well on tests and assignments that the proverbial big picture flew right by me along the way, tossed into oblivion to make room for academic minutia.

I have no one to blame but myself. At the same time, only I can change that personal behavior.

Preoccupation with quantitative measure goes far beyond the academic world. We have a problem as a society, one of which I am a part. We have created a world that lacks wonder and instead craves results and hard data.

Ironically enough, it is difficult to make a serious argument about my proposed problem because no statistical evidence exists to say that our

world lacks wonder.

What bothers me is the way I see people act on a broad scale. The preference of city and suburban development to the natural environment, 20 second news bites in place of thoughtful conversation, thousands of Americans sitting through hours of traffic on a daily basis to work jobs they generally do not like—all in order to earn little scraps of paper.

I am overly idealistic and probably delusional, but I see the world in that light. More to the point, I see our educational system as the foundation of that world.

As an academic community, we are lucky. Some of our world’s greatest minds in all fields gather together here every year to share their experiences with the upcoming generation. Yes, they pass out evaluations of our abilities, but why can we not forget about scores and merely soak in the experiences of the experts before us?

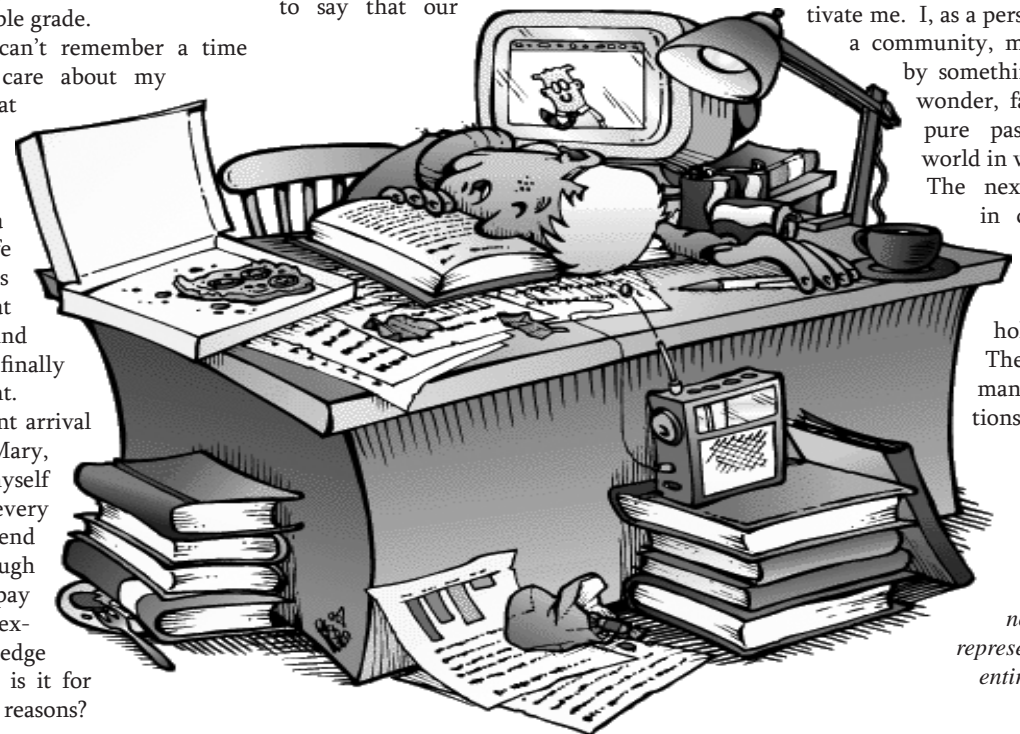
With the future being our inheritance, members of the academic community have the unparalleled ability to change the nature of the world.

While I still care about the grades I receive, I have come to the resolute conclusion that they will no longer motivate me. I, as a person, and we, as a community, must be driven

by something greater, by wonder, fascination and pure passion for the world in which we live.

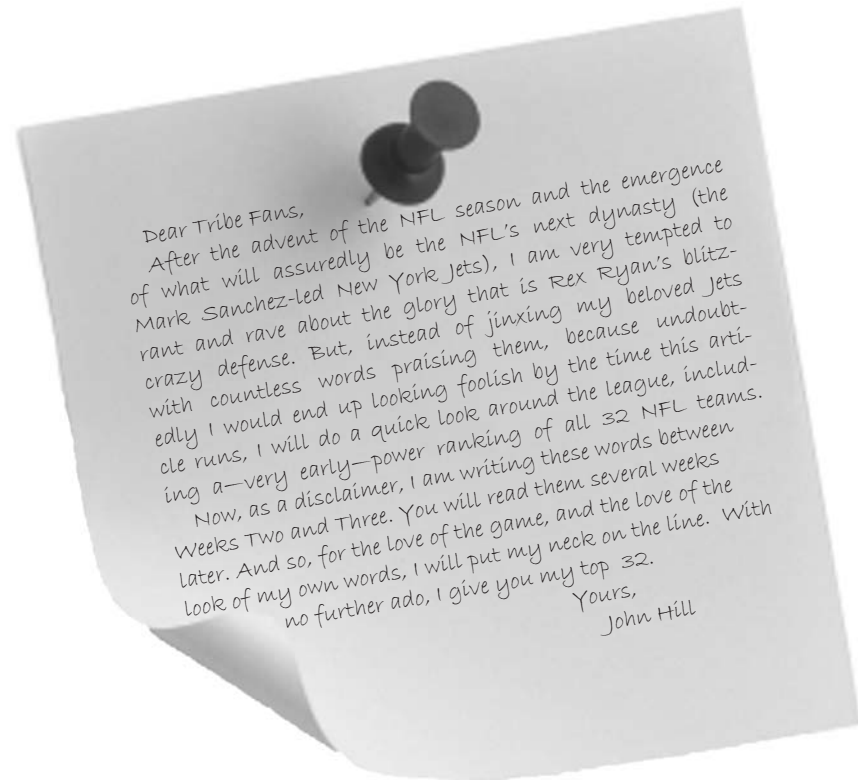
The next time I am in class and feel compelled to ask about a test, I plan to hold my tongue. There are far too many better questions to ask. ■

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# Some Predictions for the



» JOHN HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

1) New York Giants—The other team from New York (okay, so maybe they have more championships and star power than the Jets) has looked great during the early goings of the season. With the emergence of Mario Manningham as a go-to receiver for Plaxico-less Eli Manning (Plaxico's jail sentence is starting the day

that I write this), the Giants may have found their sole missing link.

2) Baltimore Ravens—Joe Flacco, replacing FCS football players everywhere, has thus far scoffed at critics who warned of a sophomore slump. That, combined with the ageless wonder Ray Lewis leading a murderous defense, has the Ravens looking like the team to beat in the AFC.

3) Minnesota Vikings—For the record, as a Jets fan, I want to give as little credit to the man who torpedoed my 2008: the

not-so ageless wonder, Brett Favre. However, as long as Adrian Peterson is able to literally throw defenders to the ground, no one is going to stop this offense. Also, the the Williams Wall, made of big fellas Kevin and Pat Williams at left and right defensive tackle, was able to avoid falling to a potential Star Cap suspension. Listed at a combined—and modest—628 pounds, not even Mr. Gorbachev could tear down the Williams Wall.

4) New York Jets—I would love to put any number of teams ahead of the Jets, because, once again, I am sure that any praise I bestow on them this early in the season will lead to tears and ruination later in the season. But after the Jets left Tom Brady and Bill Belichick looking more unhappy than Taylor Swift at the VMAs, I can't possibly rank them any lower than fourth.

5) Indianapolis Colts—I hesitate to put the Colts above the Jets because of their recent performance against the Dolphins.

In that game, the Colts offense had the ball for a meager 15 minutes, or one-fourth of the entire game. If it weren't for the fact that the Dolphins receivers can't catch—cough, waste of a first round pick Ted Ginn Jr., cough—the Colts would likely be smarting from a loss to the mediocre Phins. Nonetheless, Peyton Manning is still Peyton Manning, and the Colts still won that game against Miami, so I can't fault them too much.

6) Pittsburgh Steelers—The first team that I am ranking that has a loss—again, I am making these rankings after Week Two—but I am willing to give the Steelers offense a pass, despite their pedestrian running game. Rashard Mendenhall should see increased carries, and the Steelers defense will get Samoan warrior Troy Polamalu back sooner than expected, because he is just that, a warrior. Assuming those two things happen, I see no reason for the Steelers to fail to make a deep playoff run.

7) New Orleans Saints—The first team on the list who I haven't seen play in a game from start to finish, the Saints offense has been nothing short of explosive. In week one, Drew Brees threw for a whopping six touchdowns, subjecting the poor Lions to an aerial assault. So it goes.

8) Atlanta Falcons—Another team from the NFC South? Really? There is no knock on Matty Ice, also known as Matt Ryan. He goes down smooth, has no calories and, in conjunction with rule 76, is playing like a champion, excuse free. The battle for the NFC South, is going to be a shootout between Ryan and Brees, two of the best gunslingers in the business right now.

9) New England Patriots—I hate them. But they are still the Patriots. And they are still going to win a lot of games. Jerks.

10) Dallas Cowboys—Most of the talk out of Dallas has been about the new stadium, which debuted against the Giants on September 20. With the biggest HD television in sports and the highest capacity stadium in the NFL, Jerry Jones has certainly proven that

everything's bigger in Texas. But unless Tony Romo can put together a playoff season, the only things that will be big in Dallas are the question marks.

11) San Diego Chargers—It appears to be the end of the line for the most dominant running back of the past decade, as Ladanian Tomlinson has clearly lost a step and is suffering from constant injury woes. Pint-sized backup Darren Sproles is fun to watch, but can he really carry the load? And without a really, really scary running back keeping defensive backs in the box, will Phillip Rivers be able to find someone to throw the ball to amongst his bland and interchangeable receiving corp?

12) San Francisco 49ers—The next to last of the undefeated teams. Someone is going to have to win the NFC West, and the Niners, behind second year head coach/tough guy Mike Singletary and improbable winner quarterback Shaun Hill look poised to do just that. While Arizona worries every week if Kurt Warner is going to break a hip, Hill is quietly putting together an impressive winning trend: he is 9-3 career as a starter. Oh yeah, and Frank Gore is in 2006 shape. Watch out.

13) Philadelphia Eagles—Until Donovan McNabb proves he can stay healthy, off of the bench or out of some weird controversy that throws off the Eagles season, I can't possibly rank them any higher. Kevin Kolb is not a suitable replacement, he proved last week, by giving the ball away too many times. Mike Vick, love him or hate him, is not ready to play QB for an entire game. And the Eagles still don't have a secondary. This team isn't going anywhere in the NFC East. Not unless they get to play the Redskins an extra 12 times.

14) Green Bay Packers—The Packers beat the Bears, and thus they are ranked slightly ahead of the inventors of the Super Bowl shuffle. But if the Pack can't beat a turnover prone Bengals team, they are going to struggle in the surprisingly solid NFC North (Lions excluded). Something worth watching: after losing LT Chad Clifton, Bengal Antwan Odom went off on the Packers, recording five sacks and an additional tackle for a loss. If opposing teams' defensive ends push the Pack around like that all year, Aaron Rodgers won't see Week 10.

15) Houston Texans—Talk about a tale of two teams: the Texans couldn't score an offensive touchdown against the Jets, then

they went off on Tennessee for 34. Andre Johnson looked like a man possessed, and who wouldn't be, after facing my boy Darrelle Revis, in Week One? If Matt Schaub can stay healthy and Steve Slaton can rebound from a puzzling first two weeks, Houston could still sneak up on some people in the AFC South, namely the Colts.

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16) Denver Broncos—Clowns on the left, jokers on their right, the Broncos are stuck solidly in the middle. Despite starting the year 2-0, neither a last second freak win over Cincinnati nor a slight blowout of awful Cleveland is going to garner a ton of respect. Despite the loss—perhaps expulsion is a more accurate word—of Jay Cutler, Kyle Orton has been an adequate replacement. He has yet to turn the ball over and has thrown for 500 yards thus far. If the Broncos can find a running game, and if Brandon Stokely keeps finding himself in the right place at the right time—see the Cincy game this year and the Cleveland game last year—the Broncos could contend.

17) Chicago Bears—Jay Cutler leaves Denver and is ranked exactly one spot lower than his former team. I am not sure if that makes him the clown or the joker, but he is certainly one of the two. In Week One, he welcomed himself to da' Bears poorly, as he threw away the game against the divisional rival Packers. The Bears still have a lot of potential, and their defense, even without Brian Urlacher, is formidable. But if Cutler is going to give games away, he is going to find himself shuttled out of Chicago just like he was dumped from Denver.

18) Arizona Cardinals—Last year's Super Bowl runners-up have been unimpressive this year. The running game has struggled, perhaps because rookie Chris Wells has a troublingly low number of carries. Kurt Warner, despite being older than Moses, bounced back nicely from a rough first week. But he was “rested” in the third quarter in Week Two once the team had a comfortable lead, which begs the question:

will Old Man River finish the season?

19) Buffalo Bills—I don't think any franchise can boast the heartbreak of Buffalo. The Week One loss to New England made me, a Jets fan who hates both teams, rip my hair out simply because of the painful nature of Buffalo's loss. Really, Leodis McKelvin? Running out a kick return with

your hands team blocking for you? Really? And then, after a good old fashioned whoopin' of Tampa Bay, safety Donte Whitner has \$400,000 of jewelery stolen from his house? That is not a misprint. The dude had nearly half a mill in jewelery in one place, and someone took it. Between McKelvin and Whitner, that secondary is having a rough start to the year.

20) Tennessee Titans—I don't care if they are 0-2, any time a team has a running back like Chris Johnson, who can go for 197 yards in a single game, they are going to command some respect. Don't forget that last year they finished with the best record in football. Albert Haynesworth left for, I hesitate to say greener pastures because Washington is terrible, but other pastures. Even still, this team should rebound in the coming weeks. Just hopefully not against the Jets.

21) Oakland Raiders—JaMarcus Russell has played exceedingly poorly and yet the Raiders are 1-1 and were two and a half minutes away from being 2-0 and beating the well-hyped San Diego Chargers. The tandem backfield, centered around Darren McFadden, has looked strong and the Raiders defense, anchored by shutdown cornerback Ndamisong Asomugha (Scrabble for the feint of pronunciation) has as well. The Raiders aren't ready to compete every week, but they will give trouble to someone down the stretch that's playing for the postseason.

22) Cincinnati Bengals—The Bengals were one freak play—a tipped ball for a

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touchdown in the final 30 seconds of their season opener—away from starting the season 2-0. Carson Palmer has rebounded nicely from his injury last year, and Chad OchoCinco has backed up his stellar preseason play with touchdowns and pizzazz, even completing a Lambeau leap. That being said, their defense will get picked on and Palmer picked off, so don't expect too much. But this isn't Akili Smith's Bungles.

23) Seattle Seahawks—Last year the Hawks suffered from a severe lack of talent at receiver, and so they went out and signed TJ "Whosoyourdaddy" Houshmandzadeh. This year, with a more talented receiving corp, Seattle instead fell victim to the injury bug, which just bit veteran QB Matt Hassleback. With broken ribs, he will in feel the effects of this injury for a large portion of the season.

24) Miami Dolphins—The team that pioneered the Wildcat Offense looked more like a housecat in Week One against the Falcons. The formation rebounded nicely against the Colts, but the Phins defense still hasn't showed a whole lot. In the treacherous AFC East, with six games still left versus the likes

of the Bills, Jets and Those Who Shall Not Be Named, the Phins are up a creek without a paddle.

25) Washington Redskins—The Skins spent a ton of money on Albert Haynesworth, and the dude is playing in somewhere around 75 percent of snaps. I know,

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he's a big guy and needs his rest, but come on, for the \$11 trillion he's being paid, in this economy, he could probably figure out a way to get on the field more. Also the Redskins should score more: nine points and zero touchdowns against the Rams? Fail to the Redskins.

26) Carolina Panthers—A preseason favorite to contend for the NFC South, no one expected Jake Delhomme's playoff meltdown to be the rule rather than the

exception. But after turning the ball over gratuitously in Week One, things look bleak for Carolina. The Panthers are in decent shape to rebound, as long as they ride the two-headed monster of Deangelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart. And if daylight come and Delhomme returns to his old form, this team could be a second

half head-turner.

27-32) Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cleveland Browns, St. Louis Rams, Detroit Lions—They all have one thing in common: no future in 2009. The only thing worth mentioning about any of these teams, at the College at least, is that Derek Cox is on the Jags and already has an interception and a fumble recovery. ■

## Gymnastics Club: *The Ultimate Workout*

» ANNA MAHALAK, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Ever wanted to be able to do a back-hand spring, a hand stand, or simply to touch your toes? Have the desire for washboard abs and biceps that go against the William and Mary weapons policy? Club Gymnastics is the perfect supplement to your weekly workout routine.

The team is comprised of literally every

level—from gymnasts who competed at Level 9 to regular students who have no idea what those "levels" even mean. For the club gymnasts, it's not always about the external competition. With only a few meets a year, it's more about the personal competition and reaching a personal best. And as we all know, we can always be our own harshest judges.

During a typical practice, the athletes practice as individuals but show teamwork by helping each other correct and enhance their routines and workouts. This is contrary to popular media depictions of cut-throat gymnasts who hope to sabotage other routines and get a step ahead of the rest.

Don't let the media fool you. The ABC Family TV show "Make It or Break It"

depicts a dramatic, competitive gymnastics team. In talking to the members of the William and Mary Club Gymnastics team, this representation is laughable. The main character may have the signature "hand flick," but she lacks strength and skill. The "Olympic" level routines on the show are usually the basic moves performed every day in the club gym. The William and Mary club team provides a drama-free outlet for gymnasts who are not trying to make it to the Olympics or on an ABC Family show.

The beauty of club sports lies in the pure passion of the athletes. With every thing else these students do on campus, they still dedicate their time to come to practices that have no true requirement. For the club team, it is truly what the participants decide to make it. They can participate in no meets and come to one practice a week or work every day to reach their highest potential. Some have the goal of making it to the varsity squad. Yet there are a variety of reasons William and Mary students are drawn to the club team.

Molly Bulman ('12) is a perfect example of what it means to be in gymnastics at the club level. Bulman participated in gymnastics until the age of 14 and is happy to have the opportunity here at William and Mary to pick up the sport once again.

"Gymnastics is something that's not easy to do in high school unless it's competitive," Bulman said. While she also participates in other clubs and sports, she said, "Gymnastics is a unique sport in many ways. It uses a different part of your brain than most other activities at school." It requires the concentration of yoga, the flexibility of a dancer, and the strength of a football player—just in different ways and combinations.

Gabbie Names ('12) competed at a high level of gymnastics at her home club gym before coming to college. She is drawn to the club team for the similarities she finds with the other athletes as they can relate to a similar level of competition. "We all experienced that same intensity and passion," she said. She noted that the club team truly helps to make that transition from the intense club environment of high school to a more relaxed "pick-up game" style of competition that most sports have an element of

in college. To truly be competitive at gymnastics is not for the light of heart. Any sport poses the risk of injury. But most have rules to protect the athletes from getting checked into the boards the wrong way or tripped

by the opposition. Gymnasts don't have to deal with these rules—they just have one ultimate law to worry about: gravity. Every new move they attempt they must overcome the

fear that, with a wrong move, a neck could easily be broken or a concussion could result from landing the wrong way.

Ever watch a gymnast compete on the uneven bars? To the spectator it feels almost like watching Evil Knievel attempt another death-defying stunt. What is there to stop them from slipping at any moment and flying into the stands with you? The rule of gravity holds greater ramifications for injury than the rule of a referee sending you

ing every day at practice.

Even if you've never even seen a gymnastics meet before, there is something you can gain from this program. For example, you may just be learning that the basic



Members of Club Gymnastics practice their technique. Photo courtesy of Rec Sports.

format of gymnastics varies by style and gender. Women's events include vault, uneven parallel, beam and floor, while the men's events are comprised of vault, floor, pommel horse, single bar, parallel bar and

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to the penalty box for checking. The only thing standing in the way of you breaking your neck as you flip on the balance beam is your own concentration and practice.

To combat these pressures, the club team provides a supportive and interactive environment, especially for beginners, to keep every athlete safe. Your peers are your coaches, and you can be theirs. For those who want it, the team also provides various drills and workout plans for members. Although mostly practices consistent of independent work during athletes can work on whatever aspect they wish. "We will teach anybody," said Club President Shifra De Benedictis-Kessner ('11). "It's not as hard as people think." With many newcomers on the team this fall semester, plenty of learning is happen-

ings. Gymnasts can choose to specialize in just one area or more.

Overall, De Benedictis-Kessner notes that there are many talented freshmen on the club team this year, many of whom will compete in the Hokie Classic at Virginia Tech on November 7. At events like this, the club team competes against other college clubs that are a part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs (NAIGC).

"College is the time to explore," said De Benedictis-Kessner. The club team allows the competitive outlet for those who want it, the therapeutic session for those needing stress relief, and the flexibility that all William and Mary students need to balance with their many other activities and daily life. ■



# Tribe Edges Out Delaware, 30-20

## Tribe FOOTBALL

» JOHN HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time since 1994, Tribe football started the season 4-0. And, if that wasn't enough, they did it in front of a sold out crowd, laden with a sweet mixture of parents, enthusiastic alumni and of course, the all-encompassing student population of Tribe fans.

Leading the way for the Tribe has been QB RJ Archer. After serving—very effectively—as more of a game manager against UVA to start the season, Archer has posted an impressive 134.9 passer rating, thrown for 8 TDs and been the difference maker for the Tribe. Against Delaware, Archer set a William and Mary record by connecting with Chase Hill for a 91-yard TD. Hill exploded against the Blue Hens, and by doing so, he made an important statement for the Tribe: Archer can get it done with any of his esteemed receivers, be it go-to man DJ McAulay or Hill, who set career highs in receiving yards with 148 against Delaware.

While Archer has led the aerial assault for the Tribe, Jonathan Grimes has led the way among the College's four-headed running attack. Through the 4-0 start, Grimes, Terrance Riggins, Courtland Marriner and the multi-talented Archer each have at least 100 yards total; Grimes is atop the pyramid with just under 300 yards.

Just as the play on the offensive side of the ball has been stellar, Adrian Tracy has led an inspired Tribe defense. From the

spectacular effort against UVA, the William and Mary defense has been everywhere. Tracy has recorded a couple of sacks, but his real asset is the pressure he brings even when he doesn't get the quarterback and his ability, even as down lineman, to seek out the ball-carrier wherever he is on the field. Led by Tracy, the Tribe defense held Delaware to -2 rushing yards. That's right, the only direction the Blue Hens' running game went was backwards.

While the Tribe will have already faced then second-ranked Villanova by the time

you've read this, I can say right now that the Tribe's defense will face an arduous task in stifling the Wildcat offense. But if the College's defense can confuse Nova like they did UVA, they will find themselves in the driver's seat in the CAA and in good shape for an FCS playoff birth.

So, to recap, Tribe sells out, beats up on Delaware, turns some heads. Stay tuned, fans, things are going to be interesting. All I can say is that regardless of what happens against Nova, Homecoming against JMU is going to have some serious implications. ■



Junior WR Chase Hill helped the Tribe defeat Delaware 30-20 with two touchdowns. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

## More Than Just Pledging

It's October, and as scary and/or exciting as it is, we seniors are well on our way into our fourth and final year at The College. One of William and Mary's senior traditions will soon become a big part of our year—the Senior Class Gift.

Every year, the senior class president and a committee of co-chairs set out to raise money for the Fund for William and Mary or a specific area of university life. Donations can be of practically any amount. The Senior Class walk, outside Tucker and Tyler Halls, traces the percentage of seniors that participate by promising to donate money. By pledging, seniors are given a few extra privileges—free items, the knowledge of giving back to the College and, most importantly for many seniors, admittance to regular wine and cheese events.

Last year, the Senior Class Gift committee broke the record for the percentage of the class that pledged donations. Seventy-six

percent of the Class of 2009 pledged to the College, and they raised a total of \$156,000 in gifts or pledges. The Class of 2008 had 60 percent participation, and that class pledged over \$168,000.

But nearly 18 months after graduating, the Class of 2008 has only collected just 15 percent of their pledged amount.

As we all know, the economy is in a rough place right now. We're also all aware of the importance of giving back to the College. As much as we can hope for it, the economy isn't going to miraculously fix itself in the coming months. Jobs may not be as readily available as we'd like, and many more of us will be saddled with student

loans for med and law school. We need to be realistic about our pledges. Give as much as you can back to our beloved alma mater, but make sure you'll be able to actually make that commitment.

Class of 2010, let's break the record set last year. There's no doubt that we'll be able to get 77 percent or more of our class to pledge to Senior Class Gift.

But at the same time, let's make sure that we're actually able to make good on our promises. William and Mary has given us all a lot, and we owe it to our lovely College to give back.

And I'll see you at the next Senior Wine and Cheese. ■

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