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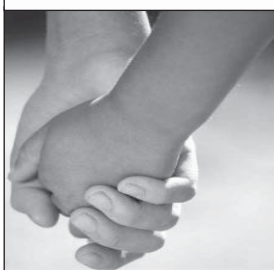


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**up close & personal:  
getting to know Laura Murray**

Some people are just good at getting things accomplished- just ask sophomore Laura Murray. Laura is involved in many activities at the college, prominently Students for a Better Williamsburg. In November, she was part of this group that worked to get Mayor Jeanne Zeidler to campus to answer student's questions. I had the opportunity to talk to Laura about SBW, exam study tips, and winter break.

**Hometown & Class:**  
Alexandria, VA; Class of 2012

**Major:**  
My parents ask every few weeks if I've picked a major yet...the answer is still "no."

**Organizations:**  
Students for a Better Williamsburg, Girl Scouts, Circle K International, Westminster Fellowship, Westminster Ringers, Native American Student Association

**How did you get involved with Students for a Better Williamsburg?**  
Monroe Hall Council co-sponsored an event or two last year with SBW, so as a resident of Monroe I went to see what it was all about. I discovered a group of intelligent, hardworking students who truly cared about town-gown relations and decided I wanted to become involved.

**What do you think is the most important issue concerning college students and the community of Williamsburg?**

Bridging the town-gown gap. The perceived level of animosity is much greater than the actual level. So many students are involved in community activities and have great interactions with year-round Williamsburg residents. I would love to see more recognition of these positive relationships so we can move on and address the very real issue of student housing.

**Do you have any big winter holiday plans?**

Sinfonicon! I played viola for nine years and haven't gotten a chance to play in college, so I'm pumped to come back to Williamsburg during January and put together an awesome show with the rest of the cast and crew.

**Where is the best place to eat in Williamsburg?**

If I'm in the mood for pizza, Doraldo's is the answer. If I'm not, I usually head to Friends Cafe for a Bulgogi Burger.

**What one thing are you most looking forward to in the spring semester?**

I hope to study this summer in either London or Rome, so I guess I'm most looking forward to preparing to go abroad. That, and the final season of Lost.

**Do you have any exam crunch-time study methods?**

The night before an exam you'll see me camped out somewhere in my pajamas and fluffy green slippers with Girl Talk blasting from my headphones and half-eaten snacks all over the place and my roommates reminding me to get off Facebook and back to work. Solitude sometimes helps me focus, but I usually need people around to keep me from going insane when I'm stressed.

**What is the strangest thing that you have ever experienced at The College?**

Some of my freshman hallmates had a blow-up velociraptor named Alicia who traveled around the dorm. There's nothing like opening your closet in search of something to wear and finding a dinosaur.

**Final thoughts?**

I wish I could use meals at Boehly Cafe in the business school. The other dining halls are all so far away from Ludwell!

Interview conducted by  
DSJ Staff Reporter  
Elizabeth DeBusk

(savethedate)

december 4

**who:** those who enjoyed the other warhol lectures  
**what:** robin kelsey: andy warhol and photography  
**when:** 5 p.m.  
**where:** andrews 101  
**why:** to hear a harvard professor talk on the famed artists's work

december 11

**who:** any with holiday cheer  
**what:** wren singers' holiday banquet and concert  
**when:** 7 p.m.  
**where:** alumni house  
**why:** to celebrate the season with dinner and entertainment

january 14

**who:** fans of international law  
**what:** the consolidation of democracy in panama after noriega  
**when:** 5 p.m.  
**where:** the law school, room tba  
**why:** to hear the ambassador to panama speak about the country

january 15

**who:** haven't had enough warhol?  
**what:** a talk on warhol and copyright  
**when:** 5 p.m.  
**where:** muscarelle museum of art  
**why:** to complement the ongoing warhol exhibit

january 20

**who:** students interested in public service careers  
**what:** management service workshop series  
**when:** 4 p.m.  
**where:** tba  
**why:** to develop management skills

# The Way We Played

A special exhibit in Swem Library details the College's athletic facilities and equipment for the first seven decades of the 20th century.



» GRACE MENDENHALL, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

The Special Collections office in Earl Gregg Swem Library has compiled a visual timeline of athletics in commemoration of the 1909 naming of Cary Field. This exhibit, curated by University Archivist Amy Schindler, is entitled "Healthful and Recreative: Fields for Fitness, Courts for Competition, and Arenas for Athletics, 1900-1970." It details the evolution of exercise and sport on campus over the 100 year period during which it underwent substantial transformations.

"One thing you'll see in the cases is how the building evolved over time," said Schindler.

Each case features a different athletic building in William and Mary's history. The building names are displayed on a larger-than-life game ticket. Each case includes memorabilia and information on the people orchestrating the development of Cary Field, Zable Stadium, William and Mary Hall, Blow Gym, the Wren Building, Jefferson Hall and Adair Hall.

"Doing exhibits like this gives us a chance to tell people about who each building was named after, which is important," said Schindler.

The athletic history of William and Mary actually began several years before 1900, in 1888, when President Tyler ordered money for a gym to be built for student use. Shortly after speaking to the Board of Visitors about his request, a fundraising committee was appointed to ensure the creation of an athletic facility. Eventually, Marion J. Dimmock's architectural vision for the campus was accepted in 1990 and the building was completed later that year by the W.H. Sweaney construction company of Williamsburg. The project cost \$6,074.

This "Old Gym" exhibit case houses correspondence between a widow and the Board of Visitors and a picture of Tazewell Taylor, the deceased husband of the woman and original namesake of the gym. Tyler intended this endowment to fund the building of the first gym, as the widow had recently donated money to the college towards the restoration of the Wren Chapel. However, when asked if her sum could be used towards its erection, the widow denied the college until, only through a process of extensive letter writing, did she permit a compromise. Thus began the concept of building a gym on the second floor of the Wren Building. However, when President Tyler grew less optimistic about the possibility of affixing an addition to the chapel, he put aside the idea, as seen in his July 17, 1899 letter.

The next case details the evolution of Cary Field, which was named in honor of T. Archibald Cary and his father, John B. Cary. Each served on the Board of Visitors and the former had donated funds towards the improvement of William and Mary's athletic fields. This expansion eventually grew to include a quarter mile cinder track, two football gridirons and two baseball diamonds.

"If there's an anniversary or event, we try to tie it in to what's going on," said Schindler on the motivation behind this exhibit. "For example, in 1909, William and Mary named Cary Field. That's how

we kind of chose it—it's been 100 years."

Discontent eventually arose in the 1970s when football fans demanded that the stadium be expanded to include 30,000 more seats. Working against them, however, was the collective entirety of Williamsburg residents, William and Mary students, faculty, staff and alumni, who formed an opposition group called the Amos Alonzo Stagg Society. This organization boycotted, rallied, and even boasted one member who wrote a satirical song entitled, "Ode to Cary Field." A sound clip of this rebellious tune, the existence of which the

young student composer was even unaware of, can be found on the library website.

When the library called to inform the

alumnus that his song had been rediscovered, the man was overjoyed and recalled his fond memories of the occasion.

"I told him it was a belated anniversary gift," said Schindler.

Next to the Cary Field exhibit is literature from the 1990 naming of the Walter J. Zable Stadium by the Board of Visitors in an effort to honor Zable and his \$10 million donation.

"This was tough because there has been so much that has happened there [Cary Field and Zable Stadium] over the last 100 years. We're just presenting things and trying to put them together as best we can," said Schindler.

After the Cary Field controversy, construction began on a women's gymnasium

"We're just presenting things and trying to put them together as best we can."

— Amy Schindler

in the basement of Jefferson Hall, which opened in September of 1921. This establishment was quickly made co-ed; however, the Old Gym was made into classrooms and the new Blow Memorial Gymnasium had yet to open. The Barksdale Athletic Fields were similarly established as women's athletic fields in the 1930s to honor Martha Barksdale, a member of the first graduating class in women's studies and later a recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan

Award in recognition of her advantageous influence on the university. Most notably, this case features vintage women's gym bloomers and an array of women's field hockey pictures.

Next came Blow Memorial Gymnasium, which was completed in 1925. This was made possible as a result of \$30,000 in state funds and a gift of \$130,200 from Adele Matthiessen Blow in memory of her husband, Captain George Preston Blow, who hails from a family of alumni. The Blow Gym Special Exhibit case prominently features pictures of the old building, as well as athletic shorts and dance tickets from events around the time of its opening.

"I had this idea about the evolving uses of the building. I thought doing a full case about Blow Gym might be interesting to those who had just moved in and out of it," said Schindler.

Utilized as the primary athletic facility for some time, it wasn't until the opening of Adair Hall in 1963 that some of the pressure on Blow Gym was alleviated. Even after that, the facility served as home to the men's physical education department until William and Mary Hall hosted its first basketball game in 1970, for which an original ticket is displayed in the case. Unfortunately, the building was not yet

completed at this time, and the audience members had to sit in folding chairs in the chill of the unheated building.

The exhibit also features tennis court dis-

ups are done, and pictures are taken and analyzed before everything is set in its final place in the case.

"Usually a staff member will be a curator, but other staff, students, and volunteers will help," said Schindler. "Before we set things up, though, we do mock-ups and take lots of pictures."

Schindler is also adamant about the exposure of the Special Collections exhibit as an outreach to William and Mary's students, as well as method by which to increase archival donations. It is made clear that the library is always working to accommodate the students of the college and expose them to

the history of their alma mater. Specifically, the William and Mary Hall display case will be transferred to William and Mary Hall to coincide with the anniversary of its first basketball game and then exhibited to its attendants.

Perhaps, Schindler hopes, this will expose a greater demographic to the information presented in the exhibit and incite an increased interest in the history of athletics at the college.

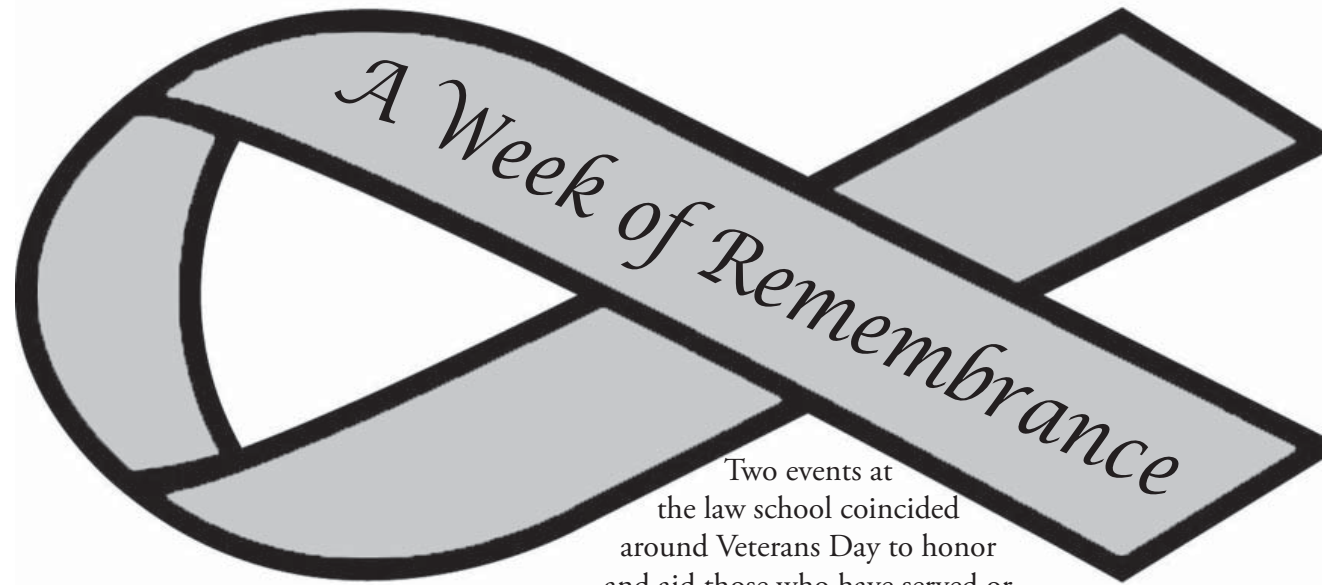
"That's one thing we're trying to do more and more—working with people across campus. It's a great way for us to expose our collections," said Schindler.

The athletics exhibit will remain open until February 7, 2010 in the Nancy Marshall (Rotunda) Gallery of Swem Library. For details on hours, see the Swem Library and Special Collections Research Center hours. ■

plays and aerial photographs of the campus athletic centers over time. "It's just interesting to see through the decades how the football fields and tennis courts have moved," said Schindler. One staff member who has been here for a while says that the best way to tell where the next parking lot is going to be is to look at where the tennis courts are now. Doing an exhibit like this is interesting because people can't use these objects for their research papers." Of the construction of the exhibit itself, it is clear that a tremendous amount of effort and man-power were necessary in its completion over the summer of 2009.



A selection of what the exhibit of Tribe Athletics at Swem has to offer. All photos taken by DSJ Photographer Rachel Cohen.



Two events at the law school coincided around Veterans Day to honor and aid those who have served or are currently serving.

» DANNY MOSIER, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

Despite William and Mary's status as a state university rather than a military one, the College has a long tradition of lending a helping hand to America's veterans. To continue this tradition, the College's Law School held two events during the week of Veterans Day to show their respect in several different ways.

On November 11th (Veterans Day), A Veterans Day Celebration was held in the entrance hall of the Law School. The Law School, the William and Mary Veterans Benefits Clinic, and the Military and Veterans Law Society sponsored the event, which not only commemorates the national day of remembrance for veterans but also the first anniversary of the formation of the Veterans Benefit Clinic.

Commemorated on Veterans Day 2008, the Veterans Benefit Clinic was the first service learning project of the Virginia Commonwealth University—William & Mary Health Policy and Law Initiative, a project designed to bring together faculty and students from several different fields in order to conduct research, provide public service and offer joint degree programs which focus on solving topical problems in health policy, law and bioethics. The clinic offers students opportunities to assist veterans with filing claims for disability compensation with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Clinic students are also able to gain experience in interviewing clients, analyzing medical records, communicating with health care providers, and crafting strategies to help clients receive disability

compensation.

Despite being in existence for only a year, the clinic has completed a lot of work. Not only have they aided many veterans, they have also partnered with Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Psychological Services and Development to begin to help veterans with health and disability concerns.

Another significant organization in the relationship between the College and America's veterans is the William and Mary Veteran's Law Society. Founded by nine William and Mary students in 2007, the society was formed as a social and support network for veterans and has subsequently been involved in community service, raising veteran awareness on campus, forming lobbying efforts, and advocating on behalf of student veterans.

"Many veterans are unaware of all of the benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their honorable service to our nation," said Jeremy Wayne Stout, the President of the William and Mary Veterans Society. "Therefore, the William and Mary Veterans Society decided to organize many key resources in the Williamsburg area in order to better inform them of these benefits."

The Veterans Day Celebration featured

many notable speakers giving words of respect about America's veterans to all attending. The first speaker of the afternoon was Dean Davison M. Douglass of the Law School, acknowledging both the service of veterans past and present as well as the work of the Law School Veterans Benefit Clinic and the Law School in aiding such veterans.

"We have gathered on this Veterans Day both for our nation's veterans and to thank them for their service," said Douglass, "especially those who paid the ultimate price."

The next speaker was Robert E. Murdough (J.D. '11), the president and vice president of the Military and Veterans Law Society, who commented on the positive relationship between the Law School and America's veterans.

"Military service goes hand in hand with the notions of a citizen lawyer," said Murdough, commenting on the values both professions hold high. "The best we can do and must do is to live a life of integrity to honor their service."

The next person to speak was Stacey-Rae Simcox, the Managing Attorney of the Veterans Benefit Clinic, who noted that the theme of this Veterans Day celebration was "William and Mary's Own,"

**"[The clinic's] service will benefit me for the rest of my life."**

**- Dustin Allison (J.D. '11)**

focusing on those veterans who are current students of the College.

The microphone was then handed to Lt. Steve Murray (J.D. '10), a member of the United States Navy who is currently a student of the Law School. He began by speaking on his career in the Navy, starting with his intelligence training in Pensacola and continuing on to his deployment to the Iraq War. While deployed, Murray gave aerial overviews of combat zones for US Army Troops as well as later helping to curtail problems of piracy off of Somalia's coast. Following his deployment he was selected for the law education program at the William and Mary Law School, where he discovered a surprising connection between those who service in the military and those who become citizen lawyers. In both careers he sees a "silent call to serve," a universal willingness to everything possible to serve their fellow man to the best of their abilities even when it is not required of them.

"Most important is not that these ideas are written down... but that they're silently upheld," said Murray.

Following Murray was Emily Devoe (J.D. '11), a third year law student and one of six students serving in the Veterans Benefit Clinic, who spoke very positively of her participation in the clinic.

"I find the clinic to be one of the most rewarding experiences at the law school," said Devoe.

The final speaker of the event was Dustin Allison (J.D. /MBA '11), a veteran and a second year law student, who spoke about how grateful he was that the Veteran's Benefit Clinic was able to help him get through the extremely complicated benefit system after his vehicle was hit during combat.

"Their service will benefit me for the rest of my life," said Allison of the benefit clinic.

The Veterans Day Workshop was held the following day inside the Law School. The event was sponsored by the William and Mary Veterans Society as well as the Veterans Benefit Clinic and was scheduled to have appearances by representatives from VCU's Center for Psychological Services and Development, William and Mary's New Horizons Family Counsel-

ing Center and from The College's registrar and financial aid offices. The event featured several panels focusing on veterans' disability and educational benefits and how eligible veterans can take advantage of the benefits open to them.

Despite all the work involved in the preparation for the event, the tropical storm which plowed through the area that day created weather conditions too harsh



Veterans gather at an event at the law school during the week of Veterans Day. Photo by Brittany Jezouit.

for many to be able to attend. Despite the fact that the workshop's events did not go as planned, all of the people scheduled to be at the event showed up and were there in case any veterans came needing help.

"The reason we had it... was because we didn't want this to be one more closed door for veterans," said Simcox.

Everyone involved stated that they were confident that the event will be able to be rescheduled sometime early in the spring semester.

Most of those involved with the planned workshop spoke about their involvement with William and Mary and their veterans' benefit programs. VCU's Center for Psychological Services and Development looks to help provide veterans increased compensation for psychological issues as well as psychosocial services, including both physical and psychological therapy, case management services and social worker services.

Victoria Foster, Professor of Counseling at the William and Mary School of Education, spoke about how she got involved with VCU's program through the New Horizons Family Counseling Center, which provides free counseling services to families and schools in the area and consequent-

ly often deals with veterans' issues.

"The law school program... makes sure veterans know what benefits they can apply for by helping them navigate that territory," she said.

Stout spoke about his wishes for the event and for the William and Mary Veterans Society.

"We hope that veterans will learn where to find help to answer their benefit questions and how to go about processing these benefits," said Stout. "The benefits include disability claims, health coverage, educational benefits, and other various benefits. We are still restructuring the William and Mary Veteran Society. Our main goal is to assist each other in our transition from the life as military personnel to the challenging academic life of a William and Mary college student. Other goals of our Veterans Society include establishing a scholarship for service oriented or study abroad academic programs that our current members would like to participate in."

Representatives from the VA Medical Center in Hampton were also at the law school to speak about their involvement with veterans, including providing primary and specialty medical care, outreach to troops and families, women veteran services, and helping with state veterans benefits.

"We try to get out and help as many people as possible," said Kay Reid, the Program Manager for the Returning Veterans Program at the VA Medical Center. "Our focus is to make sure new veterans know how to get around in the VA (The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs). We don't want them to feel lost."

Despite the eventual cancellation of the event, all was not lost. A veteran came all the way from North Carolina through the bad weather in order to get help, and all were willing to talk to him. As a result of the large amount of community support for this event, many are confident that it is very likely this event will be held again in the spring.

"So far we have received positive feedback and the local community has embraced this event whole-heartedly," said Stout. "The Daily Press helped us advertise the event as well as the William and Mary press release staff. We are very grateful for their assistance and willingness to help." ■

# Housekeepers Petition for Better Pay

## Workers' Rights, Students, and The College

» ISABELLE COHEN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Residence Life housekeepers in Facilities Management at the College are pushing the administration for a wage increase, with help from the student group Tidewater Labor Support Committee.

"Housekeepers are tired of living from check to check," said Devon Futrell, a housekeeper who works at Stith Hall in the Bryan Complex. "We can't even take care of education for our kids, if they're wanting to go to college. We have people here who've been here for 20 years, 25 years, 17 years, and they're making maybe 11 dollars an hour. She's been at the College for 9 years now, and earns a wage of \$10.43 per hour. One lady's been here for 28 years, and she's barely making 11 dollars an hour."

Virginia's state minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour, with the most recent increase in 2009. In a family with two "earners" and two children, each earner must have a full-time job with a wage of over \$15 per hour. A housekeeper working full time, defined as 2080 hours per year, and earning \$11 an hour, makes \$22,880. The same article said the average administrator made approximately \$79,000 per year in 2008-2009, roughly 3.4 times what a housekeeper makes. This was an increase of \$8,000 from 2006-2007 levels, an increase equivalent to about a third of what housekeepers earn per year.

The minimum someone in housekeeping for Residence Life can earn is \$9 per hour. A full-time worker earning \$9 an hour makes an annual salary of \$18,720. In prac-

tice, these workers tend to earn between \$9 and \$11 an hour, or between \$18,720 and \$22,880 a year.

According to the College's Department of Human Resources website, the hourly maximum for a Residence Life Housekeeper is \$15.66.

Although in reality the housekeepers don't earn this wage, at that salary they would make approximately \$32,563 per year, or 9.8 percent of President Reveley's salary. The absolute maximum a housekeeper can make is \$15.66 per hour regardless of the quality of their work

or how long they've been at the College.

The same document also specifies what they call an "hourly midpoint" of \$11.60 for workers, which implies that workers should make around that much, a good dollar or more per hour beyond what housekeepers actually make.

"The administration is making all this money, and they don't give the other staff any money," said Futrell. "Our job's just as important as their job."

One housekeeper who works with Residence Life, who wished to be identified as Shelly G., was assigned to part of Sorority Court this fall. She said that on November 16, she received an e-mail written by the girls of one of the houses she cleans.

"It said, 'We really like her, and she's the best housekeeper we've ever seen, so we don't think that she should get in any trouble,'" said Shelly. "But we think she's overstepping her boundaries by eating her meals in the house."

Shelly gets a 15 minute break in the morning, from 9:15 to 9:30. The only break room she has access to is in Taliaferro, across campus from Sorority Court. "By the time I get over there, the break is up," said Shelly.

Shelly said she has since asked for a transfer. "I feel very bitter," she said. "I don't understand how I can be good enough to clean their house, but I can't sit down and eat my food there."

Shelly isn't the only housekeeper to struggle with the issue of break rooms.

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— Devon Futrell

"In the summer time, we work all day," said Futrell. "They don't have the AC on, and we have to climb stairs with buckets. We don't have any insulation in our break room. We don't have any windows in our break room. Our break room is a basement

where we have to go sit and eat our lunch, with no windows, no air conditioning, and no heat."

Recently, workers began to circulate a petition among the housekeepers, as well as students and alumni. Forty-three Residence Life housekeepers signed the petition. "There are about 45 non-supervisor employees total in the housekeeping part of Residence Life based on payroll data from 2007," said Cherie Seise ('10), a student who is involved in the campaign.

"The College's investment in William and Mary Housekeepers should reflect the true value of the work they do on campus," reads the petition. "The importance of William and Mary Housekeepers to our campus community cannot be understated. They are responsible for the care and preservation of the beautiful place we call home. We stand in support of all Housekeepers' rights to the following: fair pay and benefits, job skill development, promotion, and a workplace that recognizes the dignity of William and Mary Housekeepers and the true value of their work."

"Workers are trying to communicate with the administration to work out solutions to the problems they've identified in the workplace and to educate the campus community as to the conditions of housekeepers," said Seise.

When contacted, Residence Life denied that any grievances have been filed by the housekeepers. However, housekeepers and students currently have a meeting scheduled with Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Residence Life Deb Boykin to present some of their concerns. The meeting should take place in early December.

One change proposed, said Seise, is that "people who have worked here for 10 years move to \$11.60 an hour and people who have worked here for over 25 years be at the top possible for their pay band, or \$15.66 an hour."

Campus housekeepers are not currently organized in a union. In September 2009, they disbanded their most recent union, United Electrical Workers Local 160.

"The difficulty the union faced was that state employees can't collectively bargain in Virginia," said Seise. "Unions win concrete improvements for workers by getting contracts with their employers through negotiations. That's where you'd see wage increase, better benefits. But state employee unions can't enter into negotiations with state agencies in Virginia."

Seise is a member of Tidewater Labor

Support Committee, or TLSC, who is helping in the housekeepers' fight. "We're students who really are committed to the idea of our campus being a community, and a community that respects and equally involves all of its members," said Seise.

"Our role in this is supporting housekeepers and their demands, attending meetings with them to show that we stand in support," said Seise. "We've been able to help secure meeting rooms and help educate the broader campus community about what's going on."

TLSC first re-emerged on campus in 2005-06 as part of a living wage campaign that was taking place at the time. "Their demand was \$8.25 an hour, which they got," said Seise.

Seise described a fight in which TLSC engaged with campus workers in 2006. Students and workers fought a change in the housekeeping policy in which the administrators wanted to split the hours people worked over the weekend from eight hours on Friday to four on Friday and four on Saturday.

"The housekeepers were widely against it," said Seise. "All but two people signed a petition against that and gave it to their administrators. TLSC held a rally and pressured Boykin to overturn the policy, which she did."

This year, TLSC is also engaged in a campaign to bring back the College's Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) committee. In 2006, the College signed on to work with the WRC, which means it adopted a code of conduct that vendors we do business with must conform to.

"The code of conduct stipulates livable wages and a lot of things on women's rights, like that women can't be fired for getting pregnant, and protection from sexual harassment," said Alex Leach ('10), the TLSC member largely leading the WRC campaign. "It says that workers must have the freedom to join a union, if they want to do so." The WRC monitors whether this code of conduct is being obeyed.

At first, the College had a committee to receive reports from the WRC and pass on the information to the administration. However, it fell apart at the end of the

2007-08 academic year and hasn't since been reinstated.

This issue has been thrust into the limelight with recent complaints against Russell Athletic, an apparel company that The

**"Workers are trying... to educate the campus community as to the conditions of housekeepers."**

— Cherie Seise ('10)

College has a contract with. "The WRC found that Russell had violated a number of points in the code of conduct," said Leach. "Specifically, they fired people trying to organize, fired people with paying them back wages they were owed, and tried to close their factories in a way that violated the code of conduct."

"Schools all across the country began cutting their contracts with Russell when these violations were revealed," said Leach. William and Mary has not cut its contract.

"The committee needs to be reestablished," said Leach. "It would be a more efficient system to have a committee that can constantly monitor these companies, rather than students having to fight every time there's a problem with one of our vendors."

Overall, TLSC's goals encompass educating campus, pushing for oversight of our contracts, and supporting workers in their efforts to attain higher pay and improved benefits.

"We want to see more institutional inclusion of housekeepers in decision-making at the College," said Seise. "More broadly, TLSC envisions more involvement of service workers at the College in different aspects of campus life."

Futrell and the housekeepers have more specific goals in mind for the time being.

"I'm hoping to see better pay, better conditions," said Futrell. "Mainly we would like to see better pay. Once we retire, who do you think is going to clean up around here? Not our children, not at this type of pay! We have to try and make it better."

"A lot of people are scared to talk, because they're afraid of what'll happen. I'm not scared," said Futrell. "I know the people. Once I get things started, they'll be behind me." ■

# 'Twas the Night



# Before Yule Log

» MORGAN BARKER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

'Twas the night before Yule Log when all across campus, not a student was stirring, not even an IR major studying for an economics exam with care. The air was ripe with excitement in the hopes that the President disguised as Santa Claus soon would be there!

The College does the holiday season up right! By far the most renowned tradition is the Yule Log ceremony. The history of the Yule Log is long and rich, spanning thousands of years, originating as a pagan tradition celebrating winter solstice, it was later adopted by Christians in Europe. The College has taken this tradition and modified it for its own celebration.

"Yule Log is by far my favorite tradition on campus," said Jasper Lu ('11). "Mostly because of the free cookies, though."

Each year, students gather in the

Wren Courtyard in freezing winter weather in order to celebrate the holidays. The celebration, sponsored by Mortar Board, features religious and cultural speakers from different organizations on campus who discuss their respective traditions during the holiday season. The Gentlemen of the College and the choir sing Christmas carols, and then the real festivities begin.

The Vice President of Student Affairs, Ginger Ambler, takes the stage and reads "Twas the Night before Finals." This adapted version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is rewritten every year to incorporate current events and issues on campus. Then (finally) President Reveley enters dressed as St. Nicholas himself. In his red and white suit, he delivers a lively version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to an adoring student body.

After the speakers, the actual Yule

Log ceremony takes place. A Yule log is passed through the crowd and everyone touches it for good luck on their finals. Then, the massive group of students waits to pass through the Wren Great Hall in order to throw a sprig of holly into the fire. This represents throwing away cares or worries. Finally to warm up everyone's freezing toes there are cider and cookies on the other side of the Wren.

"I've actually never been to Yule Log," said Michael Vu ('11), "but I LOVE Grand Illumination. Never have I seen more people crowded into CW!"

The students of The College also have a great opportunity to celebrate at Grand Illumination in CW. Christmas was not a big holiday in Williamsburg during the colonial times. It was hardly even observed since most of the inhabitants of Williamsburg were Anglican, celebrating Advent. None-

theless, historians wanted to find a way to make Christmas a part of the Colonial Williamsburg experience. A landscape architect for CW came up with the idea of placing candles in the windows of houses throughout CW. Later, with concerns about fire, the candles were replaced with electric candles. It gained popularity with tourists and the candles were sold as souvenirs. Now, the practice of lighting candles in windows around Christmas time can be seen all across America.

For the 350th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, a massive fireworks display was added to the celebration. Historically, fireworks were used in recognition of the monarch's birthday or a military victory. These fireworks now mark the beginning the holiday season in CW. Grand Illumination takes place on the first Sunday of December and draws people from all around.

These holiday traditions are a must for students, especially for freshman. There is nothing like listening to President Reveley read "How the Grinch stole Christmas" or seeing the fireworks light up the sky over CW for the first time. But make traditions of your own. Decorate a Christmas tree with your roommate, cook dinner with your hall, throw a party with your friends or go caroling! The sky's the limit. After all, the holidays are about togetherness. ■

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# SUPERFICIAL ON CAMPUS

» CARRIE CROW, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

Andy Warhol famously claimed that in the future, everyone would have fifteen minutes of fame—yet he now continues to influence the art world more than twenty years after his death.

"Deeply Superficial," presented at the Muscarelle Museum of Art from Nov. 7 through Jan. 24, is a celebration of flash flame, pop culture and the blurred line between luxury and commerciality. Compiling works of Warhol's from the Museum of Modern Art, the Andy Warhol museum and others, the exhibit focuses on the transition from Polaroid portraiture to his silk screens, and how he developed his world view.

Ascending the stairs of the Muscarelle Museum, one is blasted with colors of the world of Andy Warhol. With a dichotomy of bold colored

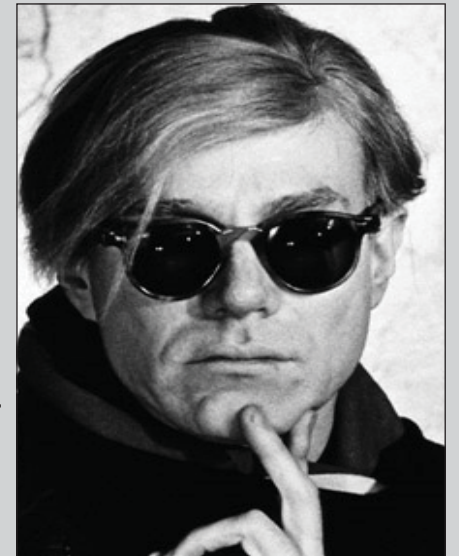
silk screens and black and white pictures, visitors are guided through his development as an artist: from Polaroids to black and white candid, from the iconic silk screenings to screen tests of stars, ultimately revealing Andy Warhol is more than just Campbell's Soup and pictures of Marilyn Monroe.

Or, in Warhol's opinion, he really isn't. "If you want to know all about Andy Warhol, just look at the surface of my paintings and films and me, and there I am. There's nothing behind it," he said, quoted in the exhibit.

The exhibit centers on Warhol's claim that he is a "deeply superficial person." His art examined the human visage in various mediums, including large film presentations of screen tests, with celebrities sitting for minutes at a time and being replayed at slower speeds. His pictures from the Polaroid Big Shot include celebrities like Sylvester Stallone, and the Andycam—or Minolta 35 mm camera—captured a black and white "visual diary" for Warhol.

For those unfamiliar with Warhol's works, the Muscarelle offers a wide array of information to introduce you to his art and thought, while for fans, it's an exciting opportunity to see an influential artists' work in person.

Fifteen minutes are not enough to explore Warhol's famous career, but the Muscarelle offers an opportunity to discover something deeper than the superficial. ■



# BEST OF AS

## A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

### FIVE BEST POP CULTURE PUNCHING BAGS OF 2009

» CARRIE CROW, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Lady Gaga

Love her. Hate her. Freak dance to her at the club and then talk trash about her, but Lady Gaga has seized the world's attention. She committed suicide on stage at the Video Music Awards. She sets fire to a bear skin negligee in her new music video. She wears outfits that resemble nothing in nature. There are rumors of her being a hermaphrodite floating around on blogs. However, she has your attention.

#### Jonas Brothers

A nickname like Jo Bros doesn't exactly help them. All the thirteen-year-old girls want them, all the thirteen-year-old boys want to be them, and all the boys older than that thrive on making fun of them. It's inevitable that any male celebrity loved by the lady masses will be thoroughly mocked. But to be fair, the Disney Channel isn't doing them any favors.

#### Twilight

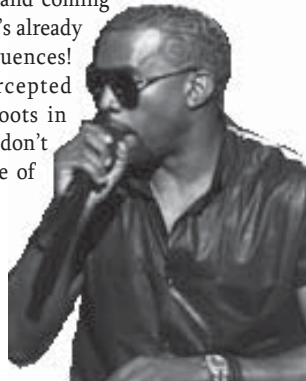
Society is to Twilight as Bella is to Edward—its banal inability to function independently is given a self-loathing rock and anchor. Either that, or it's simply the brunt of as many jokes as can be made at the expense of a sparkly, semi-purple man with crazy hair. In any case, Twilight has, for better or for worse, supplied hours upon hours of good, clean fun for the world.

#### Miley Cyrus

Now that Britney Spears has some semblance of sanity—as well as hair—the world has moved on to the up and coming Teensation. Not even 18 yet, and she's already topped 2009 Worst Celebrity Influences! Apparently, pole dancing, intercepted underwear shots, naked photo shoots in Vanity Fair and sexy music videos don't jive with the conservative parentage of America. Who knew?

#### Kanye West

The problem wi—Yo Carrie I'm really happy for you and I'ma let you finish but Siân Martin has one of the best Best Of Lists of all time!



### FIVE BEST NON-TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SONGS

» ERIN DINGLE, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Lady Gaga, "Christmas Tree"

What would the holidays be without a dance hit from New York's finest? She quickly converts parts of conventional songs, like "Deck the Halls," into a sexual pop song playing on many elements of Christmas. Lady Gaga insists that her "Christmas tree is delicious." Let that inspire you to win your annual gingerbread house contest!

#### The Killers, "A Great Big Sled"

Do the holidays bring out your inner child? They do for these boys from Las Vegas who want to "roll around like a kid in the snow." Listen to this song when you are preparing to brave the piles of snow on your front lawn—it will inspire you to relive the best parts of wintertime that you experienced when you were young!

#### Joey Ramone, "What a Wonderful World"

Though the song does not actually contain direct references to the holiday, it is often associated with the Christmas season. Ramone transforms the Louis Armstrong classic into a fast-paced rock song driven by his rebellious, alternative voice. Spin this record at your next Christmas party and help everyone appreciate the beauty of the Christmas season!

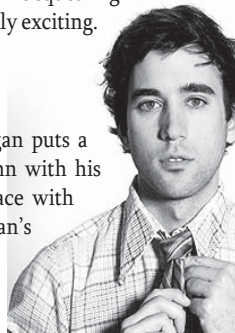


#### TSO, "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24"

While mixing heavy metal, rock, classical music and Christmas songs seems unlikely, Trans-Siberian Orchestra proves with this song that it makes for an epic musical display. Great for a gloomy winter evening when you're feeling just a little mysterious and ready to rock. The squealing guitars and steady violins make this tune especially exciting.

#### Sufjan Stevens, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

This singer-songwriter who hails from Michigan puts a different spin on the traditional Christian hymn with his folksy, eclectic vibe. Gather around the fireplace with your family on Christmas Eve and enjoy Sufjan's calm rendition, complete with banjo and the inspiring resonance of his voice.



### FIVE BEST HOLIDAY MOVIES

» JESSICA M. HANKE, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Elf

Nothing says Christmas like a six-foot-three "Cotton-Headed Ninnymuggins" parading around New York City, harassing department store Santas. Elf follows the story of Buddy, the elf-adopted-human on a mission to remove his birth father from Santa's naughty list. Along the way, he reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Elf offers pithy one-liners, sentimental messages, and family values that are sure to make all audiences smile.



#### A Christmas Story

This 1983 classic grew so popular that it's the only thing TNT (followed by TBS in 2002) has shown Christmas Eve and Christmas Day since 1997. Last year alone, over 8.8 million people tuned in to watch Ralphie's quest for the perfect Christmas present: the famous "Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model Air Rifle."



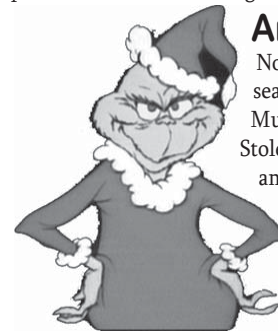
The film is further proof that few can resist the sheer power of a leg lamp, a kid getting his tongue stuck to a telephone pole and a ten-year-old boy dressed up in a pink bunny suit.

#### The Polar Express

Based on the beloved children's book, The Polar Express follows the story of a little boy who has lost his Christmas spirit because he doesn't believe. But when he hops on the Polar Express for a musical ride to the North Pole, he learns the true meaning of Christmas. This movie will take you on a ride you'll never forget, one that helps us grown-up kids remember that "Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."

#### It's a Wonderful Life

If there was ever a life-changing movie, this is it. It's the story of George Bailey, a man whose circumstance forces him to give up his dreams in exchange for the good of his family and his town. But when financial duress turns George suicidal on Christmas Eve, the higher powers decide it's time to send George his guardian angel to show him just what life would be like without him. The moral? Life doesn't always turn out the way we plan, but it's wonderful regardless. Be prepared to shed some major tears.



Don't be embarrassed to reminisce. Choose your childhood favorite, snuggle up with a cup of hot cocoa, and prepare to be transported to simpler days!

#### Animated Kids Movies

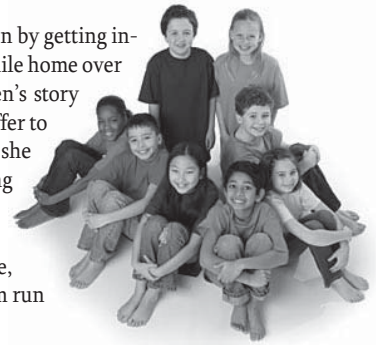
Nothing brings out the spirit of the Holiday season like a heart-warming kids' movie. The Muppet Christmas Carol, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, A Charlie Brown Christmas, and any claymation/puppetmation movie by Rankin and Bass (i.e. Rudolph's Shiny New Year, Jack Frost, The Year Without a Santa Clause, Santa Clause is Coming to Town) all have a heartwarming message ready to be delivered to viewers like you.

### FIVE BEST WAYS TO GIVE BACK

» SIÂN MARTIN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

#### Work with Kids

Brighten a child's holiday season by getting involved in your community. While home over winter break, read at a children's story hour at your public library or offer to babysit for a neighbor so he or she can get some holiday shopping done. Impact children outside of your community by participating in a national toy drive, such as Toys for Tots, a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps.



#### Feed the Hungry

Volunteer at a soup kitchen, or donate to a local food pantry. These organizations often rely solely on volunteers for labor and supplies, and with the increased need for such services since the economic downturn, providing a hot meal or donating the ingredients for a meal is more important now than ever before.

#### Choose a Charity

Find an organization whose mission you support and donate monetarily, even if only a small amount. Websites like networkforgood.org and charitynavigator.org let you find a not-for-profit with values and a mission similar to your own. Skip Wawa or the Daily Grind for a week and donate the money saved to a worthy cause.



#### Donate Clothing

Rather than throwing out clothing you haven't worn in years, donate it to a local thrift store. Go through your closet and find decent clothing to give to the Goodwill or Salvation Army. Clothing drives are also popular during this time of year, so donating used outerwear such as coats can be particularly beneficial to those who are in need of appropriate cold-weather gear.



#### Send a Package to the Troops

Remember those serving in the military away from their families this season by sending a package during the holidays. Anysoldier.com provides detailed instructions on how to send a package and can provide names and addresses if you don't personally know someone in the service. If you don't feel you have the time to correctly assemble and send a parcel, USO.org has a feature that allows you to sponsor a package.



# Coming Attractions

» JESSICA M. HANKE, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

## The Juggling Act: How to Approach 'Playing the Field'

There is no time more magnificent than the holiday season. It's the perfect opportunity to spread good will to man, to share love with friends and family, and to promote the system of American capitalism by gorging ourselves with massive feasts and consumer gift products. Meanwhile, in the dating world, people are applying the same logic to going out, overindulging in dates along with Mom's homemade cheese-cake and copious holiday gifts.

Now, I can't say that I'm against having multiple dating partners. In fact, when accused of "changing love-interests like you change underwear," I simply reply that I consider myself an equal opportunity dater. If you do the asking or show interest, there's a large chance that I will let you take me out (I have a hard time saying no to free food and entertainment). So, many times, dating more than one person at a time is just sheer happenstance. Is this a good thing or a bad thing, and at what point is it necessary to quit the juggling act and fine tune your options? Let me provide some tips and insight into a game known as "playing the field."

As my mother always says, "You've gotta kiss a lot of frogs before you find your Prince Charming." Dating is a way to do that—weed out the bad and the ugly. But how can we tell the difference between the extraordinary and the fodder? You need to see what the dating pool has to offer before you decide to get serious. Otherwise, you may end up wasting your time on someone who is not even remotely good for you. And it just so happens that dating more than one person is the perfect way to do that.

Just be sure not to go overboard. A few words to the wise when playing the field:

1) Never get involved in a repetitive dating relationship (we're talking 3+ dates here) with too many people at once. It helps to set a limit for yourself (for example, my magic number is three). Why? Too many people at once can get tricky, confusing, and paint you in a light akin to a "playa." Trust me, that's the last thing you want to look like if you're serious about finding love.

2) By the time you get to your third and fourth dates, you should have some idea whether or not you can see a relationship in the making. If it just isn't going to happen, don't lead the poor guy or gal on. Eliminate the non-PSOs (Potential Significant Others) quickly, carefully and kindly. You don't want to be known as a heart-breaker. This way, you can focus your energy on the person(s) you actually see yourself with in the future and the eliminated person(s) can move forward.

3) Engaging in physical/ sexual relationships with more than one person you are dating can cause a ruckus once you've decided to enter a relationship with one of said partners. Simply put, don't be a "dirty pirate hooker." And, for those of you who find it difficult to keep it in your pants (spur of the

moment or otherwise), make sure your partner understands the boundaries of your dating relationship first, i.e. "This doesn't mean we are in a committed relationship."

4) Above all, be honest. Make sure that whoever you are dating knows that your idea of dating does not include exclusivity from the get-go. There should be no confusion on this point. This doesn't mean you have to voluntarily offer up the fact that you are dating more than one person, but if it comes up, don't lie about it. Just say that until you've decided to commit to one person who you genuinely and romantically care about, you see no reason to tie yourself down.

5) Remember that there are setbacks to multiple dating partners. If you are honest with someone you're dating and they can't handle it, you have two options. Option one: If you feel a genuine interest and feel that interest is reciprocated, be willing to negotiate dating on a singular basis. Otherwise, be willing to cut 'em loose.

Just recognize that there is no one right way to approach dating. If you feel that the best way to find the red nose to your reindeer is by dating more than one person at a time, so be it. But if you feel more comfortable dating one person at a time, that's fabulous too. ■

- STUDY for exam next Monday :(

## Ingredients:

- For filling:
- Frozen pie crust (made according to instructions)
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 3 large eggs
  - 1/2 cup light corn syrup
  - 3 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
  - 2 tsp vanilla or maple extract
  - 1 3/4 cup chopped pecans, slightly toasted
  - dash of cinnamon (optional)

## Directions:

Bake crust according to manufacturer's directions.

Preheat oven to 350 °F. Whisk first 5 ingredients in a bowl. Then mix in 3/4 cups of chopped pecans. Pour into the crust. Sprinkle with remaining cup of pecans. Bake until the pie is set, about 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

Serves 8.

## Comments:

Pecans are a native nut to the south, and pecan pie is generally served for the winter holidays, so what better holiday dessert for a Virginian than pecan pie? This pie is easy to make and even easier to brag about. I've added chocolate chunks to the filling for a wonderful surprise.

I hope you make and enjoy this dessert with others, and spread a little holiday cheer during the upcoming winter days!

# Old-Fashioned Pecan Pie

» ISABELLE THIBAU, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

- pick up laundry

Yum!

- Winter Break is coming! :)



# LIBERTY & VENGEANCE FOR ALL

## JUSTICE, REVENGE AND THE D.C. SNIPER

» MAX CUNNINGHAM, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

At 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the state of Virginia ordered potassium chloride to be pumped into the veins of John Allen Muhammad until the last threads of life fled his body.

For my generation, particularly those of us living in Virginia, this is the first execution of a familiar criminal.

Most of my friends and I were affected in one way or another by the emergence of “the Sniper,” the psychotic killer that rampaged Northern and Central Virginia during the fall of 2002. Muhammad and his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, actually struck twice within five miles of my middle school. I was in sixth grade at the time.

At twelve years old it’s difficult to imagine what would drive a person to kill complete strangers. All I knew at the time was that it was a big relief when the cops pulled the guys in.

There are a number of people who still feel the effects of the sniper attacks every day. Perhaps they felt relief last Thursday too, when at last potassium electrolytes drove Muhammad’s heart to arrest.

My friends and I saw what this bastard did and then we watched him die. We witnessed the justice system work, start to finish, crime to punishment.

Our first taste of justice.

Justice. It’s a strange term. There are many definitions of “justice,” based on context or who you ask. Merriam Webster defines it as “the maintenance or administration of what is just.” The American Heritage Dictionary says it is something along the lines of “the application of absolute right.”

While few things in life are ever clear cut, these definitions are particularly murky. Namely, what is “absolute right?”

Even if an “absolute right” exists no single human being or group of human beings

could possibly define such a complex concept. This means that all “right” is somewhat relative to an individual’s situation, if only from a human perspective.

Although it’s impossible to determine absolutely what is right and wrong, there are some things that humanity accepts universally. Perhaps the most obvious principle accepted worldwide is that taking the life of an unarmed, non-threatening human being is not right. American society believes in this idea so strongly that taking unarmed life violates virtually all levels of law.

Muhammad and his accomplice took the life of unarmed human beings numerous times.

So now we, as a community, are presented a challenge. We have in custody a man who clearly violated what is considered to be “absolute right;” family members are in unspeakable distress and want retribution for what’s been taken from them forever.

What is the “absolute right” in this situation, or at least how do we apply it? Is it not absolutely right to equalize life’s inequities and take back what’s been taken from us? Muhammad took innocent life, and in return we wield absolute right and take his life.

But then again, absolute right, if we can accept it on a theoretical level, is absolute. And society at large agrees that killing an unarmed, non-threatening person is contrary to absolute right.

Muhammad had no means of defending himself against the potassium chloride flooding his veins and pumping through his heart at 9 p.m. on Nov. 10. Logically speaking, the state of Virginia violated the universal consensus of absolute right that night.

I have another definition. Merriam Webster defines “revenge” as “to avenge (as oneself) usually by retaliating in kind or degree.”

I may very well be delusional or ignorant or both, but it seems like our treatment of Muhammad, the monster that he is, leans more towards revenge than it does justice.

And that’s perfectly fine. As a nation, it’s what we want. We want people to *pay* for what they’ve done, regardless of whether it’s right or wrong.

I just think it would be best if we cut the garbage and call the system what it really is. This isn’t justice—it’s revenge.

If killing Muhammad isn’t absolutely right, though, what is? I would argue that directing efforts to change an individual obviously gone wrong somewhere along the way is the absolute right in this case. Rather than looking for pure retribution, it would potentially be better to invest in fixing our society rather than killing it or taxing it in some other way.

But that’s only me, one individual.

A valid point to make is that no one personally close to me died in a sniper attack. I know that I cannot comprehend an inch of the pain experienced by Muhammad’s victims. Perhaps I’m completely unqualified to offer any semblance of an opinion on the matter.

Nevertheless, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, the state of Virginia watched a fellow human being die. We knowingly gave a man the last meal he would ever taste, showed him the last sunset he would ever see. Then we pumped his body so full of chemicals that his heart gave out, never to beat again.

Within three hours it was Nov. 11. Historically we remember Nov. 11 as Armistice Day, a day that brought an end to senseless loss of life.

The irony is overbearing. □

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# The Colonial Parkway

» ABHI GOYAL, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

Last week, my family came to town for a visit, so I got the opportunity to drive a car for a bit. It was the perfect day for a drive, since it was warm and the leaves were at their most colorful. My dad’s desire to see some local landmarks inevitably led us onto the Colonial Parkway, which turned out to be the highlight of the day.

The Parkway was built from 1930 to 1957 as a simple way to link the three major sites of America’s Historic Triangle. Fortunately, it became something more than another turnpike. I like to think that when the idea was first proposed, somebody in the Department of Transportation knew that the Williamsburg area deserved better.

That somebody must have been the one to turn it from another facet of the interstate highway system into something truly unique. From there on out, through the darkest parts of the Great Depression and World War II, that someone stayed involved, just for the sake of making it into the most beautiful thing he or she had ever created.

The parkway is absolutely more than just another road and even more than a scenic parkway—it is a shining example of how ordinary projects can become works of art even as the nation struggles.

Interstate highways were designed in

a fairly mundane way—the architects and engineers on the project would draw a straight line linking major industrial centers, cities and transportation hubs. They literally used a yardstick and pencil to make the cleanest, most ordinary lines possible. The highways that were then carved out were almost identical, except for some minor differences in the concrete the builders used.

However, the team that built the Colonial Parkway was different—faced with the new directive of building a ‘scenic parkway,’ they knew that they had to look at their job in an entirely new way. They were not to visualize ‘their’ road in terms of traffic capacity and efficiency, but in terms of what the drivers saw as they traveled. Prominent modern architect Zaha Hadid has said that the truly great architect must “design a door for the day a long-gone family member returns home, [and] design a stairway for the day the nervous bride descends it.”

The people working on the Colonial Parkway did just that. They got rid of their DOT-issued black-and-white map of the peninsula, and replaced it with a colorful historical map that showed the major historical sites between Jamestown Island and the Yorktown battlefield. They then threw away their #2 pencil and instead broke out

a paintbrush and drew a smooth, flowing line between the hills and over the marshes.

The result is one of the most beautiful drives on the East Coast. I think the best way to drive it is starting from the north end at Yorktown. This way, one can drive without having to look at the monstrous steel bridge spanning the York River. It follows the river for a little while, then retreats deeper into the woods, offering only glimpses of the water. As it goes deeper in, the forest takes over and the trees become the sight to see.

The road is not made of asphalt, but of brown panels of concrete that blend in with the landscape. Rather than cut through hills, the Parkway swings around them. As it passes closer to Williamsburg, it is crossed by brick bridges built in the Colonial style. Thanks to the architects, it never comes within view of any built-up areas. Then, just as the view becomes redundant, it shoots the driver out over the James River. From there, it simply rides along the banks of the river until it arrives at Jamestown Island.

As we drove along the Parkway, I truly felt as if the architects who designed it did so just for me. It was as if the road was responding to my thoughts, turning and flowing with them. It came as no surprise to me when I found a “List of Unofficial Graduation Requirements” from Orientation later and saw that taking a drive on the Parkway was among the necessities listed.

The Parkway is nothing less than a work of genius, the creation of which becomes even more impressive when one realizes that it was all built during the darkest times in the nation’s history, when everybody was busy looking the other way. It is as much a part of the area’s history as the corners of the Historical Triangle. I can only hope that as our country passes through this period of financial crisis, war, and unprecedented political spite, that there are still people out there doing everything they can to create something simply beautiful. ■

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The Colonial Parkway. Photo by DSJ Photo Editor David Stingle.

# The Ups and Downs of NFL Decision-Making

» ROBERT OEHRIG, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

At the start of the second half of the NFL season, two undefeated teams remain: the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts. However, both have recently faced significant challenges.

In Week 10, New Orleans went on the road to play the lowly St. Louis Rams and faced a surprisingly stiff challenge. The Rams final drive fell short, but they served to expose the flaws of the Saints defense, as Rams quarterback Marc Bulger threw for almost 300 yards, teaming up with running back Stephen Jackson, who had more than 170 total yards on the ground and through the air.

The Indianapolis Colts faced a much more talented and equally pesky opponent in the New England Patriots. Dubbed the "Rivalry of the Decade," this matchup featured two of the top quarterbacks in the game, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Brady stole the show early, repeatedly hooking up with Randy Moss deep. Up by 10 at the half, the Patriots took a 17 point lead early in the fourth quarter after Moss caught his second touchdown of the game.

The Patriots, however, twice failed to put the game out of reach. Laurence Maroney lost a fumble as he tried to punch it in on the goal line. Then, up 31-21, the Pats stalled on offense and settled for a field goal with 4:12 to play. Peyton Manning took over, and in what has become typical fashion for the perennial all-pro, he went on to complete the comeback to keep the Colts undefeated.

However, it wasn't the late game heroics of Peyton Manning that drew the attention of the press following the game. Rather, it was the decision made by Bill Belichick to attempt to convert a fourth down in his own territory late in the game.

The Patriots' offense took the field with 2:23 left in the game, starting on their own

20 yard line. All that was left for them to do was keep the ball until game's end, with the only thing in the way being three Colts' timeouts and the two-minute warning. In all likelihood, a Patriots' first down would have effectively ended the game.

On first down, Kevin Faulk ran for no gain, followed by a quick Colts' timeout. On second down, Tom Brady hit Wes Welker for eight yards, leaving a third-and-two conversion as the only obstacle

preventing a Pats win. Yet, Tom Brady's quick out to Welker on the right side fell incomplete, nearly intercepted by Colts rookie Jerraud Powers. So, the Patriots faced a fourth-and-two from their own 28 yard line with 2:08 to play.

In this situation, 31 out of 32 coaches in the NFL punt the ball. However, Belichick is the one that doesn't. Known for testing the conventions of the game, Belichick is never afraid to do what others are afraid of doing. What sets him apart is his seemingly unflinching decisions, and the Patriots success over the past decade can largely be attributed to this.

After using the Patriots final timeout to think things over, Belichick decided to send his offense back onto the field. Kevin Faulk caught a quick Brady pass out of the slot but fell short of the first down marker. The Colts would take over and have little difficulty in scoring what proved to be the winning touchdown with 13 seconds left on the clock.

In building the Patriots dynasty that won three Super Bowls in a four year span, as well as a perfect 16-0 regular season in 2007, Belichick can rightfully be called an outstanding coach. Yet, many analysts criticized the decision to go for it on fourth

down and said that, despite his reputation, Belichick still deserved the blame for this loss.

However, in analyzing the situation the Patriots were faced with, the call might have been the right one to make. Belichick was forced to choose between what he trusted more: a Tom Brady-led offense or an inexperienced defense to stop a Peyton

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Manning going with Tom Brady. The Patriots, even with deep threat Randy Moss in the mix, are known for their exceptional short passing game. For years, defenses have been working on ways to stop a seemingly unstoppable offensive scheme that employs the best slot receiver in the game, Wes Welker. Was it a good idea to go to the air with Brady on fourth down? More than likely.

The problem with the Patriots game plan was twofold. First, they wasted their timeouts, preventing them from challenging the spot of the ball on Faulk's catch. Secondly, they did not go to Wes Welker, whose game revolves around short completions. The replay shows he had separation in the middle of the field on a short drag route. Granted, Brady was under heavy pressure and the Patriots wanted to catch the Colts offguard with Faulk's motioning out of the backfield. Nevertheless, Welker should have been the first option on such a critical play.

One cannot forget that of course there was Manning waiting on the sidelines. Manning had already led the Colts on two touchdown-scoring drives that combined for 158 yards in only 11 plays and less than six minutes. Yes, he had thrown an interception earlier in the quarter, but it was due to a rare, almost unheard of miscommunication between Manning and wide

receiver Reggie Wayne. Manning is still the best quarterback in the league and Wayne is one of the best receivers in the league. As such, Bill Belichick was sensible in believing that Manning was probably going to get the touchdown regardless of where he started. Starting at your own 30 yard line is much more difficult than starting at the opponent's 30 yard line, but if anyone can move the ball 70 yards in two minutes, it's Peyton Manning.

According to Advanced NFL Statistics, a website that examines situational probabilities in the NFL, there was a 60 percent chance that the Patriots completed the fourth down conversion, determined through historical analysis. Then, taking into consideration that only 53 percent of teams score a TD from the point at which the Colts took over from, the Patriots had an 80 percent win probability by going for the conversion. However, considering a punt, the Colts would have only a 30 percent chance of scoring, giving the Patriots a 70 percent win probability.

While all of this is based on mathematical projection, the fact remains that Peyton Manning is leading the Colts so the Patriots win probability by handing the ball back to Manning could be even lower still. As such, both the website's math and

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football logic suggest that Belichick made the correct call in that situation. Did it turn out favorably for the Patriots? No. Was it the right call? Yes.

The consequences of the call are far-reaching. It ultimately cost the Patriots the game, and in the bigger picture, a chance at home field advantage in the playoffs. Furthermore, while a win could have put the Patriots in the driver's seat in the AFC East, the loss added added importance—as if enough weren't already on the line—to the Week 11 matchup between the Jets and Patriots in Foxborough. The Jets, like

the Pats, were involved in a tight game in Week 10 against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Just like the Patriots, the Jets wound up on the wrong end of a gut-decision, albeit a far-less debatable one.

With 1:48 left in the game, the Jaguars trailed 22-21 and faced second-and-six from the Jets 10 yard line. Not quite able to kneel the ball yet, the Jaguars went to star running back Maurice Jones-Drew. Going left, Jones-Drew found himself with an open path to the end zone. However, rather than take it in for six and tack on another TD to his already gaudy numbers for the day, Jones-Drew instead knelt the ball at the one, giving the Jaguars a first down and a chance to kill the clock. They did exactly that, as David Garrard, Jaguars quarterback, knelt twice before Josh Scobee kicked the game winning field goal.

Just as most coaches wouldn't go for it on fourth down from their own 28, most running backs would gladly take it into the end zone given the chance. But Jones-Drew made a play that significantly improved his team's chances of winning. According to Advanced NFL Stats, the chance of making a field goal attempt from inside the 5 yard line is around 98-99 percent, all but ensuring a Jaguars win once Jones-Drew knelt down at the 1. However, if he had scored, the Jaguars winning probability would drop significantly. Supposing he had scored, the Jaguars would go for a two point conversion in the hopes of leading by seven points. Two point conversions are successful about 45 percent of

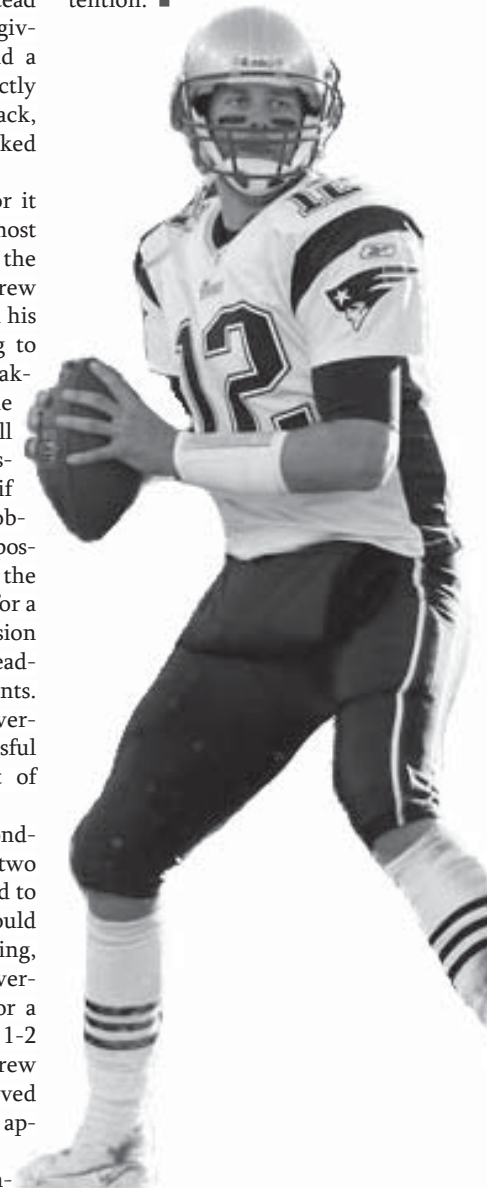
the time.

The probability of the Jets then responding with a touchdown with less than two minutes left and no timeouts was judged to be about 25 percent. Thus, the Jets would then have a 19 percent chance of winning, assuming the Jaguars' two-point conversion failed and they drove the field for a touchdown. Seeing as the Jaguars had a 1-2 percent chance of losing by Jones-Drew kneeling the ball, his decision improved the chances of his team winning by approximately 17 percent.

Granted, his decision hurt many fan-

tasy owners that started Jones-Drew, as they lost out on six points. He even neared apologizing to his fantasy owners in his post-game news conference, stating, "I had myself today. It was a tough call, but whatever it takes to get the victory, that's what counts." While disappointing to fantasy players that own Jones-Drew, it put his team back into contention for an AFC Wild Card position at season's end.

Although Jones-Drew and Belichick both made the decision that put their respective teams in the best position to win, it clearly is the win itself which is more important. While Belichick and his staff are left answering questions about their decision-making and worrying about holding on to the division lead, the Jaguars are quietly climbing back into playoff contention. ■



# 'Tis the Season for the Playoffs

The DSJ recaps the Tribe's final regular season game and looks ahead to the playoffs.

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In the words of Yogi Berra, the Tribe football's regular-season ending loss was "deja vu all over again." Deja vu because the Tribe lost a heartbreaker to Richmond, deja vu because the Tribe's postseason hopes were—although only for 24 hours—suddenly in question, and deja vu because it was a failed Tribe field goal that did the team in. For 24 hours it was deja vu, as the Tribe football team was forced to wait and hope and keep waiting for word that their season had not ended exactly the same way as it

had the year before.

Thankfully for the Tribe, the FCS playoff selection committee did not overlook the Tribe as they had last year.

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In fact, in spite of the loss, the FCS playoff selection committee placed the College as the number six overall seed and the beneficiary of a first round home playoff game.

While the loss felt the same, there would still be a tomorrow for Tribe football.

At this point, I must offer this disclaimer. I am writing this the Sunday of playoff

selection, just hours after the Tribe was chosen to host Weber State in the opening round of the playoffs. By the time you are reading this, it is entirely possible the College's season will have come to its conclusion. Regardless, there is much to say about the Tribe's loss at Richmond and the regular season as a whole.

## The Richmond Game

Since \$25 is a lot of money to drop on tickets, plus the added expenses of gas and tailgate refreshments, I spent the better portion of the afternoon at Buffalo Wild Wings and then with a gathering of similarly short on cash Tribe fans. While I cannot comment on game atmosphere,



Junior Cameron Dohse receives R.J. Archer's touchdown pass in the fourth quarter of the Richmond game. All photos courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

Tribal Fever, etc., I can attest to the fact that there was a lot of enthusiasm even among those of us still in the Burg.

That being said, as the game ebbed towards completion and the Tribe continued to struggle at moving the ball, a sense of impending doom overtook every one of the people with whom I was watching. Even after the Tribe's successes throughout the year, we all seemed to be similarly jaded. I cannot even guess as to how many times someone would mumble the phrase, "same old Tribe." Now, that it not to suggest that, talent-wise, this is the same old Tribe. On its best day, the team would beat both Villanova and Richmond, and the Tribe is certainly among the best teams in the FCS.

Unfortunately, like the Tribe of old, this team is certainly bipolar. Wildly inconsistent play is particularly the offense's problem; RJ Archer varies between the sublime—for example his 60-yard pass midway through the fourth quarter—and the surreal—the interception he forced in the closing seconds of the game that not only ended a potentially game-winning drive for the College but gave Richmond the ball in decent field position and set up the Spiders' own game winner.

Equally troubling about the loss was the absence of the running game. The lone constant for the offense all year has been Jonathan Grimes, and yet the true sophomore couldn't find his groove against the stifling Richmond run defense. He only totaled 41 yards, well below his season average of 87.5 yards per game. Courtland Marriner, in the role of third-down and change of pace back, had similar difficulty and also dropped a couple of easy passes. The entire Tribe offense was plagued by the "dropsies," something that certainly would be a major hindrance on the team in the playoffs, should it continue. Archer is not a bad quarterback, but he does make mistakes. And because of that, the offense has to capitalize every chance they get.

Additionally, something I would have liked to see more of from Archer was his mobility. One of his trademarks has been his ability to escape the pocket and make things happen with his legs. He spent too much time deep behind center, and because of this his athleticism really went to

waste.

On the play leading up to Archer's fateful interception, he appeared ready to scramble for the first down or at least decent yardage. Unfortunately, Archer instead fired a pass at an unexpected receiver, and Richmond's Justin Rogers took it back the other way to set up the game-winning field goal.

Speaking of field goals, I have nothing but praise for Brian Pate. Late in the fourth quarter, Pate was sent out to kick a 53 yard field goal and go for the lead. I thought the call to kick and not go for it was iffy, but since points had been at a premium all day and the Tribe defense was stellar, I assume Coach Laycock couldn't pass up the opportunity for points.

Pate's kick fell short but only just barely. If he had been even a yard closer, the kick would have snuck through and the Tribe would have at least seen overtime. Great effort by Pate considering the daunting length of the kick; the coaching staff has to feel decent about giving Pate a chance at anything inside of 53 yards out for the rest of the season.

The Tribe defense, save for the last two offensive plays of the game, was phenomenal. Sean Lissemore and Jake Trantin each made tackles all over the field, but their presence was particularly felt in the Spider backfield, where they constantly pressured and pestered Richmond QB Eric Ward. All-American defensive end Adrian Tracy played like an All-American, with seven tackles a sack



Senior Adrian Tracy, center, and the rest of the football team reacts to their postseason announcement. The sixth-seeded Tribe played Weber State University at home on Nov. 28.

and three QB hurries. He looks like a lock to be playing on Sundays somewhere next year.

In total, the Tribe had five sacks, held the Richmond rushing game to .7 yards per carry, and they largely shut down Richmond QB Eric Ward. Ward totaled 24 completions on 36 tries for 221 yards, but he didn't put together a touchdown drive until the end of the third quarter and didn't throw for any scores.

Like I said, this Tribe team, if they can put it all together at any given point, is as good a team as there is in the country. Honestly, they

would probably even pick up somewhere between two and four wins in the ACC or Big East this year. The defense is certainly good enough to shut down any offense in

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the FCS. If Archer takes care of the ball and Grimes averages four yards a touch, this team has no reason to lose to anyone.

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### The Playoffs

The Tribe drew Weber State in the opening round of the playoffs in a game at home on Nov. 28. Lacking the power of telepathy, I can't comment on the outcome. What I will comment on is how stupid the FCS is for scheduling these games over Thanksgiving break, during which time campus is closed and nearly all students return home. With the game being played on Saturday, most students will miss out on the Tribe's first playoff game—and likewise first home playoff game—since 2004. Should the Tribe win, they will meet the winner of Southern Illinois and Eastern Illinois. If Eastern beats Southern, the Tribe would host that game, otherwise they will hit the road.

Before the Tribe's loss to Richmond, there was a lot of speculation as to what would happen to the winner of the William and Mary—Richmond game if Villanova won or lost against Delaware. It now stands that Nova won, was placed as the second

seed, and won the CAA outright with the tie-breaker over Richmond because of a head-to-head win. They had the same tie-breaker over the Tribe. Richmond ended up ranked fourth, and will have a home game in the opener and second round, should they win.



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Interestingly, the Tribe probably drew an easier game than Richmond, even with the loss to the Spiders. Elon, Richmond's opening round opponent, will end the season ranked in the FCS top ten and has only two losses. Weber State, the Tribe's first playoff foe, has four losses and is ranked at the bottom of the top 20 FCS teams. While the Tribe certainly would have liked to win against Richmond, the loss did not have an overly adverse effect on our playoff outlook. ■

### The “Other” Richmond Game

Just a few days before the football team took the gridiron against the Richmond football team, the men's basketball teams from both schools met at Kaplan Arena for the Tribe's home opener. The Spiders are considered to be one of the top teams in their conference; preseason rankings projected them to finish in the top four in the A-10. While the Tribe started off slowly, scoring only 15 points through the first 15 minutes, they exploded for 63 points over the remaining 25 minutes en route to a 78-71 win.

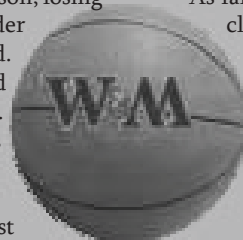
The Tribe had gotten off to a rough start of the season, losing by 9 to Top 15 and perennial national title contender UConn before losing in triple overtime to Harvard. After the tough New England trip, the Richmond game appeared to be an un-welcome homecoming. However, David Schneider four's three pointers and 25 points led the way for the come from behind win.

Despite shooting poorly for nearly the entire first half, the Tribe rallied to pull ahead by one at the mid-way mark. The crowd, in unison, rose to their feet in support of the resurgent Tribe as the team sprinted off the court, and the energy remained high for the rest of the game. While Richmond surged back to take the lead at the 11:20 mark of the second half, the Tribe went on a 12-0 run in response and never looked back. They shot incredibly well from the field, particularly considering their cold start, and well enough from the free throw line to hold off a late Richmond surge. Richmond hit sequential three to pull within five, but the Tribe was 10-12 from the line down the stretch and put the game away.

The win over UR hopefully set the precedent for stellar fan support for the Tribe from the Kaplan Krazies, and certainly should be a confidence booster as the team moves forward, particularly after two hard losses to start the year. While the Tribe has not garnered a ton of respect from pundits—they are ranked tenth in the CAA—there is no reason that, led by seniors Schneider, Danny Sumner and Sean McCurdy, the team couldn't compete for the Conference title, or at least make a run in the CAA tournament like they did two years ago.

As far as the future outlook for The College, the recruiting class that the Tribe will bring in next year was named top in the CAA by ESPN and Scouts Inc. The class consists of Julian Boatner (Bloomington, Ind./North), Brandon Britt (Chesapeake, Va./Atlantic Shores Christian), Fred Heldring (Winnetka, Ill./New Trier) and Tim Rusthoven (Chicago, Ill./Wheaton Academy).

According to the basketball program's website, all four Tribe players were ranked among the top 20 in their respective states. Boatner was ranked the No. 10-best prospect in the state of Indiana by the Indianapolis Star. Britt, who is one of the top point guards in the state of Virginia, was rated the 15th best player in the state of Virginia by Hoop Circuit Online and ranked as the No. 62 point guard in the nation by ESPN.com. City/Suburban Hoops Report rated Rusthoven as one of the top 20 players in the state of Illinois, while the Chicago Sun Times ranked Heldring among the top centers in the state. Heldring was also ranked the No. 42-best center in the nation by ESPN.com.



# A Call to Arms

College President Taylor Reveley sent an email to the student body last week outlining the Board of Visitors' plan for budget reduction. After a 15 percent cut in funding from the state in funding, the BOV is figuring out a way to make up that \$1.5 million. The College had to resort to measures they never thought they would come to: layoffs and tuition increases.

Of all of these measures, students are going to be most affected by the \$300 tuition increase for the spring semester. Reveley said that it is unfortunate and Reveley and the BOV acknowledged that it will be difficult for students and their families. But to use a cliché, desperate times call for desperate measures. And we've heard it enough: the state of the economy right now is pretty desperate.

It is important to remember is that no one is to blame for the tuition increase. It is not because of the new business school, the law school, or professors' salaries. It is simply a result of today's economy and the condition of our state's government and economy. In his email, Reveley acknowl-

edged that this action is “a step taken after serious thought and with great reluctance.”

Over the past 30 years, the funding that William and Mary gets from the state has been cut by incredible proportions. In the past two years alone, we've been victim to four different budget cuts. In the late 1970s, The College received 43 percent of its operating budget from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Today it receives less than 14 percent. According to Reveley's email, this balances out to about \$7,000 for each in-state student.

The budget cut is a call to arms for alumni and donors to The College. Current students, it applies to us too. Before too long, we'll all move on from the safe confines of Williamsburg and (hopefully) find real jobs. When this happens, we'll (hopefully) have some disposable income, and that's when you'll be able to help your alma mater. Imagine that every graduate of William and Mary do-

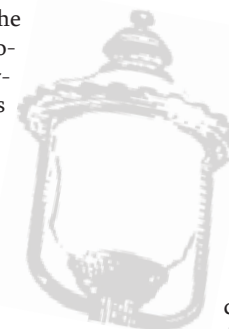
nates \$20 per year to The College. If there are about 1,500 students in every graduating class and each gives \$20 a year, that's \$30,000 per year.

That's just for one class.  $1,500 \times \$20 = \$30,000$ . Imagine that much money being given to The College every year by every class. There are four classes at The College now; that totals \$120,000.

Multiply \$30,000 by the dozens of graduating classes before us. Think of the few thousand alumni that we have. Now think of what could happen if The College got that much money in donations every year.

We can make the best of this situation. William and Mary has come back from countless hard situations over its 300+ year history.

As we move into new calendar year, let's be hopeful that the economy will improve, albeit ever so slightly, and that we can rebound into a more prosperous year for The College, free of budget cuts and tuition increases. ■



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