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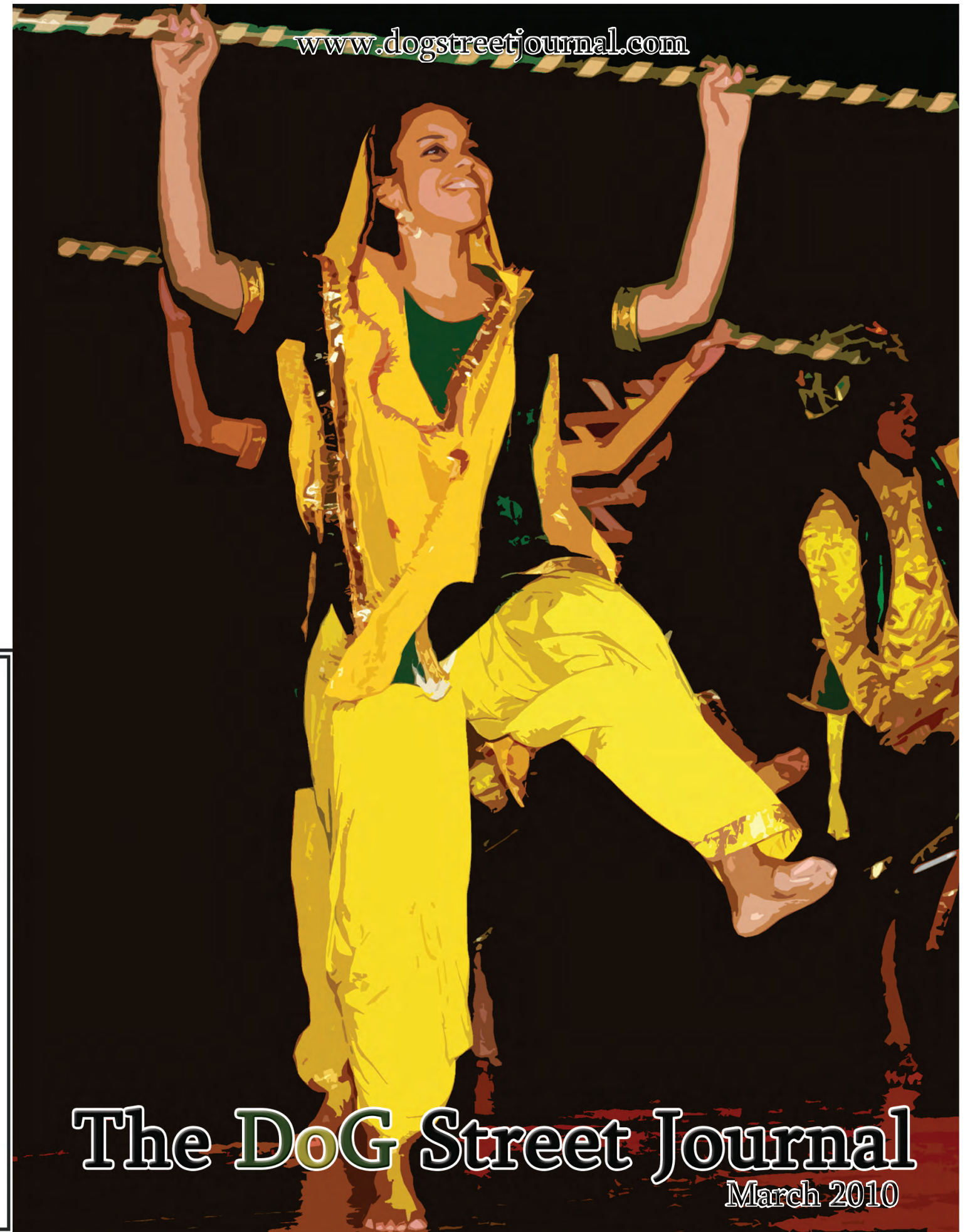
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A member of the Bhangra team performs at a concert to raise money for relief in Haiti. A new committee, William and Mary Supports Haiti, has been formed since the semester has started, and they are active in raising funds for the relief effort.

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up close & personal:
getting to know Scott Foster

Most students at the College know of Scott Foster, if not from personal interactions, then from his flyers. Since announcing that he will run for a seat on Williamsburg's City Council, Foster has been busy campaigning for votes. The DoG Street Journal had the opportunity to talk to Foster about everything from politics to his favorite local restaurants.

Hometown: Highland County, Va.
Major: Government
Extracurricular Activities: Student Conduct Council—Senior Co-Chair, Intramural Sports

The DoG Street Journal: Why do you want to serve on Williamsburg's City Council?
Scott Foster: I love being in Williamsburg. There are many reasons for this, but the biggest reason is quality of life. Increased connectivity between all segments of Williamsburg, especially The College and the city government, can not only maintain this quality of life but enhance it.

DSJ: When did you first become interested in politics?
SF: I became interested in local politics early on, especially once I had seventh grade civics. Where I grew up, all local government had a familiar face, so it was easy to become engaged.

DSJ: What is your favorite type of food?
SF: I'd have to say deep-fried soft shell crabs.

DSJ: What is your favorite Williamsburg restaurant?
SF: I have several favorites. The Blue Talon is my go-to for a real nice dinner out. I think it is the best overall restaurant in Williamsburg. When I want a good wholesome meal, maybe a good burger or good breakfast food, I go to Five Forks Diner. When I need a milkshake or some soft-serve and maybe some French fries, nothing can beat Queen

Anne Dari Snack [on Merrimac Trail].

DSJ: Do you have any role models?
SF: I do. I have several professors that I really admire: [Government professors] Clay Clemens, John McGlennon and John Baltus.

DSJ: Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus?
SF: I've lived in a lodge for two years now, so I'd have to say the front porch of the lodge in the fall and the spring.

DSJ: What has been your best memory of The College?
SF: Any King and Queen's Ball—that is my favorite day of the year, second only to Christmas.

DSJ: If you could give new students at the College one piece of advice, what would it be?
SF: Meet as many people here as you can. There are so many different and amazing people; getting out there and getting to know them has been one of my best experiences here.

DSJ: What is your favorite way to procrastinate?
SF: I'm pretty good at Facebook-ing, but when I'm in Swem, I will look up random books on things that I'm interested in, like fishing, and go check them out and read for a while. I guess that is pretty TWAMP-y [from the acronym meaning "Typical William and Mary Person"].

Interview conducted by
DSJ Staff Reporter
Elizabeth DeBusk

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march 4

who: those missing the olympics and wanting some motivation
what: speech by joshua lundquist ('06)
when: 7 p.m.
where: tidewater a
why: to be inspired by an alum

march 6-14

who: all students
what: spring break
when: all week
where: somewhere off campus
why: to go somewhere warm, help someone out, or relax at home

march 17

who: baseball fans
what: tribe baseball takes on maryland
when: 5 p.m.
where: plumeri park
why: to see if another tribe team can defeat the terrapins

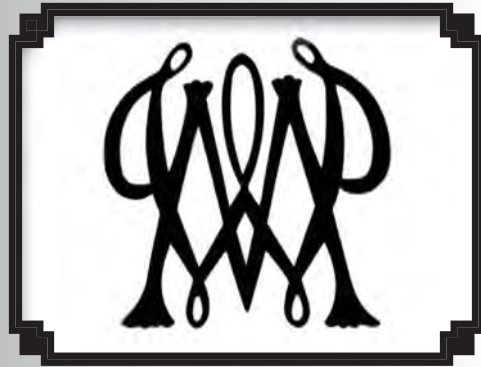
march 20

who: runners and walkers
what: the sixth annual ali's 5k run/walk
when: 10 a.m.
where: begins at bicentennial park
why: to raise money for the law school's bone marrow drive committee

march 25-7

who: modern dance lovers
what: orchesis' evening of dance
when: 8 p.m.
where: phi beta kappa hall
why: to watch student-choreographed dances

The College Commemorates Charter Day 2010



Faculty, students and alumni, along with special guest Governor Robert F. McDonnell, celebrate the College of William and Mary's 317th birthday.

» MEREDITH DEELEY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Despite beginning at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning, the Phi Beta Kappa Auditorium was packed full of faculty, alumni and students on February 6. All were there to celebrate the William and Mary's 317th birthday with the annual Charter Day ceremony.

The celebration began with the William and Mary Choir singing The William and Mary Hymn. The audience then joined the choir in singing the National Anthem before the Reverend John Kerr from the local Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor, former Supreme Court Justice, was supposed to greet the audience. However, as President Taylor Reveley explained, she was "trapped in D.C., in the Imperial City, by a blizzard."

Reveley then introduced Provost of the College, Michael Halleran, who read from the Royal Charter of 1693, a copy of which was included in the program handed out to the members of the audience. In this Charter, "the General Assembly of our Colony of Virginia" proposed "to make, found, and establish a certain place of universal study." This college would "be called and denominated forever, The College of William and Mary in Virginia."

The Proclamation of 1700 was read next by Eugene Tracy, the President of the Faculty Assembly. The purpose of the proclamation was to continue the encouragement of the "so good and pious of work" of The College.

The William and Mary Choir then sang "Great Day," to which Reveley said, "That

was marvelous, as always. It gets the blood stirring."

The next portion of the ceremony was dedicated to the presentation of the Charter Day Awards. The first of these awards was the Thomas Jefferson Award, the recipient of which "exemplifies through his or her life, character, and influence, the principles and the ideals of Thomas Jefferson."

Reveley introduced the winner, Robert Archibald, a professor of economics with more than three decades of service to the College. Archibald is the only faculty member to be elected twice to be President of the Faculty Assembly.

"You are dedicated to students, both undergraduate and graduate," Reveley said to Archibald, "and rigorous in your expectations of them."

In his speech, Archibald spoke of how in The College's history, the people in charge were not afraid to shake things up. "They weren't afraid to do something different," he said. "They weren't afraid of change."

The next award presented was the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award, which is annually given to a younger teaching member of The College community who has "demonstrated... the inspiration and stimulation of learning to the betterment of the individual and society as exemplified by Thomas Jefferson." This year's recipient was Mark Forsyth, Associate Professor of

Biology. After making a brief introductory joke in his acceptance speech, Forsyth stated his view that the award should be viewed of more as a group award.

"Research is the single greatest weapon we have in our educational arsenal," said Forsyth.

After a few exceptional faculty members were recognized, two students in the class of 2010 received awards.

The first, the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy, which "recognizes excellence in the sciences and honors the relationship that Mr. Jefferson enjoyed with Professor William

Small," was awarded to Lauren Miller. In her time at William and Mary, Miller has maintained an almost perfect GPA while spending twenty hours a week in the lab. She also took the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) in her sophomore year and scored in the 97th percentile.

"Here we don't just learn about lab techniques," said Miller. "We have the unique opportunity [to practice them]."

The other student to receive an award was Nik Belanger, who earned the James Monroe Prize in Civic Leadership. This prize "recognizes the William and Mary student who best demonstrates... leadership combined with initiative, character, and unfailing commitment to leveraging the assets of the William and Mary community to address the needs of our soci-

"Today you are You, that is truer than true."
— Taylor Reveley

ety."

Belanger completed over two hundred hours of community service in 2008 and received the Wesley Foundation's Service Award in 2009. After graduating in December, Belanger has been working in Danville, Va.

"At William and Mary, we don't do impossible," said Reveley as he quoted Belanger. "We do community. And through that community, we do change."

"[This award] doesn't reflect anything unique about me, but reflects something unique about William and Mary," said Belanger.

Proving his "unfailing commitment" to service that won him the prize, Belanger spent most of his speech describing what he had witnessed in Danville and the importance of taking action against injustices.

"This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off and accepting the mantra of gradual change," Belanger stressed.

Once the awards had been presented, Reveley then recognized the Alumni Medallion recipients. The four men recognized were deemed as "represent[ing] the ideals of The College's founders—leadership, service and charity—and have distinguished themselves in their respective careers and communities while remaining dedicated to their alma mater."

The four recipients included Waverly Cole ('50), W. Samuel Sadler ('64, M.Ed '71), Nicholas St. George ('60, J.D. '65) and Earl Young ('59).

"Unfortunately, [Cole] died before his medal could reach him," said Reveley. "We mourn his loss." With three of the recipients present, Reveley invited them to stand and "bask in our applause."

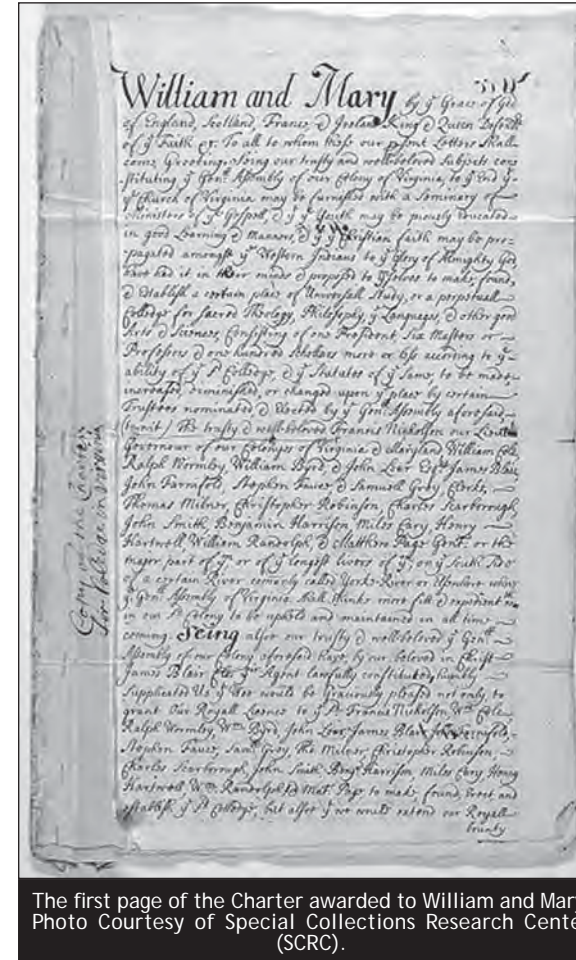
Next, Honorary Degrees were bestowed on Martha Nussbaum, Wayne Kernodle and Robert McDonnell. Nussbaum was the first female recipient of a junior fellowship of the Society of Fellows at Harvard University, and is currently a professor at the University of Chicago, as well as a prolific writer.

"For the lessons you have taught and continued to teach, we honor you," said Reveley as he conferred a smiling Nussbaum with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Kernodle was the next recipient to

make his way to the podium to receive his degree. Kernodle served the College for 42 years, beginning his work teaching a small group of students in 1945. He helped to form the Sociology Department into what it is today.

"We would be creating you a prince of The College today," said Reveley of Kernodle, "but instead we will be giving you



The first page of the Charter awarded to William and Mary. Photo Courtesy of Special Collections Research Center (SCRC).

an honorary degree."

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell was the last to receive his honorary degree. His deserving merits included his services "[that] have made the Commonwealth a safer place to live." McDonnell was also the Charter Day Address speaker.

"[This degree] was sure a lot easier than the first one," said McDonnell.

In his address, McDonnell focused on some of the hardships The College has faced and triumphed throughout its 317 years of existence, including the Civil War and funding problems.

"This landmark institution teetered on the brink of insolvency," said McDonnell.

After remembering The College's past, McDonnell began to look towards The College's future: "We must recognize the importance of investing today in our future leaders," he said.

He then stated how The College can help to expand the purpose to higher education into putting the country into a better position to compete with others.

"There is much we can do now to position Virginia to become a leader as the economy recovers," said McDonnell.

While this speech received a standing ovation, not all in the audience were thrilled. Prior to the Charter Day Ceremony, a group of approximately fifteen students gathered outside to protest McDonnell's honorary degree. With signs in hand, the group chanted, "What do we want? Funding! When do we want it? Now!"

From the balcony position, this group showed their displeasure at McDonnell's degree through heckles and even a few "boos" both during the conferring of his degree and his following Charter Day Address. The group promptly left after McDonnell's speech so quotes could not be obtained.

Despite this tension, Reveley successfully kept the good spirits up.

"I realize that all that stands between us and the 'Alma Mater' are remarks from me," said Reveley. "I fully understand the significance of that."

Reveley closed the Ceremony by reminding the audience that the day was really about celebrating William and Mary's birthday. Furthermore, he reminded everyone of the status of the College as the second oldest college in the nation. However, he did mention that the idea for William and Mary was first proposed and rejected in 1619.

"In 1619, Harvard wasn't even a gleam in Pilgrim eyes," said Reveley. "But I digress."

Reveley then recited several quotes about birthdays from famous authors, ranging from Alexander Pope to Dr. Seuss. He closed his speech by quoting Dr. Seuss:

"Today you are You, that is truer than true," said Reveley. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." ■

Five Innings, Three Evenings

» DANNY MOSIER, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

Acclaimed poet, professor and literary activist E. Ethelbert Miller discusses his writings, his inspiration, and those whom he has helped throughout his illustrious career

Putting oneself at the end of a sequence which include such illustrious literary and historical figures as Paul Laurence Dunbar and Martin Luther King, Jr., as author E. Ethelbert Miller has done on the front page of his website, might be perceived as a display of arrogance.

Miller assures this is not so, as it is intended to portray how he intends to keep alive the tradition of these influential people.

"All of those individuals have touched my life," said Miller.

Over the course of three consecutive days, professor, writer, literary activist and mentor E. Ethelbert Miller visited the College to give at two lectures and a reading. Miller is the author of 11 books and the recipient of many illustrious awards, and he was once hailed by the Washington Post as "arguably the most influential person in Washington's vast and vibrant African American

arts community."

On February 2, Miller gave an autobiographical lecture entitled "My

Life as a Literary Activist" to an English 207 class (American Literature: Themes and Issues), taught by writer and English Department professor Joanne Braxton.

While he has been associated with the term "radical" and has no problems with its connotations, he explained why he prefers to define himself as a literary activist: "I use the term literary activist because it links my interests," said Miller, "both cultural and political."

He began by describing his first experi-

ences at college in the late 1960s, when the assassination of Malcolm X led to the rise of the Black Power movements and a growing political consciousness among African Americans. This led Miller to embrace literature, and once he realized he was part of a long tradition of African American writers, he began to identify himself specifically as a black writer rather than using a race-neutral term.

"For me, being a black writer is not confined," he said. "Many have felt that being called a black writer was discriminatory."

Miller admits that this label is more often a problem outside the United States, where he occasionally must combat the stereotypes that are still associated with African Americans.

The next stage in his career began when he started to meet people from Central and South America who attended his readings. Soon after, he became involved in cultural

movements from countries such as Nicaragua and Chile, and many of the situations he encountered as he traveled through Central and South America can be found

in his poetry collection "Where are the Love Poems for Dictators?"

He soon became known as a poet who could help "build cultural bridges" and began taking on the role of a "cultural worker" who could be involved in several areas, from women's groups to the Jewish community.

Miller then moved onto the subject of mentorship, a topic close to his heart, as he has helped many entry-level writers start off their careers.

"You can usually measure the difference between a mentor and a teacher," said Miller. "The mentor will give you a gift, and the teacher just gives you a grade."

He went on to explain how mentors have the ability to see the potential in people and to help them understand the responsibilities related to what they want to accomplish.

Miller concluded the lecture by discussing his most recent memoir, "The Fifth Inning." The title, as he explained, is a baseball metaphor reflecting how he has passed the toughest years of his life but must still find ways of staying relevant, which he does by blogging daily and continuing to write "more than ever."

The next day, at the Botetourt Gallery in Swem Library, he read select chapters from his memoirs "Fathering Words" and "The Fifth Inning" as well as several poems. This lecture was a part of the English Department's ongoing Patrick Hayes Writers Series.

He was presented by Braxton, who was herself aided by Miller at the beginning of her writing career.

"Ethelbert Miller is simply one of the most talented, generous and compassionate people I have ever met," said Braxton.

Miller then took the stage to jokingly explain how he got inspired to write his two memoirs: "I've been told that you'd better write your memoir before someone else writes your biography," he said.

In explaining the process of writing his memoirs, he stated that he had to wonder what readers could learn from his life and all the things he has witnessed. He also explained the problem of deciding what secrets were appropriate to share and which ones might unintentionally hurt someone. This was especially important

for his first memoir, "Fathering Words," which he wrote as a way of dealing with personal grief surrounding death in his family.

"I would not have written this book if I hadn't lost my father and my brother," said Miller.

Miller then read samples from both "Fathering Words" and "The Fifth Inning" before reading several poems, including "Meetings," "Cell Phone" and "In My Memory Eddie."

He then answered several questions from the audience, and he discussed how one might become a literary critic and how his family responded to depictions of them in his memoirs.

"You should never get back or try to hurt someone during a memoir," said Miller. "You need to keep in mind that it's still storytelling."

On February 4, Miller spoke at his third and final lecture of his week. This lecture also took place during Braxton's ENGL207 course. He was joined by Beatriz B. Hardy, Director of the Special Collections Research Center at the Earl Gregg Swem Library, to discuss the current exhibit Swem Library has on the late poet Reetika Vazirani.

Miller, who frequently documents literary movements and communicates with different writers, had saved his correspondence with Vazirani and donated them to Swem Library following her death in July 2003.

"One reason people put papers in archives is because we care for [the materials] and we want to make them available for the public," said Hardy.

Hardy then explained the process behind the collecting, organizing and archiving of the documents, which includes placing them in acid-free folders and boxes and storing them in climate controlled rooms. Browsing through a series in the Special Collections Research Center also requires that any interested browsers register and agree to be filmed at all times while in the Center.

Hardy stated the importance of these collections, which can help to show what writers were thinking as they started working on a certain piece. For this reason, items which might seem rather unusual, including sketchbooks, acceptance and rejection letters and telephone transcripts are included in Vazirani's collection.

Miller described the origins of his relationship with Vazirani, stating that her

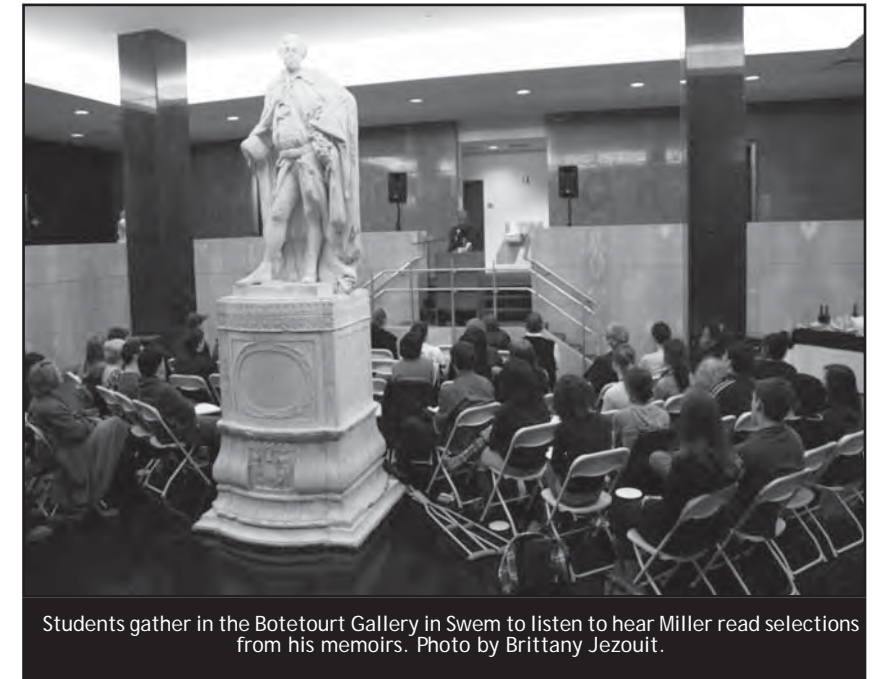
career took off immediately and that he was very interested in her writing.

"I always looked out for her," said Miller. "I always recommended her for poetry readings."

The relationship between them grew, and Vazirani soon became one of the many emerging female writers Miller helped during that period. He described the rela-

"Reetika represents a very important figure," said Miller, "especially for Indian women in America."

The subject of the lecture then shifted briefly to Miller's career as he talked about his influences in folk rock and blues as well as the work of writers such as Walter Rodney. He then discussed resistance, a major theme of the course, and its importance



Students gather in the Botetourt Gallery in Swem to listen to hear Miller read selections from his memoirs. Photo by Brittany Jezouit.

tionship as himself being a medium for her drive and talent. He admits, however, that he might not have been the best critic for Vazirani, due to his unfamiliarity with the Indian culture in which her writing was deeply embedded.

Vazirani then became a file in one of Miller's thousands of folders containing letters from literary correspondents. After her suicide and a subsequent article in The Washington Post Magazine, Miller felt the need to organize his accumulation of Vazirani-related material and donate it into a collection. Many of the materials in the collection have enlightened scholars about the conflicts she had with her biracial heritage and her interracial marriage. In particular, a period in which the amount of Vazirani's letter writing was significantly reduced gives clues to a period in which her personal life took a downward turn and her writing began to get fractured.

Miller hopes that the availability of this collection will help to honor her memory through her story, make her works more well-known and possibly save some other lives.

both within the context of African American history and contemporary American society.

"When I come into the classroom," said Miller, "what happens is that I want to leave the campus excited. I want to know that the future is in good hands."

Next on Miller's busy agenda are several hour-long interviews he will soon conduct for National Public Radio on the subject of faith and his writing. Other than that, he will continue to write more and to make frequent visits to colleges and universities around the country.

"I am very happy not only to give a reading but to talk about being a literary activist as well as an archivist," said Miller. "I get to interact with all areas of college."

He ended the lecture by telling the audience members to make the most of their time in school and to open their minds to new ways of understanding and looking at the world.

"If you come in here and walk out the same, then nothing happened," Miller said. "Education takes place every single day." ■

HELP FOR HAITI



»DUSTIN CRUMMETT, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Jonna Knappenberger ('09) was in the street when the earthquake hit.

"I almost stayed behind to read," said Knappenberger. "Now the book that I was reading is under a house."

According to Knappenberger, one of the Haitian workers at the restaurant on the first floor of the building where she stayed with Landon Yarrington (M.A. '09, Ph.D. '15) was there when the building fell.

"It sounds bad," said Knappenberger, "but I didn't want to look at it."

Knappenberger, who last year served as co-Editor in Chief of The DoG Street Journal, was, along with Yarrington and Danny Yates ('13), one of three William and Mary students in Haiti during the devastating January 12 earthquake that is believed to have left more than 200,000 dead and has affected millions more. All three of the William and Mary students were physically unharmed and returned safely to the United States.

Knappenberger was in Haiti with the charitable group Haiti 2015, a Haitian-run organization that, according to its website, is "a grassroots campaign that collaborates with local organizations... in order to advance access to opportunities and social change in Haiti." She was there to learn about the Haitian culture and language in hopes of working with non-governmental organizations in the future.

In the immediate aftermath of the quake, after helping Yarrington organize survivors, Knappenberger caught a ride with two Urdu-speaking Pakistani soldiers on the way to their nation's embassy. The soldiers dropped her off at the compound for MINUSTAH—La Mission des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation en Haïti, or, in English, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. She had difficulty being admitted, but eventually was allowed in and was later joined by Yarrington.

According to Knappenberger, some of those within the relatively undamaged

MINUSTAH compound showed a startling disconnect from the situation outside, going as far as to complain that the quake had destroyed their favorite bars.

"It's like, 'Do you guys have any idea what's going on?'" said Knappenberger, adding that it "speaks to a larger issue" about how the international community has handled Haiti.

While at the MINUSTAH compound, the pair began assisting an American doctor who had traveled from Miami to care for those wounded in the quake.

"It was hard to be in that room," said Knappenberger.

After a few days, Knappenberger and Yarrington boarded a plane donated by a Miami millionaire to transport medical supplies on its return trip to the United States.

Understandable and practical as it was, both were conflicted about leaving.

"In a situation like that, it felt absurd to be okay and getting help," said Knappenberger. She related the story of how an American on the plane claimed that the earthquake might serve a positive function by eliminating class distinctions. "He's saying this when he's living proof that there are still class distinctions."

"I felt kind of futile," said Knappenberger. "There was a feeling of, 'Who in this city can possibly help?'"

Though the students are now back in the United States, they have not abandoned Haiti.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said Knappenberger. "I believe I can use my survival for good somehow." Both Yarrington and Knappenberger are involved with William and Mary Supports Haiti, a group formed, according to its Facebook page, "to serve as an umbrella for individuals and organizations on campus who are interested in disaster relief for those affected by the earth-

quake in Haiti."

Danny Yates, who was in Haiti with a five person church group, now maintains a blog on issues related to the earthquake's aftermath at <http://hincerelief.wordpress.com/>. The website also contains a link to accept donations which go to the relief efforts of a church in the Haitian city of Hinche.

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— Jonna Knappenberger ('09)

According to Kaveh Sadeghian ('12), a member of the William and Mary Supports Haiti steering committee, William and Mary Supports Haiti was formed under the guidance of Dr. Drew Stelljes, Director of Community Engagement and Co-Director Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship here at The College, after several students independently contacted the office. The organization initially drew interest with its Facebook group, which as of February 15 had nearly fourteen hundred members. About two hundred people attended the group's first interest meeting shortly after the start of classes in January.

WMSH is primarily an umbrella organization, helping to coordinate the efforts of more than thirty individual student groups. Both Sadeghian and Lamar Shambley ('10), another member of the steering committee, stress that the organization is not trying to dictate to its constituent organizations what form their initiatives should take.

"We don't want to tell specific organizations what they need to do," Shambley said. "We're trying to coordinate events, get the money together, attach the Wil-

liam and Mary name to it and track where it's going."

On the recommendation of Knappenberger and Yarrington, donations made to William and Mary Supports Haiti are passed to the University of Fondwa, a Haitian-run school which, according to its Partners in Progress page, hosts "a program of post-secondary education in agriculture, veterinary medicine, and management specifically for Haiti's rural poor." The university, which focuses mainly on teaching students methods of agriculture that are both efficient and environmentally sustainable, was extremely heavily damaged in the earthquake.

"Everything has gone," read a note on the university's Facebook page.

The events held in support of Haitian relief are almost too numerous to list. Among them, Aroma's and the College Delly each held events during which ten percent of sales were donated to WMSH. Several bake sales and similar events were held across campus. Donations were collected at an interfaith prayer vigil sponsored by the Wesley Foundation on February 11, while the International Justice Mission accepted donations and put together a solidarity collage in the Campus Center. The William and Mary Ruritan Club sold Valentine's Day cards in the Sadler Center and planned to take dona-

tions at the Kimball Theater's International Film Festival. According to Ruritan Club members Nick Schmedding ('12) and Kevin Howell ('11), the club also plans to hold a kayaking event in April to raise more money.

A concert held in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium on February 12 featured 7th Grade Sketch Comedy, the Bhangra Team, the Cleftomaniacs, Double Take, Ebony Expressions, the Filipino-American Student Association, the Spotlight Show Choir and the Stairwells.

This effort raised \$1,641 in ticket and t-shirt sales. Another concert held the next day by the A Capella Council raised more than \$1,000.

"It's amazing to see people coming together like this," Sadeghian said. "I don't think I've seen the Stairwells and Ebony Expressions on the same stage before."

By February 14, WMSH had raised nearly \$14,500. In addition to these activities, WMSH has also received funds from The Reves Center for International Studies and a private donor to hold educational events in the future, including film screenings, lectures and possibly even the staging of Haitian plays.

Knappenberger said that the American media often portrays a false and harmful image of Haiti, giving as an example The Washington Post's claim that "looting"

took place in the quake's aftermath. "On the ground, the word 'looting' is absolutely ridiculous," she said. "In a situation like that, it's not 'looting.' It's survival."

WMSH hopes that these educational and awareness raising efforts will help maintain interest in the College's relationship with Haiti and the University of Fondwa even after the tragedy has mostly faded from the American public's consciousness.

"This will be a longer venture than most people expected," Shambley said.

According to Sadeghian, the best way for a student who wants to help to get involved is to "be pro-active and take the initiative." He gave as an example a student who, by selling hot chocolate in Botetourt, raised \$150 for WMSH. "If anybody at all wants to do something, get in touch with us," he said. But the organization can probably find ways for the less creative to get involved.

"We want to make sure anyone and everyone who wants to do something has an opportunity," Sadeghian said.

Those interested in contacting the group can do so by contacting one of its leaders individually, through its Facebook page or at its email address at wmsupportshaiti@gmail.com.

As for Knappenberger, how will her relationship with Haiti affect her future?

"I'm going back," she said. ■



A concert held in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium on February 12 featured 7th Grade Sketch Comedy, the Bhangra Team, the Cleftomaniacs, Double Take, Ebony Expressions, the Filipino-American Student Association, the Spotlight Show Choir and the Stairwells.

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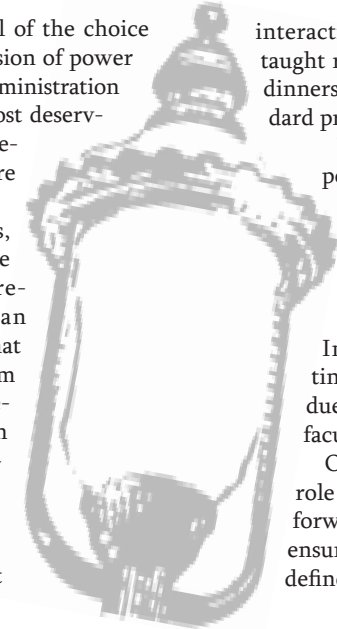
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UPDATED DAILY

William & Mary Supports Haiti

A New, But Not-So-Temporary Organization

» MAGGIE SOUTHWELL, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

News coverage of Haiti may have waned recently, but the efforts of students at The College certainly have not. William and Mary Supports Haiti (WMSH), an umbrella committee created in January to help organize campus-wide efforts to support Haiti, is still going strong and has no intention of stopping.

"We'd like William and Mary Supports Haiti to stay active for years to come," Kaveh Sadeghain ('12) said, "since the situation in Haiti will be present for years to come."

However, despite the lasting commitment, the methods of aiding Haiti may alter significantly in the future. Sadeghain, one of the organization's leaders said, "William and Mary Supports Haiti's efforts may change over time to better suit Haiti's recovery process. Right now, the country is in need of relief efforts. There is an immediate need for help there. Once this clears out, the country will need to start rebuilding its infrastructure."

According to Sadeghain, WMSH has considered giving the money they raise to a number of organizations, including Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods (SOIL) and Partners in Health.

"Our primary focus, however, is funding Fondwa University," he said. "The university specifically emphasizes service learning in its curriculum. But the recent earthquake has severely compromised the university's future. We'd eventually like to create a partnership with the university."

Fondwa University, founded in 2004, has worked specifically to help Haiti's rural poor, and their work is needed now more than ever.

"The benefit of a partnership is that it creates a crossroads that students, us and them alike, will be able to take a great deal from," said Sadeghain. "We're not asking students

solely to direct their aid here, but it seems like an option that would allow William and Mary to initiate a lasting and significant relationship while still making a difference."

WMSH began as soon as students returned from break. Drew Steljes, the Co-Director of the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship, coordinated a meeting to organize a central effort.

"We knew it was important to let organizations plan their own events and use their own imagination," Student Assembly President Sarah Rojas ('10) said, "but we wanted to make sure groups weren't hosting competing events on the same night or similar events that were one after another."

As Rojas explained, "It was important that the entire campus was communicating to ensure the most productive efforts possible for Haiti."

Organizations across campus have partnered with WMSH, ranging from hall councils to student associations to a cappella groups.

"The diversity of both the organizations and the events that they've coordinated is just a testament to the community mantra that the campus upholds," said Sadeghain.



Members of Ebony Expressions sing at a benefit concert that raised money to send to Haiti. Photo by Brittany Jezouit.

February saw the immense work put into Haiti Week, which involved t-shirt sales, a Benefit Concert and other events, such as the Aroma's Profit Share and the "Haiti @ the Caf" dinner. The Kaplan Course Auction, as well as Paper Cranes for Haiti also took place.

More events are planned for March, including a fashion show fundraiser.

Individuals who want to get involved are encouraged to take the initiative and organize their own efforts; WMSH will be happy to assist in any possible capacity.

"We would ideally like to think that William and Mary Supports Haiti is in it for the long run, so our student body can help Haitians in tackling these questions, offer whatever resources we may have and learn a great deal about sustainable development in the process," said Sadeghain.

For more information on William and Mary Supports Haiti, visit <http://go.wm.edu/wmsh>. ■

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THE Alternative SPRING BREAK

» MORGAN BARKER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

For most college kids, spring break means fun in the sun, a break from midterms and some much needed down time. For others, it means gaining an opportunity to do service in a domestic or international context. The Branch Out: Alternative Breaks program provides opportunity for students to do service, learn about pressing issues, reflect and share knowledge. It is the type of education that a student could never receive in the classroom.

The College's Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship offers domestic and international trips for students. The domestic trips are comprised of 12 students each and partner with communities across the eastern United States. This year's National Branch Out trips cover a wide variety of issues including environmental sustainability, community development, hunger and homelessness, educational inequality, affordable

housing, people with disabilities and labor issues.

The trip helping people with disabilities will take place at Camp Baker in Richmond, Virginia. The participants of the service trip will be working to help prepare and run a weekend camp for children with spina bifida. Students participating in this trip will be helping with several projects, including building a garden at wheelchair height.

While the national trips tend to keep students close to home, there are also excellent opportunities for those interested in life outside of the United States. There are about 10 international service trips each year that take place throughout the spring.

This year's trips are AIDS Tanzania, the Global Village Project, Orphanage Outreach, Student Organization for Medical Sustainability, Student Partnership for International Medical Aid, Students for Healthy Communities, Students Helping Honduras, William and Mary Medical Relief and William and Mary Students for Belize Education.

Elizabeth Purvis ('10) has been working on service trips since her freshman year. She has worked with the Global Village Project for two years and has also led a service

trip to Philadelphia, which partnered with Teach for America. This year, she will be working with the Global Village Project

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again.

"Global Village Project is a trip focused on an introductory international experience and making that something that's available and appealing to as a wide a portion of the William and Mary community as possible," Purvis said. "I went on the trip my freshman year, and, through that experience, I was able to become a national trip leader."

She also said that the international trips are much more than just the week abroad and include intense preparation before and analysis after.

"Some of our other international trips are less focused on being just an introductory step and actually start taking their team members down that road, for example, by having returning team members who help to continue to analyze and develop the work the team does while in-country or by having a class component that has them collect data on the community they work on and then learning how to interpret it to better fit what they do to the needs of their community."

As with any service opportunity there is something to be gained by donating your spring break to others. This service opportunity seems to give back to the trip participants as much as it gives to the communities.

"It means seeing, doing, and learning about things outside the walls of William and Mary," Purvis said. "I believe the experiences we offer are unique on this campus, and that makes them valuable." ■



Austin Wiese ('10) plays with a little girl while on the Global Village Project Spring Break trip to Champerico, Guatemala, last year. Photo courtesy of Wesley Ng.

BEST OF AS

A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

FIVE BEST CLASS-Y MIDTERM LOOKS

» DYLAN MCCANN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Sunglasses

Paper writing + partying = blood-shot eyes. Have you ever noticed how all of those celebrities who are drug addicts wear sunglasses in most of their pictures? While I'm definitely not promoting substance abuse at The College, I think Lindsay Lohan and Nicole Richie are onto something. Hide the evidence of both your partying and/or studying behind sunglasses. You will be instantly chic.



Accessories

Add jewelry and accessories for style without compromising comfort. Take just five seconds to throw on a few bangles or a long necklace. It will really pull together your look. It adds that extra sparkle, even if you did wake up five minutes before class.

Five percent spandex

Check to see if your jeans have at least five percent spandex in them. By this time of year, many of us have given up on our New Year's resolutions to lose that last 10 lbs, and our plan for that "six weeks until Spring Break" boot camp turned into a "one week until I'm bored with the gym" boot camp. Needless to say, maybe your ultra skinny jeans are not very forgiving anymore. Not only are jeans with that little bit of spandex more comfortable, they make that booty pop, and instantly, you've got 32 flavors of that bootylicious bubblegum.

Grandpa Cardigan

Do you love to dress up and go to dance parties? Maybe you wish that every day of the week was



Saturday night. Sometimes it can be more difficult to put together an outfit for day than it is an outfit for night. After all, you can't simply say, "the more skin, the better." This spring, take a tip from grandpa, and throw on a neutral, slouchy cardigan to make your going-out tops classroom appropriate. This isn't Jersey Shore. No one needs to see all of that.

Belt

Have you always wanted that cute coke-bottle shape? A wide brown leather belt is a great investment. Sometimes a little definition in the waist is all that you need. Wear it over any dress or oversized top to complete the look. Next thing you know guys will be singing like Frankie J.: "She got a bill and a face like a supermodel / And her body built just like a coke-bottle."



FIVE BEST CLOUD FORMATIONS

» CARRIE CROW, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Marshmallow

Anyone who can watch the clouds without getting the least bit puckish clearly is not looking close enough. No, that cloud is not an elaborate representation of the roof of the Sistine Chapel—it is clearly the appetizing, sugary goodness of an entire bag of marshmallows stuffed together in a gooey, sugary mess of deliciousness. Not to mention, it's a fantastic save to when someone gazes into the heavens and suddenly understand the universe—and truthfully, everyone needs plenty of those.



Babies

I blame "Up." From the opening Pixar short with baby cloud animals to the movie itself, "Up" has corrupted the clouds. The puffy, cushy, fat-fingered cherubs of the sky took over the cloud-gazing market. However, while some see their little diapered friends frolicking around the May pole, others might observe the occasional baby-eating cloud moving slowly in for the kill.

Vladimir Putin

In Soviet Russia, the clouds watch you. That said, someone's head is in the clouds, and that someone is Vladimir Putin. No meteorological phenomenon is more unusual, inexplicable or just plain weird, than the presence of the Russian Prime Minister in every display of white in the sky.



Genitalia

What's more unusual about seeing the occasional R-rated cloud is it inevitably happens around someone G-rated. Like your grandparents. Sure, if it were just you and your friends, it would be perhaps the funniest thing since "that's what she said," but it never seems to happen unless you're out in a field with your eight-year-old niece and she's seeing unicorns and dinosaurs and you're seeing the great phallus of the sky.



Your Mom

She's so fat, she's cumulonimbus. Her dandruff is so bad, when she shakes her hair out, it snows for three weeks. She's so fat, she can block the sun for extended periods of the afternoon.

FIVE BEST WAYS TO EAT HEALTHY

» ANNA KIM, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

If It's White, It's Not Right

Avoid white potatoes, white rice and white sugar. These refined carbohydrates have fewer nutrients, are less filling and are digested quickly. Instead, go for whole grain products that are worth the calories, especially with cereals and breads. Make a Tribe choice for dessert with yogurt; it's sweet, and with some sunflower seeds or almonds from the Caf's Vegetarian Bar, it's satisfyingly grainy.



Go Dark and Green to be Lean

Dark and green vegetables are the way to go. Say yes to spinach and lettuce and try getting a salad with a meal at least once every day. Also take a look at the steamed vegetables, like broccoli and green beans. If neither choice is for you, consider mixing in other vegetables with your food. Make a quesadilla with mushrooms or sliced tomatoes and cut out that extra cheese or chicken. Get half the pasta and mix in your favorite vegetables, or get a couple of tomatoes and cucumbers on the side instead of French fries. For breakfast, try an omelet or if you're in a rush, get scrambled eggs and season with fresh veggies instead of salt and pepper. Take advantage of the salad bar and the omelet toppings.



Water is the Foundation of Hydration

While drinking more helps you feel less hungry, your drink may negate the reduced food intake; there's a reason the stem of hydration, hydro, means water. Carbonated drinks and even fruit juice contain unnecessary amounts of sugar or artificial sweeteners that pack unexpected calories. For athletes, although sports drinks replenish electrolytes, those are surprisingly calorie-high as well; try water with a dash of flour, salt and sugar.



Snack Smart for Your Heart

Instead of getting something from the vending machines, grab an apple to go which helps you reach your recommended daily intake of fiber. Darker and brighter fruits are healthier too so it's worth it to reach for that apple way in the back. And while apples are most readily available

at William and Mary's dining options, oranges and bananas also make frequent appearances, especially at breakfast. Grab some fruit to save for a midnight snack, too!

(Insert Dressing Witticism Here)

Hold off on the dressing when you're getting a salad. Even if salads are healthier, slathering those nutritious veggies with dressing equals less difference in your waistline. Go with lighter dressings. Or, if you like eating your raw carrots and broccoli with dressing, try hummus instead.



FIVE BEST BLOGS

» JUSTINA MICHELS, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

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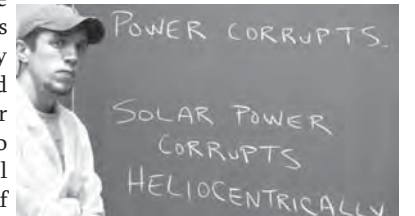
It would be impossible to construct a blog list without mentioning Frank Warren's community art project, Post Secret. This site that is updated weekly with twenty secrets sent in by readers. It is one of the most popular blogs worldwide, with sister sites in French, German, Chinese and Spanish. With over three hundred million visitors since it started in 2004, the only question is this:



have you submitted a secret?

ruminations.com

This site publishes all the little thoughts that people have buzzing around their heads during the day. All those witticisms that really aren't appropriate for FML or My Life Is Average are perfectly suited to this website, and they are presented in their own "best of" format so you don't have to scroll through thousands of mediocre posts to get to the gems. The only downside is that you have to have a membership to submit and vote, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy the snarky thoughts without one.



survivingtheworld.net

Presented by a quirky professor and (on occasion) his furry friend, this hilarious photo web-comic appeals to the same audience that reads xkcd. This blog is updated daily, and it showcases a rotating mix of life lessons, personal thoughts and responses to viewer questions. Plus, all of the photo comics are archived and available to view at any time, so when the textbook words all begin to swim together, catch up on some older postings.

passiveaggressivenotes.com

You've seen them in your dorms, usually over the sinks demanding that you wash your dishes or lose them to the trash can—the passive-aggressive notes. This site boasts a selection of reader submitted notes that range from the classic grandma guilt trip in a birthday card to the park job tirade on a



stolen flyer. Feel free to snap your own and send them in, because the website uses black bars to keep names and places anonymous.

onesentence.org

If Post Secret is the king of blogs, this little gem is definitely the prince. It's a series of true stories told in one sentence, and the only requirements to be considered for publication are that the story must be true and told completely in one sentence. Some of the stories are poignant; others are humorous. Although the website updates on a semi-regular schedule—once about every three days—while you are waiting for more true sentences, you can read "unapproved" stories to pass the time.

Pets Cheer Up Dreary Dorm Rooms

Adventures in Keeping Bettas, Goldfish and Hermit Crabs

» ARTHI ARAVIND, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Keeping a pet at college can be a challenge, but it can also spice up the dreariness of a dorm room. Dorm pets are the perfect companions. For those of you who are used to having animals around at home, leaving them behind can obviously be tough.

"I grew up with pets all my life, and not having an animal in the room... makes me lonely," said Abby Acio ('13).

A pet brings some of the comfort of home to campus. "I thought he would make my room a little more homey," said Clara Bergeron ('13) of her blue betta fish, Fernando. The most common dorm pet is probably the betta fish. Its shades of electric blue, red and purple and its need for little space make it an attractive choice. "[Fernando] comes home with me in the car's cup-holder," said Bergeron, referring to his small size.

Furthermore, while usually placid, the betta can also be attractively spunky. "It seems like Pierre recognizes my boyfriend (I'm going to attribute this to some form of classical conditioning) and gets really excited when he walks by his bowl," said Amanda Mounce ('10), whose boyfriend spoils Pierre with food. Bergeron's betta, Fernando, dances when she plays music by The Fratellis.

Yet another aquatic buddy, the goldfish, is easy to care for and is endearing with its gulping mouth and bulging eyes. Katelyn Power ('13) has two fancy big-eyed goldfish, Gerry and Holly, who are newcomers to her dorm.

"They make me happy every time I come back to my dorm, which helps me deal with the stress of my classes and the fact that I miss my dogs so much," said Power. "Also, they're just adorable"



Gerry and Holly certainly have their own personalities which make them interesting. Power said that every time she feeds them, "Gerry goes insane and scarfs down all the food, and Holly just looks confused. Gerry's kind of fat."

For those who don't want to deal with a tank full of water, there's always the hermit crab. Acio also owns two hermit crabs, Hamlet (named so because he is a recluse) and Al Pacino.

"With hermit crabs you don't have to worry about cleaning water or filters as with fish," she said. "Seeing something other than fish, especially in a dorm, makes people think they require special care, but they don't. In fact, they require even less."

Hermit crabs have their own quirks too, though. Being nocturnal creatures, they can keep night owls company. "It's not uncommon to see that everything in their tank is moved around or toppled over in

the morning," said Acio. Having a dorm pet will give you guaranteed renown around your dorm, and they are easily the best way to add a little life and color to your collegiate dungeon.

"He's a fun conversation piece; my friends love to say hi to him when they come over, and they all think he's very cute," said Mounce of her betta fish.

"Everybody I know who has met the fish loves them," Power added.

Whether you choose to keep a petite fish or a shy little hermit crab, you'll find that a little friend will bring you all the brightness and companionship required on a rainy day. ■

This was the first article in a two-part series. Check out The DoG Street Journal online at www.dogstreetjournal.com later on for part two, for information on keeping a dorm pet.



French Onion Soup

- A soup for all occasions -

» ISABELLE THIBAU, DSJ STAFF REPORTER



Ingredients:

- 1 large red or yellow onion, peeled and thinly sliced.
- Olive oil
- Pinch of sugar (optional)
- 1 ½ to 2 cups of beef stock (you may use the beef bouillon cubes to make the broth, but it will be thinner)
- 1 bay leaf (optional)
- Pinch teaspoon of dry thyme
- Salt and pepper
- Croutons
- 1/4 cup of grated Swiss Gruyere with a little grated Parmesan cheese

Serves 1-2

This is one of my favorite soups, and one I can eat all-year round. It's perfect for when you don't know whether or not winter is staying or going! Don't be put off by the time it takes to make the soup, because this is a relatively hands-off recipe: Just a few ingredients and almost no preparation. The caramelization process for the onions is important because if done too quickly, the onions remain pungent and the soup is will be too oniony. Enjoy!

Directions:

In a saucepan, sauté the onions in the olive oil over medium high heat until well browned, but not burned, about 30-40 minutes (or longer). Add the sugar about 10 minutes into the process to help with the caramelization.

Add the stock, bay leaf and thyme. Cover partially and simmer until the flavors are well blended, about 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Discard the bay leaf.

To serve, you can either use individual oven-proof soup bowls or one large casserole dish. Ladle the soup into the bowls or casserole dish. Add croutons to the soup, and sprinkle with cheese. Put under the broiler for 10 minutes at 350 degrees F, or until the cheese bubbles and is slightly browned. Serve immediately.

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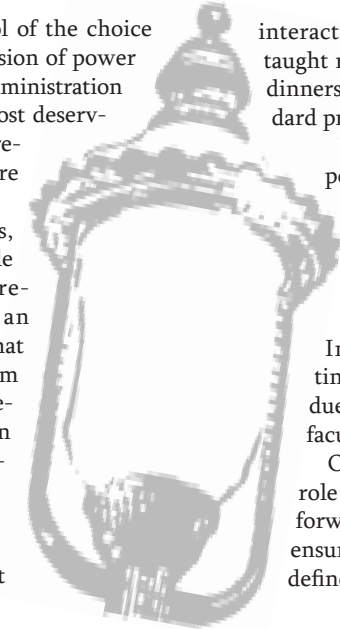
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DRILLING BELOW THE SURFACE

» ABHI GOYAL, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

One month ago, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell addressed the nation after the State of the Union speech. His rebuttal was mostly vague and inoffensive, and he maintained an appearance of modest contentment throughout the event—except for the rush of joy he expressed when advertising the oncoming start of offshore drilling in Virginia.

Governor McDonnell cheerily said that Virginia had the “opportunity to be the first state on the East Coast to explore for and produce oil and natural gas offshore.”

The angry response of Virginia environmentalists was inevitable, as was the excited agreement of big oil corporations and Virginia businessmen.

The Governor’s declaration reawakened a debate that has been rumbling ever since John McCain, Sarah Palin and their supporters shouted the phrase “Drill, Baby, Drill!” during the 2008 election and declared that offshore drilling was necessary for this country and for our state, never mind the multiple wildlife refuges on our eastern shore and the already tough fight to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

Environmentalists since then have united under the argument that the oil cannot possibly be there, and exploration of Virginia’s continental shelf would be a waste of time and resources. The problem with this argument is that for every scientist who states that there is no geological proof of the existence of oil off Virginia’s coast, there is another scientist who says that there absolutely is oil there, and a lot of it.

If opponents of drilling want to protect our shoreline, they should refocus their argument around their strong point—they should assume that oil does exist off Virginia’s coast and that drilling for it really

isn’t worth it.

This may seem like a stretch given the state’s unemployment rate and its empty coffers. The environment suffers most in times of economic hardship because people are more likely to support the interests of businesses. However, the amount of good this initiative will do is not enough to solve our problems, and it is likely to cause us problems of a different sort.

Economists and pro-drilling scientists have already given their estimates, nearly all of which are fantastically high and essentially predict that Virginia will be bursting with revenue and will probably be the next Bahrain.

But how much of this money will really be used to the state’s benefit?

As of now, there is not a single petroleum firm headquartered in Virginia, and there are no major petroleum companies in the United States that are headquartered outside Texas, California, Utah and Oklahoma. This means that, at least initially, the oil rigs will be owned and operated by a company from outside the state. The oil rigs will also cost millions of dollars each to build, meaning that the cost will be too great for any small startup companies no matter how low their taxes are. The rigs are likely to be built by companies that already have the capital to do so—companies that most definitely are not from Virginia and not necessarily even from the United States.

If Virginia does not make as much revenue as predicted from the actual drilling,

then it may benefit from the transport or refining of oil. This, however, is also unlikely to do the state much good. Vessels transporting oil from the rigs would not necessarily transport it directly to Virginia—it is more likely to go to existing oil and gas transfer facilities such as the ones in Delaware and southern New Jersey. It is possible that Virginia will be left out of the equation entirely.

If a facility for oil storage is built in Virginia, it will be enormous out of necessity and take up huge tracts of land. There is no place that such a large complex can be built without destroying hundreds of acres of wetlands and forests.

It is unwise to think of the impact of offshore drilling as simply that of the drills penetrating the ocean floor. The reality is that harvesting oil is much more than the simple act of drilling and, therefore, produces a much greater impact than proponents have predicted.

The citizens of Virginia need to look past the numerous conflicting arguments given by scientists and make their own assessment of how much offshore drilling will benefit them. Is it really necessary to tear our forests and shores apart for the sake of filling ExxonMobil’s wallets? Are any of us even ever going to see a drop of that oil? If we do, will it have been worth the irreversible damage we have caused to our visible natural resources? And if we do get that oil, how long will it be before the wells dry up and we have to look somewhere else?

The people of Virginia need to consider this more carefully than Governor McDonnell’s speechwriter did. ■

Abhi Goyal is a staff columnist for The DSJ. His views do not necessarily represent those of the entire staff.

A Dishonest Council?

» MAX CUNNINGHAM, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

Several years ago I heard an old parable.

A young man lives in a small room above a restaurant. He has little money and must survive on only plain white rice. The owner of the restaurant grows concerned about the health of the young man and asks him how he can live on such a bland diet. The young man responds that he merely waits for the restaurant to cook a dish with a strong scent and then eats his rice, the senses of smell and taste interacting.

The owner becomes infuriated and takes the young man to court, demanding compensation for stolen services. The court’s sole adjudicator is a wise old judge.

The facts are laid out, and the judge issues his verdict: the young man is to take every coin from his pocket, hold them loosely in his hand and jingle them loudly, so as to repay the restaurant owner for his services.

How I wish I lived in a society where wise people, concerned only with finding justice, determined guilt and innocence!

But I live in reality, where things are different. I have another story, this one utterly non-fiction. Names have been changed, but events are the same. It takes place on our campus. There is a good chance that you’ll have no problem with what transpires in this true story, but for all our sakes, I hope you do.

On a Friday night in the fall semester, our protagonist, Jane, found herself participating in a dorm party. After a few hours the party wound down and Jane wandered back to her room, located in the same dormitory.

Much to her chagrin, Jane found herself locked out of her room. She inadvertently (but not surprisingly) drew the attention of her R.A. by banging loudly on the locked door. The R.A. sensed that Jane was under the influence of alcohol and promptly issued an incident report.

In a whirlwind of a week, Jane found herself in the office of her Area Director. She had messed up, she’d been reckless and she knew she was in trouble.

The Area Director’s simple yet press-

ing questioning drove Jane to do something even more reckless: she told a lie. She denied drinking, and the Area Director let her go.

Guilt lingered with Jane for several days. She confided in a few close friends that she had, in fact, told a lie to the Area Director.

Within a week, that guilt turned into pure trepidation. Jane learned that one of her confidantes had contacted the R.A. about this new development. The R.A. issued a second report, leaving Jane to appear before the Honor Council.

Now Jane had really done it. She was scared and, by God, she was never going to tell a lie again. She prepared a case for her Honor Council hearing, start to finish, this time in complete honesty.

At the hearing, Jane gave nothing but the truth. After she finished her story, the accusing party took the floor. The Honor Council initially asked Jane’s accusers about the incident at hand but then turned to Jane’s character, and, within moments, the trial became reminiscent of a Comedy Central roast.

This was unexpected in and of itself, but the story gets worse. The Honor Council guarantees every defendant a full report of the evidence presented by the accusing party before the case begins. Character defamation was absent from the information given to Jane. She had no means to defend herself.

But now all was said and done, and the Honor Council took the facts (and a significant number of opinions) into deliberation. They quickly came to a unanimous conclusion: Jane was to be suspended for the spring semester.

What a nightmare.

How did it all come to this? Jane would now spend the next nine months in her parents’ home while her friends went to school around the country. She would graduate a semester behind her class.

From what I understand, suspension is the default punishment for an Honor Code violation. That makes sense, given how very important our Honor Code is to us. The Honor Code helps define us as a school, and when one of us breaks it, the punish-

ment needs to resound.

Discerning the severity of a breach of our code is a task that requires a degree of wisdom.

From this experience with the Honor Council, I think it’s fair to say our generation has tossed out wisdom in favor of vindication.

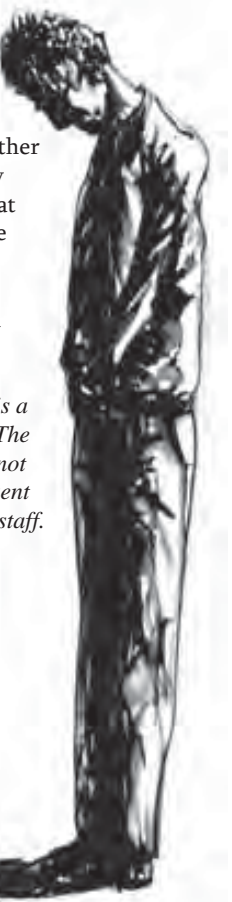
I could never throw a fellow student a semester behind for a situation as relatively inconsequential as Jane’s. She lied, we get it. And Jane certainly gets it at this point.

What’s more is the fact that the Honor Council failed to conduct a proper trial and still had no problem ruining the college career of another student, all without a second thought.

I feel very uncomfortable being in an environment where some of my peers, students like me, feel completely qualified to disrupt the life another peer, one of us. It makes me more uncomfortable to know that as a community we acknowledge their decisions as “just.”

If it turns out that the proverbial real world is like this, then you can count me out. I’d rather spend the rest of my life searching for that fantasy world where wisdom determines justice, rather than misplaced pride and self-importance. ■

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Tribe fans fill Kaplan Arena for the game against Old Dominion University on January 23. The largest crowd in Kaplan Arena history, 7686 people, came out to the game. This season's success has brought thousands of fans out to support the team. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

No retreat, No surrender

Men's basketball has been on a rollercoaster ride this year, but will it eventually lead to their first ever NCAA tournament?

» JOHN HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

Spring Break is among the most iconic of all American college traditions. Romanticized in movies and on TV, infamous for its Girls Gone Wild, Spring Break is the realization of Belushi worshipping teenagers' dreams of what college life "should" be like.

And while thousands of coeds will swarm the beaches of Florida and Mexico, five stalwart hardwood warriors—and

their seven stalwart backups—will shun the sunny south for Richmond. Led by David Schneider ('10), Quinn McDowell ('12) and Danny Sumner ('10), the Tribe will try to do the impossible this Spring Break—qualify for their first ever NCAA tournament.

To characterize the Tribe's 2009-10 NCAA Basketball season as anything other than a rollercoaster would be inadequate. From the College's first contest against the heavily favored University of Connecticut

to their disappointing ESPN Bracketbuster loss to Iona College, this season has been one of ups and downs, highs and lows—the likes of which has left Tribe fans with their hands in the air screaming one game and their head dropped into their hands, stomachs turned the next.

The tip-off at UConn could not have gone much better. While the Tribe ultimately succumbed to the perennial Big East powerhouse, they played the Huskies close for the entire game. As late as the

4:35 mark in the second half, the Tribe only trailed by five. And, perhaps even more significant, the opener in Connecticut marked the arrival of McDowell as one of the most dangerous scorers in the CAA. McDowell dropped a career high 20 on UConn—a career high that he would surpass five more times this season.

McDowell, through the loss at Iona, leads the Tribe in three-point percentage, shooting 43 percent, is second among starters in field-goal percentage—trailing Marcus Kitts ('12) by one thousandth of a point—with 50.3 percent, and is second in points per game only to Schneider. As far as rollercoaster rides go, the emergence of McDowell and the surprising closeness of the game got the season started leaning on the throttle.

If the UConn game was what some would call a "good" loss, because of how close the game was, the second game of the season, a loss to Harvard, was as tough a loss as you can find. Ironically, the same trait that made the UConn loss "good" made the Harvard defeat even harder to swallow: its closeness.

Anytime you lose in triple-overtime on an opposing team's court is going to sting a little bit. Any time you lose in triple-overtime to a pseudo-rival—after all, Harvard is the only College in the country older than William and Mary—on a buzzer beater, it's going to go down like a horse pill.

McDowell led the Tribe in that contest, dropping his second consecutive career-high with 23 points. And while the Tribe trailed by 13 with just over 13 minutes to go in regulation, that resiliency that has seemingly defined this senior-class—see 2008 CAA tournament run—reared its head for the first time this season and the Tribe forced OT. During bonus basketball, the Tribe failed to capitalize not once—but twice—on would-be game winning shots.

Even still, the game simply felt like one that the Tribe would pull out. Time and time again they found themselves the beneficiary of good luck and seemingly favorable scenarios. Up one with 3.6 seconds remaining in triple OT, all the College had to do was

lock Harvard's final frenzied look. Instead, WM fell victim to that good old Harvard try, as Jeremy Lin drained a 28-foot 3-pointer with goose eggs on the clock to end the contest.

The season didn't look to be getting any easier for the Tribe as they returned back home to Virginia. The tough losses in New England were still stinging when the Richmond Spiders made the trip down 64 to Kaplan Arena. The Spiders are perhaps the best team in the state this year, and early in the game, they dominated a stunned-looking Tribe. Maybe the Tribe was still shaking off the Massachusetts cold from the Harvard loss in the first half, or maybe they were just trying to lure the Spiders into a false sense of security, but whatever it was, it worked. The Tribe leapt to life in the second half, shooting 51 percent from the floor and 45.5 percent from three-point range in stomping the spiders. The win was David Schneider's "introduction" to the season, as he led the team with 25 and set the Tribe off on its quick ascent into the early season.

Over the nine games following the Richmond win, the Tribe scalped anything and everything in their path. Nine days—and two wins—after besting NCAA contender Richmond, the Tribe set their sights on the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. And, led by seniors David Schneider and Danny Sumner, the Tribe performed an ACC exorcism.

The win versus Wake was the Tribe's first over a marquee opponent—Wake is currently ranked in the AP and Coaches Top 25 polls—and was Wake's first loss to a team like

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the Tribe: unranked, non-BCS and uninspired by the faithful of Joel Coliseum. The loss was Wake's first ever in the month of November at the Coliseum, and it was the Tribe's first win against an ACC opponent in nearly a decade.

The victory over Wake began a

Sports in Brief

Derek Cox shocked many last year when he was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars at the beginning of the third round of the NFL Draft. Cox had flown largely under the radar of Draft "Gurus" like Mel Kiper Jr. and Todd McShay, mostly because he hadn't been invited to the NFL scouting combine for NCAA players.

Adrian Tracy will fly under no such radar. He has been extended an invite, and he will work out in Indianapolis for all 32 pro-teams. He is ranked among the top 15 OLB prospects for teams that run 3-4 defenses. He would be a splendid pick for my New York Jets, if I do say so myself. Take note, Rex Ryan. The last time I told the Jets to draft someone, it was at a New York Dragons Arena Football game. I sat behind then coach Herm Edwards (You play to win the game!), and tapped him on the shoulder, being the boisterous pre-teen that I was, and told him to draft Anquan Bolden. He opted not to listen to me. You decide who the better judge of NFL talent is.

stream of national coverage for the Tribe, as likes of ESPN reporters Joe Lunardi and various other NCAA talking heads took notice of the upstart Tribe. With wins against Richmond and Wake Forest, and both of the Tribe's losses coming on the road against respectable teams, some were calling the Tribe the team to beat in the CAA.

Fast forward past two thrilling wins against in-state rivals Radford and VCU—both of whom have made trips to the NCAA in recent years—and the Tribe was set to hit the apex of its early season. Already with one win against an ACC opponent under its belt, the Tribe headed north to College Park to face a second ACC foe.

The Maryland Terrapins hadn't lost to the Tribe in over half of a century, were 8-3 in the season, and were playing in Comcast Arena, where they have only lost to seven non-conference opponents.

By the end of the night, the Tribe would become the emphatic eighth.

Simply put, the Tribe dominated the Terps. Quinn McDowell, as reigning CAA Player of the Week, scored yet another career high, this time setting the current mark, with 28 points. He was 8-for-14 from the field, three of five from three-point range, and a perfect nine for nine from the line.

By the end of the first half, the Tribe was up nine—a lead that, while the Terps would chip away at time, would never be overcome.

The win was the Tribe's ninth straight at the time, the second longest in College history. They would add one more, on the road at Hofstra in an affair marred by poor shooting but marked by omnipresent Tribe resilience, this time manifested by a last second three point play by unlikely hero Kendrix Brown ('12) before arguably the best stretch in William and Mary basketball history would come to an end.

Following the win against Hofstra, the Tribe was perfect in CAA play, had two wins against the ACC, and one of the top five RPIs in the country. They were riding a win streak that matched the longest in the College's 300-and-some-odd year history (hey, who cares if they didn't play

basketball way back when). They were the consensus pick to win the CAA and were considered by many to be likely to receive an at-large bid to the big dance, should they stumble in the CAA tournament.

The roller coaster had hit its high point. Fans had their hands in the air, their eyes were full of wonderment, and their brains were just beginning to accept that this team was for real. But, like so many of the Tribe faithful have discovered, if not whilst following the Tribe on the hardwood then certainly in visits to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, what goes up must come down.

It was inevitable that the Tribe would, at one point or another, stumble and lose the win streak. No one expected the College to finish the season 26-2, riding a 26 game win streak and easily accepting a bid to the NCAA tournament. The CAA is a tough conference, and even with wins against two ACC teams, the Tribe had been far from perfect during the win streak. If nothing else, the win over Hofstra had proven that it wasn't going to come easy.

ODU, VCU, George Mason, Northeastern and a yet to be determined Bracketbuster all loomed on the schedule, in addition to various trap games sprinkled in between.

However, while no one expected perfection, equally as few expected the Tribe to fall against then 5-7 UNC Wilmington at home in Kaplan Arena as winter break



Kendrix Brown sunk a 3-pointer with less than 20 seconds on the clock to lift the Tribe over Hofstra on January 2. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

came to an end for students.

In the past, the Tribe had suffered from cold streaks during the long classless month. It was late December and January that sunk the Tribe's hopes of an outright CAA win in 2007-08. In 2009-10, the Tribe had seemingly pulled through the perilous stretch, had made it back to campus just as other students were too returning, and were poised to lengthen its winning streak against the lowly Wilmington Seahawks, a perennial punching bag in the CAA.

Low and behold, the Tribe blew a four point lead in the last minute against the Seahawks. And, in doing so, they watched their RPI implode, their chances of an NCAA at-large bid crumble, and their quest for the all-time longest winning streak in WM basketball history slip away.

The rest of the season was sort of a blur. Always a roller coaster ride, the Tribe bounced back from the Wilmington loss at first, beating lowly Delaware in a heart-stopper in OT. William and Mary reeled off another three wins after Delaware, beating Drexel, James Madison and Hofstra for the second time before the bottom really fell out. Like the calm before

the storm, all three of those wins against lesser CAA foes came with relative ease and a lack of drama. The real challenge of the later part of the season didn't come until the Tribe made the trip to Richmond to do battle versus the VCU Rams on their always hostile home turf.

The Tribe brought with them to VCU the nation's longest road-winning streak. They left it in Richmond, where they simply were outplayed in nearly every respect. The Rams shot 52.7 percent from the field—over 20 percentage points higher than the Tribe's 31.4 percent. Danny Sumner led all scorers with 20 points, but the Tribe couldn't get anything going around him.

Alternatively, VCU had no problem putting points on the board, as they scored 81 and easily put away the Tribe.

Following the blow-out loss at VCU, the Tribe's struggles continued at home against ODU. Playing in front of the largest

with ODU for most of remaining regulation time.

Fouls proved to be the Tribe's undoing,

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crowd in Kaplan Arena history, the Tribe fell inches short of tying the Monarchs on a desperation 3-pointer as time expired.

The contest was back and forth for the duration, with the WM community proving it could in fact rally for the basketball team just as it had for the football team last semester. With the student section literally overwhelmed by people, Tribe fans were displaced throughout the arena, even a few in the ODU fan section.

Despite the huge attendance and big-conference atmosphere, the Tribe could not find a way to win. David Schneider continued to prove that ice runs in his veins as he dropped two enormous 3-pointers in back-to-back possessions to pull the Tribe within one with about four minutes to play. The Tribe would tie the game on a free throw and trade leads back and forth

as they gave ODU too many opportunities from the charity stripe. After, falling behind by one and failing to connect on the ensuing possession, the Tribe was forced to foul, and ODU was able to hit both free throws with 11 seconds left. That would prove to be all she wrote.

The loss to ODU was really the punctuation on the regular season for the Tribe. They dropped another heartbreaker on the road at James Madison and had dug themselves into too deep of a hole to climb out. The team that had once been the favorite for an at-large bid from the CAA had sunken to the top of the middle-tier CAA teams. Even after four straight wins, with two big triumphs against Northeastern and George Mason—both of whom were ahead of the Tribe in the CAA—the Tribe had virtually no shot of an at large bid from the NCAA selection committee because of the losses to James Madison, Wilmington and the ODU sweep.

That fate was sealed when the Tribe lost to Iona, handedly, in the road Bracketbuster game. A blowout that got out of hand early, the Tribe looked over-matched against the Gaels. They play Towson for senior day on February 24 (which will have already happened when this goes to print) before the break between CAA play and the CAA tournament.

The Tribe had a hell of a season. For ten games, they were among the best mid-majors in the country, a sexy pick to make the NCAA tournament for many analysts, and most importantly, they brought the William and Mary campus to a near fever pitch. At the team's climax, when they virtually sold out Kaplan Arena, despite the fact that Kaplan's capacity exceeds the undergraduate population. The Tribe was a force to be reckoned with.

Now, as they look forward to the CAA



Danny Sumner makes a basket at a game at VCU on January 20. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

tournament, with spring break on the horizon, I call the Tribe faithful to look back to a very similar season only two years ago.

While the 2007-08 Tribe never garnered as much attention as this year's team, the two are similar in many ways. A team that has proven it can hang with the big boys—although this year's big boys were big conference powerhouses like Maryland and Wake Forest—the Tribe is still as dangerous as ever. Sure, they'll likely have to win the CAA tournament to get a bid. But you know what, if I'm Coach Shaver, I'm actually happy that there isn't any chance to secure an at large bid. Right now the Tribe is a team without a future. They have to win it all or settle for nothing at all. And that makes them a very dangerous team. If you ask any coach in the CAA what player he fears most with 3 seconds on the clock and a two point lead, they will say David Schneider. If you think VCU doesn't remember Schneider's CAA tournament heroics from 2008, you are mistaken.

This is a team with all of the trademarks of an NCAA tournament contender: a young stud in Quinn McDowell; the gutsiest of seniors with David Schneider and Danny Sumner; Sean McCurdy's lack of hesitation to cut to the basket at any given second; and Marcus Kitts and Steven Hess' consistent and occasionally explosive inside play.

If the Tribe shoots over 40 percent, in any game, they have a damn good chance

to win. If they shoot over 50 percent, or really as long as Schneider or McDowell does, there's a fat lady singing somewhere.

With the CAA tournament standing between David Schneider and his dream of the College's first NCAA tournament bid, and that same ice-flow running through his veins that has been his trademark for four years, I would be more worried that the Tribe has to win all of their remaining games to get in. There will be no let down in this team, it just simply isn't their MO.

Like so many of the sports writers I idolize, when I think about my Tribe—and the fact that for me, like David Schneider, I am facing the prospect of my last CAA tournament—I feel the need to wax poetic. And so, I leave you with this “revolutionary” anecdote.

In the War of American Independence, which I think someone once mentioned



Quinn McDowell goes up against an Iona player for the ball during the February 19 Bracketbuster game at Iona. Photo courtesy of ICGaels.com.

our campus had some sort of role in, the great American captain John Paul Jones was facing near imminent defeat at the hands of the British Navy. With his ship being bombarded by wave after wave of attack and capture seeming imminent, the British sent a messenger to Jones offering him the option of surrender. His response, which I am paraphrasing because I'm on a train to Washington which is sans internet, was to the effect of “Surrender? Why I have not yet begun to fight.” Hours later, it was Jones who sailed away victorious, in spite of insurmountable odds. So for you Tribe fans who think that this team is ready to surrender, I implore you, David Schneider and Co., like John Paul Jones, have not yet begun to fight. ■



At the game against JMU at Kaplan Arena, Tribe members cheer on their team. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.

Learning from the Olympics

Two of the best events of the year have happened during the past month: spring training for Major League Baseball started and the Winter Olympics occurred in Vancouver, Canada. Some may say that these events are only important to sports fans. But even for non-sports buffs, they symbolize much more.

Pitchers and catchers reported for Spring Training workouts just a few weeks ago, the first players arriving in sunny Florida and Arizona to prepare for the upcoming season. Spring Training is one of the best times of the year for baseball fans: last season's mistakes are in the past, new acquisitions are ready to play for their new teams and there's a sense of hope and optimism for a new, winning season.

Thousands of miles north of the baseball training camps where these beloved players prepare for a new season, we can share in that same sense of hope and optimism. So you may have given up on your new year's resolution already, but the beginning of the baseball season is just as good of a time for a new one. Maybe this

spring you'll declare a major or find something about which you're really passionate. Perhaps a summer internship or job will present itself this spring. The possibilities are endless.

The Olympics is another sports occurrence from which we can take a few hints. Athletes from all over the world come together every four (or two) years simply for sports. Driven by pride and patriotism, the Olympics are a time when wars and international conflicts are put aside. Competition is (mostly) friendly. This year in particular, following the death of a Georgian luger before the Opening Ceremony, all of the Olympic athletes came together as a global community.

Just as the Olympians united as one community in Vancouver, we at the College have come together in just the few weeks that we've been back since the semester started.

We have come together to mourn the loss of a student. We have come together to support various athletic teams. We have come together to raise money to send to Haiti following the tragic earthquake that struck there. We have come together as one tribe.

The great Joe DiMaggio once said, “You always get a special kick on Opening Day, no matter how many you go through. You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid. You think something wonderful is going to happen.”

There's no telling what will happen in any given baseball season, and as spring returns to Williamsburg, there is the potential for wonderful things to come, just like the baseball season. ■



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