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Bus driver, move that bus! In an effort to make volunteer opportunities more accessible, students, faculty and staff at the College will work this month in partnership with Williamsburg-based Housing Partnerships, Inc. to build a house. The basic build will occur on campus before the house is moved to its final destination in upper James City County.

The house, intended for a senior citizen currently living without indoor plumbing, central heat or air conditioning, will be approximately 490 square feet, with a living area, kitchen, one bathroom and one bedroom. It will be constructed, beginning March 19, on the lawn adjacent to the Jamestown dorms at the corner of Jamestown Rd. and Landrum Dr.

Are you sweaty from building houses all day? You're going to have to wear that same outfit for a few more days. eSuds, the College's online laundry machine availability program, is currently down nationwide, according to a Caldwell & Gregory service dispatcher. All machines should accept coins.

With the closing of independent music stores like Williamsburg's Plan 9, which closed in late February, many lesserknown artists are left hurting. Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby says that the trend toward music downloading has limited his sales options to stores like Barnes & Noble, "Kids buy single songs, not albums anymore." he said in an interview with the Virginia Gazette. "Everything is downloaded, and not always paid for."

Enjoy your absurdly green holiday this week? The local law enforcement knows how you feel and made its presence known Wednesday night and early Thursday morning with increased patrols. Newport News police ranked third in the most safety-conscious category, with police having raked in five DUI arrests on St. Patrick's Dav. Hampton was second with two DUI arrests, and Williamsburg ranked first with no DUI arrests.

Executive Director of the Heritage Humane Society Dana Cheek, who for months had been experiencing a decrease in morale at the shelter, was fired Tuesday by its Board of Directors. Allegations against Cheek included aggressive animals not being properly screened before they were put up for adoption and animals with serious health problems not getting proper veterinary care.

Don't forget to switch to the College's new Google-powered WMApps e-mail accounts this coming Monday. The College advises that all students set their old e-mail accounts to forward to the new e-mail and begin transferring any mail from the old account to the new account that you wish to keep.

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Counseling session requests increase



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT

The Counseling Center is located in Blow Memorial Hall.

Seventeen percent rise in appointments could increase wait time for students

By BRITTANY HUGHES Flat Hat Staff Writer

Due to increased demand, students seeking help from the College of William and Mary Counseling Center may be looking at extended waiting periods.

"We continue to be able to have an initial meeting with students within a day or two," Counseling Center Director Warrenetta Mann said. "Once we determine a student's needs, we begin to work with the most severe first, so that students in significant distress are able to continue to meet their educational goals. At times, this may mean a student who is functioning relatively well may wait a few weeks before beginning treatment."

Mann said the extended waiting period is a typical and temporary problem that occurs only a few weeks out of a semester. She said that she expects operations to return to normal soon. However, Mann does not associate the problem with either a lack of staff or funding.

"We are actually experiencing steady growth, which means that positions are added every few years or so to keep up with student population growth," she said. "What we are seeing is the same phenomenon that university and college counseling centers all over the country are seeing — an increased demand for services by students."

Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D. '06 agreed that student requests for help have been growing steadily. The number of counseling appointments has increased by 17 percent over the previous year.

"That upward trend seems to be continuing in the current year," she said. "Happily, the funding for our Counseling Center has not been reduced, and the office has been fully staffed since Dr. Warrenetta Mann arrived as the new director at the end of the fall semester."

Despite added pressure to keep up with increasing demand, Mann is encouraged by the increasing number of students seeking counseling.

"Despite how stressful it can be for students to be on the waiting list and for us as clinicians not to be able to see everyone immediately, I prefer to see this as a positive, rather than a negative," she said. "It means that there is no longer much stigma associated with asking for help. It also may mean that students who previously would not have made it to

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New candidate list announced for SA election

Jessee Vasold '11 joins SA presidential race

By IAN BRICKEY Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

A late publicity push by the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly for the upcoming SA elections nearly doubled the number of announced candidates before the declaration deadline expired Thursday

at 11 p.m.

Twenty additional candidates joined the races for positions. Α new team also joined the race

ONLINE To see a complete list of candidates running in the upcoming

for SA president and vice president. Jessee Vasold '11 announced a campaign for president, joined by former Sen. Kim Green '13 as a running mate. Sen. Ben Brown '11 and SA Deputy Chief of Staff Chrissy Scott '11 previously announced their can-

Student Assembly elections,

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didacies for the position. SA President Sarah Rojas '10 said that the increased number of candidates was largely due to additional time and boosted awareness efforts on the part of the SA.

"I think that, when it comes down to it, it was down to publicity," Rojas said. "We didn't really do

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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTEST



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT Students and faculty of the College of William and Mary demonstrated at the Crim Dell Meadow March 18 in support of state protection of rights for members of Virginia's LGBT community.

Commission recommends Wawa project

Amended proposal moves to City Council

By SAM SUTTON Flat Hat Managing Editor

The Williamsburg Planning Commission unanimously recommended revised plans to the Williamsburg City Council for the construction of a three-story student dormitory and retail structure between Wawa and the Williamsburg Baptist Church on Richmond Road Thursday.

"I think it's a good idea," city resident Bill Dell said. "It's a good initiative, and we should go forward with it."

The commission approved the necessary changes to the city's zoning code, paving the way for the project, which will house 56 students and allow first-floor space for retail and restaurants. Changes included the allowed height of the

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Greenhouse discusses Supreme Court

Former New York Times reporter speaks on judicial trends

By ALEX GUILLÉN Flat Hat Online Editor

Future decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court will focus on topics such as corporations and wartime executive powers rather than on popular social issues, according to former New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse.

Greenhouse, who covered the nation's highest judiciary from 1978 to 2008, spoke at the College of William and Mary Tuesday during a three-day visit to campus as the 2010 Hunter B. Andrews Fellow in American Politics.

She has participated in most of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law's annual Supreme Court Previews in the last two decades and currently teaches at Yale Law School.

Greenhouse began by discussing the recently decided case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, a 5-4 decision in which the majority ruled that corporations have broad First Amendment rights, especially regarding political advertisements. The decision struck down part of the



COURTESY PHOTO - THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Former reporter Linda Greenhouse spoke at the College of William and Mary Tuesday.

McCain-Feingold Act of 2002, which in part prevented corporations from running political advertisements prior to elections.

"It changed the rules a little bit, [but] I don't think as drastically as has been portrayed," Greenhouse said. "But it was a strong statement about the First Amendment rights of corpo-

rations to participate in the political system. What's interesting about it is the public became quickly engaged by this. The public remains engaged by it, which is pretty unusual."

The Citizens United decision has been unpopular with the public, with

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WEATHER

Friday



Gloria Oh, Insight Editor

Vicky Chao, Cartoonist



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Two high school track athletes win big at nationals

Two Williamsburg high school students took first place in the National Scholastic Indoor Championship at the Armory Track in New York City March 13.

Russell Hornsby won first place in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 7:48.99. Hornsby was running for Little Hoyas Track Club and attends Georgetown Preparatory School, although he is a Williamsburg native.

Jamestown High senior Colin Mearns won his first national championship in the mile with a time of 4:11.66, beating Canadian national champion Eric Dillon by half a second. Prior to last Saturday's meet, Mearns was the No. 1 ranked distance runner in Virginia, winning nine of his 11 races this year. He is currently finishing his senior year at Jamestown High School and will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

New budget vote to recover 34.5 jobs

Williamsburg-James City schools Superintendent Gary Mathews has proposed to recover 34.5 positions that were initially cut for the fiscal year 2010-11 budget. He recommended retrieving those jobs when \$2 million in unexpected revenue became available from the General Assembly.

During the School Board's budget work session this past Tuesday, Mathews advocated to bring back the 17 teacher and nine teacher assistant positions that were cut March 10.

Other jobs suggested for reinstatement include three high school guidance assistants, four elementary school receptionists, a special education instructional specialist and an executive director of human resources position.

The new revenue projections have allowed high school and gifted summer school programs to be recommended for continuation, as well. Additionally, teachers will continue to be paid 80 percent of the cost of up to six hours of college credits.

Assistant Superintendant for Finance Scott Burckbuchler announced that the revenue will be redistributed to the areas that were cut in Mathews' former budget.

The school board will vote on the new budget March 23 at the Stryker Building, 412 N. Boundary Street.

– by Gloria Oh

Researchers at the University of Western Australia and the University of Copenhagen looking at sexual selection have discovered that social insects such as honeybees and leafcutter ants use their seminal fluid to deter rival sperm. Experiments proved that it has multiple purposes. The fluid killed more than 50 percent of rival sperm within 15 minutes.

Kabul University's agricultural faculty will be working with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh to grow a botanic garden on a 10-acre site in the Afghan capital. The project will help promote plant diversity and will be open to the public. The garden will function as an education center where the plant life of Afghanistan can be categorized and studied.

A study by the University of Copenhagen's department of exercise and sports sciences found that playing soccer builds better bones than running. Researchers also found that regular participation in soccer increases bone mass and bone density and supports soccer as an effective training method to reduce hazards of the aging process, including falls and bone fractures.

The Dalit community, the lowest caste group of South Asia used International Women's Day to describe their everyday sufferings through a drama at Dhaka University in Bangladesh March 9. The Dalit women expressed how they are deprived of educational and work opportunities and presented an eight-point demand to have their economic, civil and human rights heard.

News Editor Mike Crump



College name change leads to protests

Students boycott exams at Delhi Technological University

By GLORIA OH Flat Hat Insight Editor

Thousands of students at the Delhi College of Engineering boycotted their exams March 15 due to the change of their university's name to Delhi Technological University. Students of the newly renamed DTU have been demonstrating since March 4 to protest the perceived conversion of their institute's identity, which was previously affiliated to Delhi University, a state university.

The boycott led university authorities to appeal for talks with the students. However, many students ignored admin-

istration officials and opted to skip their exams by spending the day at Rohini's Japanese Park, wearing Delhi College of Engineering shirts.

Only 88 of 3,010 students were present for mid-semester exams. Police and security enforcement lined up outside the school, anticipating violence. According to The Times of India, authorities constructed barricades and had a water cannon on standby.

The protest lasted for 12 days. Midterm exams had been scheduled to begin the week of March 15 and continue through March 19. Due to the campuswide boycott, the university's

administration was forced to reschedule exams.

An unnamed student insisted to the Times of India that the protest was voluntary and entirely apolitical. "It's strange there are so

many policemen here," he said. "We are just having a peaceful protest demanding that Delhi Technological University become Delhi College of Engineering again." According to many alum-

ni and current students, the change in the institution's name is synonymous with a change in the identity, reputation and branding of the school.

Many recently graduated

students believed that their alma mater would guarantee job security, but some claim companies and recruiters do not recognize that DTU was originally DCE.

"The brand DCE has been severely depleted by this single move," DTU alumnus Shrikrishna Kulkarni said to the Times of India. "Here by brand DCE, I refer to brand name awareness, the perceived quality of what DCE students are, and the associations that national and international organizations make with brand DCE when interacting with DCE, its alumni, students and teaching faculty."

STREET BEAT

Besides basketball, what other tournaments would you like to see William and Mary compete in?



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"Longest stay in the library



competition."



"Men's salsa dancing."



"Beer pong olympics."

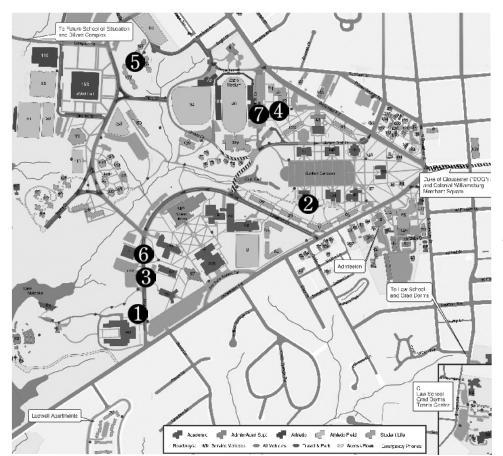
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- photos and interviews by Melissa McCue

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT March 9 to March 16



Tuesday, March 9 — The Campus Police Department is holding an investigation concerning multiple companion cases

Tuesday, March 9 — A non-student reported larceny at McGlothlin-Street Hall. The estimated value of the bike was \$110.

Thursday, March 11 — An individual reported vandalism at 600 Ukrop Way. The estimated value of damages was \$140.

Friday, March 12 — An individual reported an assault offense at Stith for intimidation.

Sunday, March 14 — An individual reported larceny at Unit E for a laptop. Es-

timated value was \$1,000. Sunday, March 14 — An individual reported larceny at 700 Ukrop Way E1 for an iPod and other items. The estimated value was \$800.

Monday, March 15 — An individual reported larceny of power tools at 200 Stadium Drive. The estimated value was \$3,900.

compiled by Gloria Oh

Greenhouse discusses the highlights of covering the Supreme Court

By ALEX GUILLÉN Flat Hat Online Editor

Former New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse spoke with The Flat Hat about Sandra Day O'Connor, the allocation of federal power and her experience covering Bush v. Gore.

Tell me about your relationship with Sandra Day O'Connor.

I've had the chance to see her a number of times since she retired. I've been on a couple of panels in programs that she put together at Georgetown Law School and her project to clean up the system for selecting state court judges that she's really devoted herself to. I feel privileged that I've known her because I think she's really the genuine article.

She's a terrific servant of the public, really, and she's using her premature retirement to really try to make a difference in American civic life, and that's very commendable.

Do you think it's likely that Justice John Paul Stevens will retire at the end of this term?

Yeah, I think it's highly likely. I'd be very surprised if he didn't.

What about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who has had some health problems and subsequent rumors about her own retirement?

She's fine. I had dinner with her last week. You can't believe a lot of rumors vou hear about the court. She's not retiring, and she's not sick.

Does she plan on retiring in the next few years?

She's certainly not planning to retire this year, and I haven't asked her what her long-term plans are. But people make assumptions about her that are not justified.

What sort of landmark decisions do you think will be coming to the court in the next few years?

I think, as I've said ... we're going to see a revival of interest in questions

about federal authority vis-à-vis the states [and] congressional authority vis-à-vis other branches of government. These structural issues about the organization, about the allocation of power within the American government that keep recurring since the beginning of the country's history, I think we're in a phase where they'll come back to the court.

Gay marriage is a hot-button issue, and although you said the court is handling more structural issues, the Proposition 8 trial is ongoing. Do you think this will be an issue before the Supreme Court in coming years?

Well, of course, that's up to the court, and I think that may depend on how the lower courts eventually rule in the Prop. 8 case. After this trial, and after Judge [Vaughn] Walker makes a decision, [it] goes to the Ninth Circuit, so it doesn't go directly to the Supreme Court. You know, it takes four votes to

grant a case at the Supreme Court, and whether four justices will be inclined to get into this, I think, depends on where the law is left after the Ninth Circuit gets finished with it. So, I think it's hard to predict.

You covered the Supreme Court for 30 years. What are some of your favorite moments?

Well, I don't know, favorite moment — you know — certainly a gripping moment was the 2000 election case.

Bush v. Gore? Bush against Gore. It was probably

the most unusual few days in my 30 years at the court. Very gripping.

How so?

The court granted the case on a Saturday, briefs were due on Sunday, the a was on Monday and the decision was on Tuesday. So everything that usually takes months, if not like a year, was compressed into those few hours, and it was extremely intense and high-

Nobody slept and nobody did anything else but just try to watch that and live through that. For sheer intensity and drama, it would be hard to top

What's a case that you would like to see the court take on?

That's an interesting question. I don't know. I mean, I'm sure there are issues I wish they would get into. Whether I would be confident they would decide them the right way, I don't know. So, I think I'll take a pass on that one.

What are your feelings on Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who is in the midst of her first term?

Well, she's only written two opinions so far. So, you know, her service on the court is really a work in progress, but she's very smart and very prepared and I've seen her in oral argument and she asks really good questions, and so I think she's a very highly functioning member of the group.

Court shifts from social issues

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some polls showing that as many as 80 percent of people disagree with the court's action. In an unusual move, President Barack Obama criticized the decision in his State of the Union address.

"The Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections," Obama said.

Although Greenhouse refrained from discussing the political implications of the Citizens United decision, she noted her own legalistic objections to how the Supreme Court handled the case, siding with Justice John Paul Stevens's dissenting opinion.

"What I found most disturbing about what the court did with Citizens United was, as Justice Stevens said, they helped them-

selves to the ability to decide the lifting," Greenhouse said. whole ball of wax — in this case, to strike down the governing precedence in this area of campaign speech," she said.

Greenhouse also addressed the topic of appointments to the Supreme Court. Stevens, who will turn 90 years old in April and has served on the court since 1975, announced recently that he will retire within the next three years. His retirement will essentially ensure Obama at least one more appointment.

Greenhouse said a "creative" appointment would be Harold Koh, the State Department's senior counsel and an "out-there progressive." Although he would be the first Asian-American on the court and ultimately confirmable, Greenhouse said the appointment was unlikely.

"I don't think President Obama is going to want to do the heavy

Diane Wood, a federal judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, Ill., is a candidate who would be easier to confirm. Greenhouse said she would be more easily confirmed because she is not strongly ideological.

Nevertheless, Greenhouse noted any such appointment would not shift the ideological balance of the court, as Stevens is generally considered among the liberal justices.

"This is not a game-changing vacancy," Greenhouse said. "The real, real heavy lifting will come when one of the conservatives in the five-justice majority — or Justice [Anthony] Kennedy, as the swing justice — when they retire, that's when you make the kind of change that happened when Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was replaced by Justice Samuel Alito. That changed a lot."



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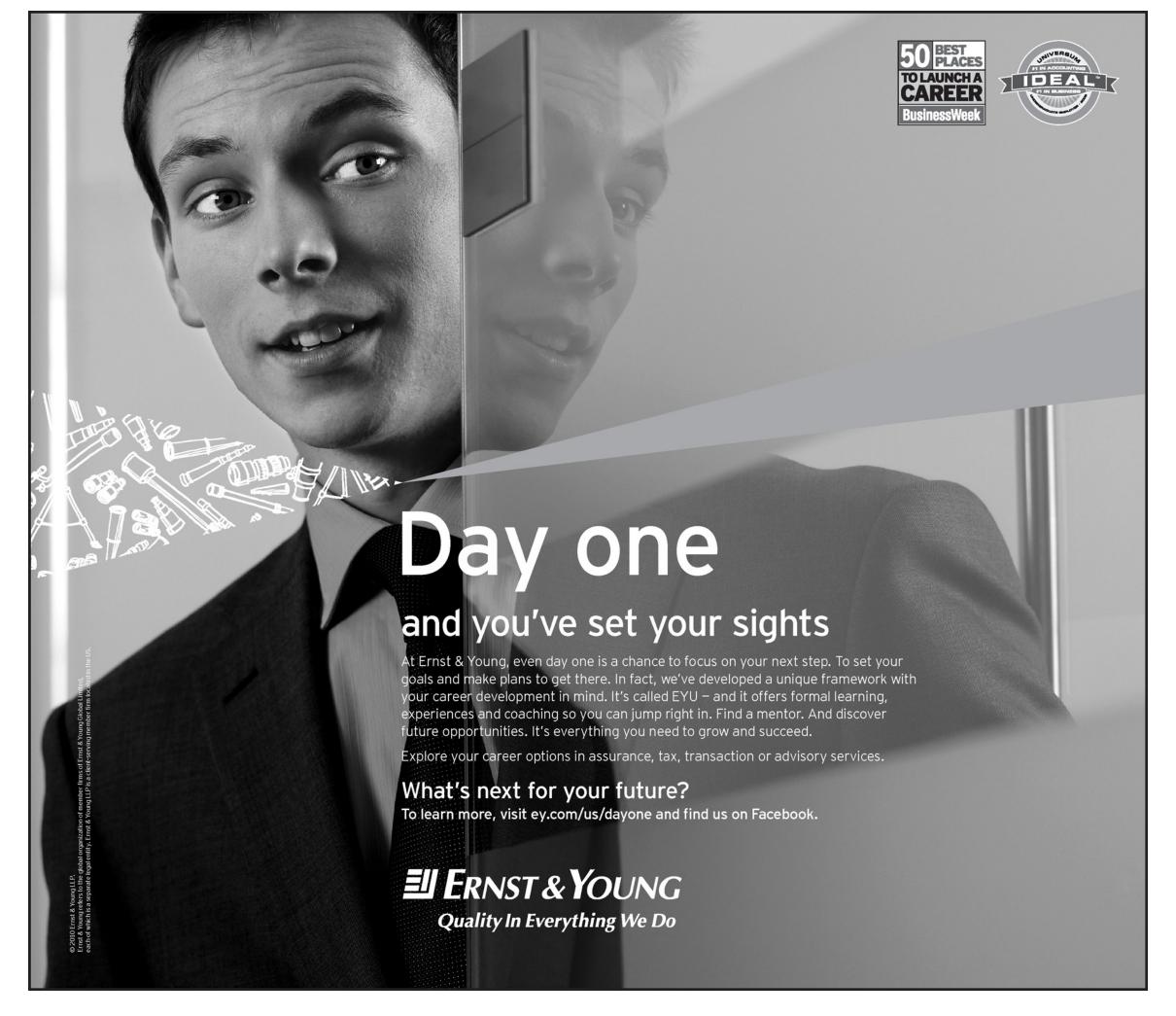


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SA passes Cuccinelli criticism, pushes back election

Statement of support backs Reveley's comments, asks for public apology

BY REBECCA PHILLIPS Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary's Student Assembly passed the Statement of Support for Nondiscrimination Act in a 14-0-3 vote at its meeting Tuesday.

The bill is a response to Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's March 4 letter to all Virginia pub-



ity from the Virginia General Assembly, schools may not include sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expres-

colleges

that,

sion within their anti-discrimination policies.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Curt Mills '13, expresses "outrage" at Cuccinelli's letter and asks him both to withdraw it and publicly

apologize.

The bill also supports College President Taylor Reveley's recent e-mail condemning all discrimination on campus.

Several members of the student body were present at Tuesday's meeting to defend the bill, including the organizers of Thursday's "VA Against Discrimination" rally, Casey Sears '11, Becky Little '12 and Laura Andrew '12.

"This [letter] is going to make the commonwealth of Virginia a hostile place for all LGBT people," Sears said.

A Facebook group called "William and Mary says 'No' to Ken Cuccinelli's Discriminatory Letter" currently has more than 2,200 members; the group was also promoted by the bill.

"As a queer-identified student at the College, this legislation could make me lose my job," Andrew said. "We can't move forward until we live our lives without fear."

Copies of the bill will be sent to

both Reveley and Cuccinelli.

The senate also passed a bill that pushes the date of the spring SA elections back six days to March 31, pending approval from the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils.

The Election Day Postponement Act received every vote from all 17 senators present.

Senators Erik Houser '10 and Ross Gillingham '10 sponsored the bill due to a lack of candidates that left 16 positions uncontested.

Gillingham said that, due to poor planning within the SA, the Elections Commission did not have enough time to properly publicize the elections after the recent resignation of Commission Chair Jazmine Piña '11.

Sen. Jim Dunleavey '10 said people who have already declared their candidacy might be placed at a disadvantage by the election delay.

Gillingham disagreed, saying those candidates actually have an advantage, since they have received

a week of "free press" ahead of those who might now choose to

The amendment does not change the 10-day campaign period required for elections. Campaigning will begin March 22 at midnight.

The Election Integrity Act passed by unanimous consent, amending the constitution to prevent students from running for the SA if they had served on the Elections Commission within the same year.

Sen. Steven Nelson '10 said this practice should not be allowed because the commission is meant to be impartial.

"This is a very clear-cut case of corruption with the SA election system," Nelson said.

As this law was not in place before the deadline for students to declare candidacy for the spring elections, it will not affect students's eligibility to run this semester.

SA President Sarah Rojas '10 also presented a State of the Student Assembly Address at this week's meeting, outlining the accomplishments of the SA this year and focusing on goals for the future.

Students run for all positions

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a good enough job to publicize [the election], so it just goes to show that when we advertise the elections enough, students get more interested.'

New candidates joined races in each social class. Six additional candidates declared for the four open senator positions for the Class of 2011, while three candidates joined the five previous candidates for senator positions in the Class of 2013. Conner Bleakley '13 and James Palmer '13 declared to run for the position of president of the Class of 2013, joining incumbent David Alpert '13.

Candidates declared for every available position, while 13 positions are currently unopposed. The previous declaration deadline left 16 positions uncontested. Rojas said that some unopposed races were to be expected.

"Every year, there are positions that go unopposed," Rojas said.

Thursday's deadline was the second cutoff for declarations of candidacy. The first deadline, on March 10, produced only 25 candidates and left five positions with no candidates at all.

Following the low turnout, SA leaders announced plans to reschedule the declaration deadline and actual election to allow for more publicity. A bill detail-

ing the measure passed in the senate Tuesday. The election is scheduled to be held March 31, one week after its original date March 24.

Wawa project regains city support

Proposed three-person language change rejected by commission

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building from 35 feet to 45 feet, changing the zoning district of the area from a Downtown Business District to a Planned Development College District and recommending the removal of language that would permit a parking garage to be built on the property in the future.

"This type of use can only happen in that downtown corridor," Planning Commission Chairman and city council candidate Doug

The William and Mary Real Estate Foundation will spearhead the project, which is estimated to cost as much as \$5 million.

In other business, the Planning Commission rejected plans to amend technical language to the zoning code's maximum occupancy clause, which allows up to four individuals to share a residence under certain circumstances. The amended ordinance would have required a plot plan — rather than a minor site plan — for rental property owners applying for a four-person permit. The amendment also would have eliminated a required third-party electrical inspection.

The commission rejected the proposal on the grounds that it would make the application process for four-person properties

"This is a glaring example of the slippery slope residents talk about," Pons said. "Once we do something, Pandora's box opens

The proposal now goes to the city council for consideration. The council's next meeting is April 8 in the Stryker Building.

Additional students seek counseling

Counseling Center seeks full accreditation by 2011

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college are now able to do so." Ambler said that the Center

is constantly adding to its staff to keep up with ever-changing student demand.

"In 2008-09 the Counseling Center expanded its training program to include three fulltime American Psychological Association interns," she said. "As the counseling center moves toward becoming a fullyaccredited APA internship site, we have planned for an additional full-time clinical intern for the

2010-2011 academic year."

Even with an additional intern, Mann said that students can help the center solve this problem by actively seeking out help early.

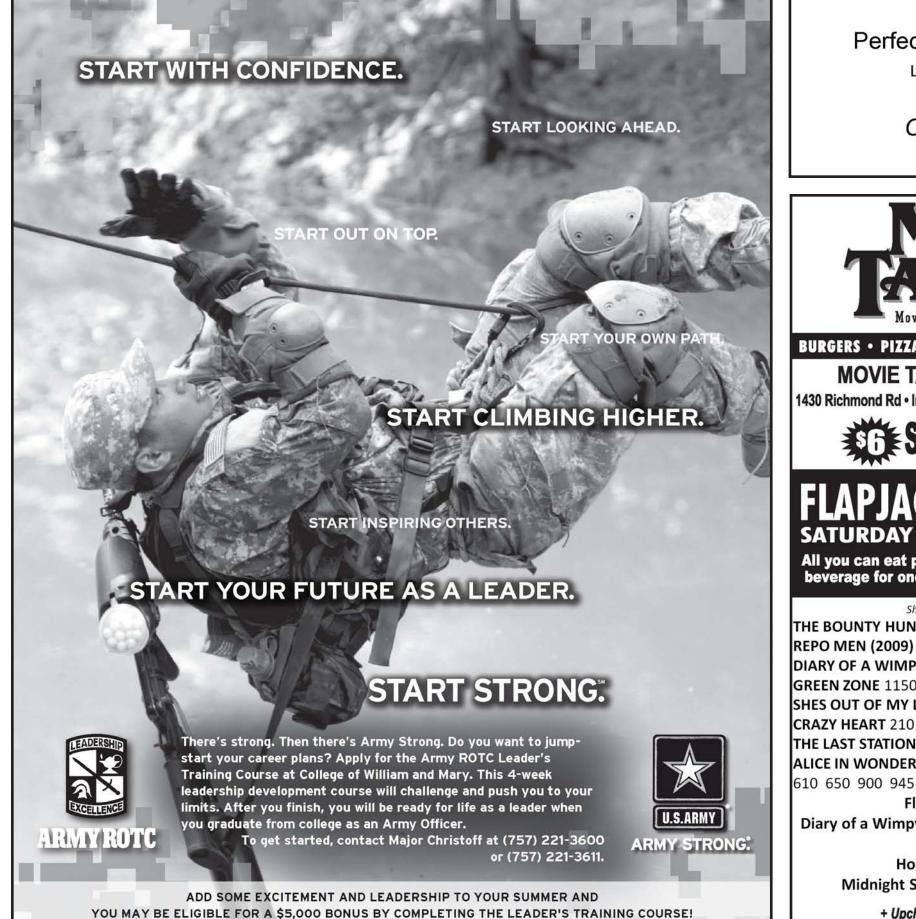
"Don't wait until things are really bad before you come in," she said. "Often a problem in its early stages can be addressed with a limited amount of treatment. The longer you wait and the worse things get, the harder it is to address it and the longer it will take you to feel better."

Mann also suggested that students with a previous his-

tory of mental health treatment or chronic emotional concerns should confront the problem immediately upon entering the College to avoid needing urgent help at a later point in time.

Although the center has not experienced a recent decrease in funding, Mann said students can be proactive in assisting future members of the College by continuing to donate to the center after graduation.

"Small gifts can help us stock our self-help lending library, or bring in a speaker for additional staff training," she said.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Counseling neglected

ore students than ever before, both at the College of William and Mary and in the country as a whole, are seeking the help of student health counselors. This is a wonderful development, and yet, as a result, wait times for treatment at the College's Counseling Center have been steadily increasing, stretching to over a month for some students. Counseling Center Director Warrenetta Mann insists this is not the result of a lack of staffing or funding; however, we sincerely disagree. An inability to provide prompt assistance to those who request it constitutes a serious problem, especially for such a vital resource to the College community.

Not all students face these month-long wait times, the Counseling Center arranges an initial assessment meeting within a day or two of the student's request. While only those deemed "wellfunctioning" are forced to wait for a follow-up meeting, an extended wait for any potential problem could prove extremely detrimental. We would hate to think that increased wait times, based on only one preliminary meeting, might discourage those students who are

just, perhaps tentatively, asking for help.

While it may be true that the Counseling Center has experienced steady growth over the past few years, clearly that growth has not been enough to match increased student need. That the Counseling Center itself does not view these wait times as something that needs to be addressed strikes us as particularly alarming. Continuing to ignore the problem can only cause it to worsen. It is essential to know when to ask for help — or, in this case, increased funding.

If this is part of a seasonal pattern, as Mann seems to imply, then perhaps seeking additional help during those few busy weeks or months of the semester should be explored. The fact that the Counseling Center hopes to hire another full-time American Psychological Association intern looks promising, but if this fails to address the current problems with wait times, other options must be pursued.

We realize that this is a trying time for the College in terms of finances, and some departments are forced to function while under-budgeted. This cannot be one. Given recent events, it is essential that the College exercise complete care with its students. The Counseling Center provides a vital service to the College in this effort, and we must ensure it continues to have the ability to provide that service to all who request it in a prompt manner. The first step to a solution is to admit the problem.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Foster has right mentality To the Editor:

It seems ironic that, as we righteously chastise partisan politics, we read an editorial that not only seeks to cultivate overt partisanship and divisiveness in Scott Foster's '10 campaign for Williamsburg City Council, but seems to demand it from Foster.

While his campaign is devoid of a gown-versus-town mentality that would likely erode his ability to get elected to and serve on the council, his interest in this city's future is made absolutely clear. His belief in the College of William and Mary's powerful role within Williamsburg's future is also apparent.

This latter factor distinguishes him from the other candidates. In describing the College as a vital component of the city's growth, Foster will remind the greater Williamsburg area that each member of the student body enriches Williamsburg as economically, culturally and civically-active citizens.

Foster's candidacy is certainly the most student-friendly and the most deserving of our support. On May 4, when we students assist in making him the first student to serve on the city council, we can be confident that he will serve this city with the students's best interests in mind. What's more, we can take pride in the fact that we voted for someone who will show thoughtful respect for others and acknowledge the value of every Williamsburg citizen.

— Alisan VanFleet '10



By Olivia Walch, Flat Hat Cartoonist

Alumna still gets the story

In her journalistic career, Mary

Frickner consistently showed

herself to be a tenacious

investigator striving to find truth.

Ed Innace **FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST**



Mary Fricker '62, now 69 years old, is a journalist whose modest and kindly nature belies her reputation as a thorough and tough investigative reporter. Throughout her career, Fricker has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the George Polk Award and the University of California-Los Angeles Gerald Loeb Award. This month she will have been honored twice, having received the Norwin S. Yoffie Career Achievement Award from the Society of Professional Journalists earlier this week and will be accepting the McGill Medal for Journalistic Courage next week in Atlanta, Ga.

Fricker graduated from the College of William in Mary with a B.A. in English. From an early age she dreamed of being a reporter, and during her time at the College she

worked for The Flat Hat. However, she would end up deferring her goal for about two decades. During this period she married twice, both times to U.S. Marines, was widowed twice, and raised two sons.

Her first foray into journalism came at the age of 43 when she began

working for Russian River News. In 1989, Fricker co-authored the book "Inside Job: The Looting of America's Savings and Loans," which was a definitive report of the Savings and Loan Crisis. The book became a New York Times bestseller. Fricker's success secured her a job at the Press Democrat, a newspaper in Santa Rosa, Cal. She worked there for 21 years, covering business and the economy until her retirement in 2006. Some of her best work, however, was still to come.

In April 2007, Chauncey Bailey, editor of The Oakland Post, was gunned down on his way to work. The assassination

was in response to an article he was researching on Your Black Muslim Bakery. The Bakery was once a prominent institution in California's black community and a model of black entrepreneurship. By 2007, however, the organization had regressed and its members were implicated in crimes including assault and murder. The man responsible for Bailey's shooting was an employee at the Bakery.

After Bailey's murder, Fricker came out of retirement to join other journalists, forming the Chauncey Bailey Project. She coined the group's motto, "You can't kill a story by killing a journalist." The Project was determined to continue Bailey's investigation into the Bakery and to report on the Bailey murder investigation. Needless to say, this was a dangerous and challenging job.

The project's investigations uncovered important evidence the police had overlooked during the murder investigation, including a tape that implicated the Bakery's leader, Yusuf Bey IV, in the killing and has since led to his indictment on murder charges. Furthermore, the project uncovered serious missteps by the police department,

> which led to the resignation of the Oakland police chief, who was found to be a personal friend of Bey. Their investigation into the Bakery turned up evidence of other crimes including sexual assault by its leaders, which Fricker exhaustively investigated. It is mainly for her work with the Project

that she will be receiving the Journalistic Courage Award.

Throughout her journalistic career, Frickner has consistently shown herself to be a tenacious investigator striving to find the truth, and a courageous woman not afraid to start a new career later in life or follow a story, even at the risk of personal harm. She not only told her readers about the world; she also used her position in ways that caused real change in her community. We should be proud to call her an alumna.

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Students don't have to travel in order to help those abroad

Adam Lerner **FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST**



From the money I earned working over winter break, and the money I received as a teaching fellow this semester, I am donating \$1,414 — the average cost for one student at the College of William and Mary to go on an international service trip during spring break — directly to VillageReach, a highly efficient charity that works to improve the infrastructure in rural Africa. By staying home, I am actually doing good abroad.

How much good? According to GiveWell, a non-profit committed to evaluating charities not just on their financial efficiency but on their human impact, my donation could be used by an immunization-focused organization like VillageReach to save up to seven lives.

As GiveWell's top-rated international charity, VillageReach satisfies all four of GiveWell's evaluative criteria: demonstrated impact, cost-effectiveness, scalability and transparency. If GiveWell's evaluation is correct, then I am doing the most good I possibly can with the monetary resources I have. Does this mean people who participate in international service trips are

somehow contributing less?

The ramifications of service trips are difficult to evaluate, and it's not just because these trips tend to be coordinated by small organizations that lack the means to analyze their own impact, but because much of the good service trips claim to engender can't be counted simply in terms of lives saved. The good they contribute, it is often claimed, is something less tangible. Service trips have the power to shape attitudes toward poverty and suffering, and to make their participants into caring citizens of the world in whom the seeds of future service are planted.

But if it's true that giving to a highly efficient charity does more good perhaps significantly more — than going on an international service trip, wouldn't one expect those who have been so motivated by their experiences to eventually come to the point where they just want to do as much good as they can with the resources they have? If so, one would expect them to give the money they would spend on a service trip directly to a charity like VillageReach.

Is this realistic? After all, it's not like all service trip participants have \$1,400 sitting around ready to go — they work really hard all year long trying to raise money through concerts, bake sales and other events to reduce their costs.

They do a remarkable job — many end up paying just a few hundred dollars to cover the airplane tickets that take them outside the country.

But couldn't these efforts themselves be reoriented directly toward charity? I think they could, but let's give the benefit of the doubt to service trips and say that they couldn't. Let's say that students are only motivated to raise money because they know they will see the fruits of their labors firsthand. In this case, we arrive at a dilemma. We could encourage students to give \$300, the price many service trip participants end up paying out of pocket, directly to charity — or we could continue to encourage them to raise \$1,400 apiece to go on a service trip. The question becomes: Is more good achieved when \$1,400 is spent inefficiently, or when

\$300 is spent efficiently? Three hundred dollars could easily save one life, if given to the correct charity. I simply don't know how many lives per participant service trips save, if any. I am sure it depends on the service trip. If for every \$1,400 spent sending one college student on a service trip, at least one life were saved, then going on that trip could, in fact, be one way to maximize moral good. But accepting this last part requires the assumption once again that it is implausible to expect a college student to be able to raise that

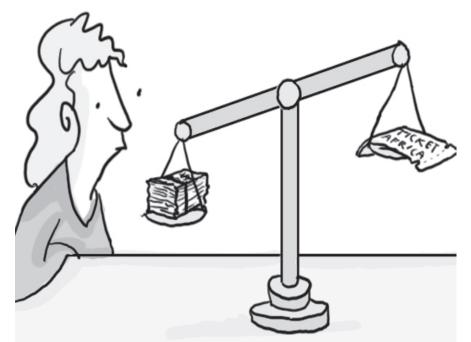
money and just give it straight to an efficient charity.

I hope that in making my donation, I have shown this last assumption to be false. I believe that many College students like myself are already motivated to help the world's desperately poor, and that this comprises a substantial part of what motivates them when they raise the money for their service trips. For this reason, if what we care about above all is doing good,

then we should give to charities that are proven to successfully help those they aim to help, do so in a cost-effective manner, have potential for productive growth, and make their records available for those who ask to see them.

Some service trips may satisfy these criteria, but no one knows. Until they do, I feel better placing my money elsewhere. After all, this is a matter of life and death.

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OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

VARIETY

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Serving a delicious mix of culture and cuisine

By CAITLIN FAIRCHILD Flat Hat Photos Editor

Sibilla Dengs '98 has found her niche in Williamsburg. Customers have responded well to her blend of the culinary and visual arts at ArtCafé 26, located in Newtown, which is part art gallery and part European cafe.

"One Saturday I had so many people walking around looking at the artwork that I had to call them back to say we served them their food," Dengs said.

Dengs, originally from Aachen, Germany, earned a B.A. in Art History from the College of William and Mary. During that time, she found her passion in "Art of India," a class taught by Professor Joseph Dye '67.

The following year she headed to the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and earned her Masters degree in Eastern Asian Art.

After earning her degree, she worked with art galleries throughout Germany in Essen, Dusseldorf and Cologne. Her connection to the College drew her back to the United States.

"The College is very important to me," she said. "We all have the tendency to realize how much we take with us, but only once we leave. What I missed most here was being able to create something for myself."

Dengs orginially thought to open an art gallery in Williamsburg, but was hindered by a lack of local connections. However, her idea grew with help from friends and colleagues.

Despite these setbacks, the ArtCafe finally opened in 2006.

"I really want this place to be an escape, a place that's different from chain restaurants," Dengs said. "I bring over a different chef every year, it helps to vary the cuisine."

While customers love the cuisine and warm atmosphere, often the first draw to the cafe is the artwork. Chad Hummel '09, a resident of Newtown last year, originally wandered in curious about the name of the restaurant.

"Both my roommate and I painted and do 2-D media," Hummel said. However, he soon became a regular customer.

"Sabilla is awesome. She knew us by name and showed us love every time we came in," Hummel said. "They have exquisite coffee, it was by far my favorite breakfast place."

The cafe presents five exhibits per year, one artist from the United States and four international artists. The current exhibit, which can be seen till April 14, is called "Pastoral Life." It is a series of paintings by Susan Brabeau. Five paintings from the show have

already been sold.

When choosing the artists to feature at the cafe, Dengs said she considers the current mood.

"You have an inert feeling about what people want to see," she said. "People need to buy what speaks to them."

One of her most successful shows, "Egg-o-centric," featured a series of photographs by French artist Christolph Avril, who combined images of traditional French breakfasts with scenes from Parisian street life.

The paintings of German artist Franz Lauter were also popular with incoming customers and art collectors.

predominantly "His paintings create a very happy summer feeling, traditional but abstract at the same time," Dengs said.

Dengs said she is keen to see more arts in the community, specifically the arts district proposed by the Williamsburg City Council.

"Here, we do not have an arts community, but we do have a lot of collectors," Dengs said. "It's important to have access to discover the arts. We need to move forward to the 21st century."

Dengs herself plans to keep moving

forward, particularly

in the area of community service. She will hold a fundraiser on April 15 in order to help Beyond Boobs, a breast cancer awareness organization.

"I'm a great believer in helping where you live," Dengs said. "I would love to see students come."

She is also planning on hosting a black tie event in April as homage to the composer Frédéric Chopin to celebrate his 200th birthday.

"We'll have live music and it'll be a cultural expression of music and art," Dengs said.

"One dream is to have a French breakfast pajama party maybe from 7 to 11 p.m. at night, just for [William and Mary] students," she said. "Wouldn't that be fun?"

Dengs' said her goal is to expose the local community to artwork and the art community at large — not necessarily to make money off of the art.

"You don't need to buy art, you just need to experience it," she said. "Everyone can learn to read a paining. That is what makes any place successful, if it makes you comfortable."





After opening in 2006, Artcafé 26 has mixed creative continental cuisine with contemporary art. Owner and founder Sibilla Dengs '98 was inspired to open the cafe by her passion for European culture, exposing the public to a wide variety of art and her love of Williamsburg. The cafe features five exhibits and a new chef every year.

CONFUSION CORNER

Admitting oddities for acceptance

Emily Walker

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



As students at the College of William and Mary, we often become so wrapped up in the campus community that we forget how people outside the College view us. I have recently begun volunteering at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions once a week, talking to prospective students and their families while they wait for campus tours. These interactions have made me think about the College's reputation, both on and off campus.

I am fairly certain that the admissions office would cringe at my encounter with a shockingly large tour group of football recruits on Kappa Delta's Campus Golf day. I hate to think what the poor parents thought as they watched me galloping across the Sunken Garden, dressed as a dalmatian and trailed by a crew of firemen. "Just another Saturday at the College," I wanted to explain. Ironically, while the parents were probably horrified at the public display of (ahem) "happiness" that is rampant on days like Blowout

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Double Take hits highs and lows

By MARY BONNEY Flat Hat Assoc. Variety Editor

It's hard to believe that two years of preparation comes down to a 12-minute set. It's also difficult to imagine a group more into a cappella than DoubleTake, but this would be a weekend full of surprises.

The afternoon information meeting for the International Championship of Collegiate A cappella looks more like a beauty pageant than a singing competition. All the girls in the only all-girl ensemble are nervously biting their nails with their hair still in curlers.

Six other groups are already in Aycock Auditorium at the University of North Carolina -Greensboro when the members of DoubleTake take their seats. Varsity Vocals, the company running the event, begins roll call, and each group loudly cheers after their name.

A member of the Spartones, the a cappella group hosting the competition at UNC-G, takes the microphone.

"First off, there's an after-party."

Someone from the crowd screams, "That's all that matters."

Lindsay Howerton, director of Varsity Vocals, announces the first semifinal event of this year's competition. "You should be proud you got this far."



MARY BONNEY — THE FLAT HAT

Members of DoubleTake practice their set before competing at the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella over spring break. The group did not place.

Member of DoubleTake Barret Armbruster '10, however, is quietly worrying about the stage setup, saying, "The condenser microphones are in the middle, which doesn't bode well for us since we are usually in a straight line."

Condenser microphones pick up sound

from many directions, compared to dynamic microphones, which only pick up what is right in front of them.

The groups intently listen as the emcee

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When you find yourself in ...



Professor reluctant to give game show results after taping

By SHELLY HOLDER

The Flat Hat

College of William and Mary English professor Colleen Kennedy recently appeared on "Jeopardy!" — but she can't tell you anything about it. Kennedy is under a strict policy of secrecy concerning the results of her recent appearance until the episode airs in late May.

"I can say very little about what actually happens during the game," Kennedy said. "We're sworn to secrecy."

The secrecy of the show does not detract from the appeal of 'Jeopardy' for Kennedy or the other alumni and faculty who have appeared on the show in the past. Erin McGrew Herndon '92 won \$30,000 in 2002, Jeff Spoeri '87 won over \$100,000 in 2006, and Patrick Tucker '87 won over \$100,000 in 2009 along with the title of "College Champion." But Kennedy can't release news of her success or other outcomes for a few more weeks.

"No," Kennedy said, resisting prodding with a big gulp of coffee. She has no problem, however, discussing what attracted her to audition for 'Jeopardy.'

"I've always loved the show since I was a kid and I always wanted to be on it," Kennedy said. "I never thought about doing it until the online tests came out. Since I didn't have to go to a major city, I finally tried out."

The online test was the first round of the application process and was, followed by another monitored handwritten test.

"You play a part of a game and there's an interview," Kennedy said. After an interview in Washington, D.C. she was invited onto the

Kennedy wasn't reimbursed for travel costs to the Los Angeles studios.

"Third place pays \$1,000, second \$2,000 and the winner gets what they earn each game, so in that sense they reimburse," she said. "And they get you a great rate at a very nice hotel."

The contestants weren't in constant competition. "We hung out at night," Kennedy said. She even exchanged pictures from the



DANIELLE KERVAHN — THE FLAT HAT

English professor Colleen Kennedy recently returned from Los Angeles where she taped for the popular television show "Jeopardy!" Her episode or episodes will air in late May or early June.

filming days with the others by e-mail.

Taped Feb. 9 and 10, her students might have expected a break from classes, but Kennedy arranged things differently.

"Well, [classes] weren't exactly cancelled," she said. "I team teach one class, so the other professor took over for that day, and the other I had them watch a film."

Kennedy's teaching and research interests include the intersection of film and literature, but she said this did not directly help her in answering 'Jeopardy' questions — not that she is allowed to give away any information about the questions.

"As a professor, I like to play Trivial Pursuit with my friends, which helped, but not my research," Kennedy said.

To prepare for her appearance, Kennedy didn't study or read anything in particular other than the New York Times and the "New York Almanac."

"You have to be as aware as you can about a broad array of categories, about who's married to whom — just as much as politics," Kennedy said. "But you can't say one thing was a huge help. It wasn't like 'Oh, thank God I read it."

Despite her preparation, Kennedy said she became increasingly nervous as the day of filming approached.

"When I got the call [to come film the shows] I was very excited," she said. "When I got on the plane, I became scared. Then when I was in the studio, I was terrified. It hits home that you might make a complete idiot of yourself on national television."

Kennedy will appear on ABC when the episode or episodes in which she participated air between May 24 and June 4. Kennedy said these dates shouldn't provide any hints.

As for the overall experience of being a contestant on the show, Kennedy had only the best to say about the 'Jeopardy' experience.

"Of course I recommend ['Jeopardy'] to anyone who wants to try," she said.

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and Campus Golf, the prospective students were likely delighted at the idea of participating in such debauchery for the next four years.

These episodes remind me of what non-William and Mary students must think of the College and its proximity to Colonial Williamsburg. When asked by one particularly charming mother at the admissions office what living "next door to a theme park," was like, I naively assumed that she was referring to Busch Gardens. I took this as a cue to brag about the College's discount day at the park and the advantages of living a mere 10 miles from such a renowned amusement park. I was dismayed to realize that she was, in fact, contemptuously referring to CW as a theme park. I suppose she equated colonial reenactors, horse-drawn carriages, masses of elementary students and the occasional fireworks show with the makings of a theme park. As this realization dawned on me, I grew defensive of what I consider to be America's historic playground and assured her that most students do not consider CW a mere amusement park. She simply scoffed at my response and held fast to her opinion that living across the street from historical recreation was an undesirable and simply ridiculous thing to do.

Following my conversations with the high schoolers and their parents, I began to reflect upon the college tour that I had taken as a junior in high school. I certainly hope that I didn't seem as naive as this year's applicants, although I have a sneaking suspicion that college students regarded me with just as much, if not more, frustration and pity. I vividly remember taking tours of colleges up and down the east coast, hearing the same, predictable questions over and over again. It was always the parents, usually the mothers, demanding information about the average SAT scores, the number of campus organizations and the quality of the dormitories.

In retrospect, I realize that no tour guide or admissions officer in their right mind is going to provide totally honest answers to these questions. When asked how I have liked my dorm rooms over my past three years at the College, I diplomatically respond that they have been of the highest quality and comfort level.

I refrain from sharing the fact that, as a sophomore, I was lodged in a basement room the size of a small storage closet. Nor do I mention that this room was kept at a constant of 90 degrees, or that I had the company of approximately 35 friendly cockroaches throughout the school year.

It is right that we should downplay these issues which, in the scheme of things, are secondary to the real substance of college life. Looking back, it seems that touring a college campus on a day when hoards of students are dressed as the Spice Girls, Tetris blocks, the founding fathers or characters from "Cool Runnings" would have been by far the best indicator that this college was the place I wanted to be. After all, it is much more than just the dorm rooms, the hundreds of clubs and organizations on campus, and the colonial village across the street that make the College the place that it is.

Emily Walker is the Confusion Corner columnist. She sincerely hopes that all parents of prospective students refrain from reading this article. If her boss at admissions asks, the description of the dorm rooms was an exaggeration and in no way accurately reflects the condition of housing at the College.

DoubleTake brings talent to international competition

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emcee discusses how the sound system works. After he repeats "worst case scenario" enough times to make DoubleTake sufficiently nervous, it is

time to draw timeslots for the show.

David Boyd, the Spartones host assigned to DoubleTake, explains the procedure of choosing performance order as groups send representatives to draw their number.

"You want to go after the intermission so you're fresh in the judges' mind." DoubleTake draws sixth, the first group after intermission, which marks a good start to the competition.

Back in the dressing room, the members are a little on edge. Two members are absent due to a spring break service trip, including the soloist for their first song, Alix Bendicksen '12. Juliet Sabol '12 will be filling in, but the new setup is unfamiliar to the group.

"Missing two people is hitting us hard," Lauren Harrington '13 comments later over dinner.

"Fist of breath, biddies," Jake Nelson '11 says, beginning warm-ups by telling the group to blow air into their fists to engage the diaphragm. "We should do some gentle exercises since some people feel under the weather."

Dan Lefler '12 is carrying a gallon of water, his face contorting as he fights against a high fever and aching stomach. Several other group members are recovering from illness that plagued their spring break.

Director Ben McVety '10 takes the reins with his pitch pipe.

"You need to be uncomfortably rubbing up against the person next to you," he says regarding to the stage setup, adding some advice after their final run-through. "Look like we are having fun. Come in confident; don't hesitate. Engage the judges and the audience so they see your emotion on your face. Show

them our hard work."

The show opens with a Lady Gaga medley by Florida State University's All-Night Yahtzee, who have won nationals in the past. Their choreography is flawless and they put on a near-perfect performance. The next three groups don't seem to have the creativity or coordination needed to take first place. The first half of the competition closes with the University of Georgia's Accidentals. With their black tuxedo vests and red ties, unsettlingly similar to DoubleTake's uniform, they belt out an almost perfect 12-minute set. When the house lights come up, DoubleTake is understandably nervous. Even with six enthusiastic alumni screaming from the balcony's front row, there just isn't enough energy to inspire the group.

During their introduction, the emcee forgets DoubleTake's name — hopefully the judges won't. While there are no obvious mistakes or missed entrances, the confidence and attitude that normally set DoubleTake apart from other groups on campus just isn't there. They've let their nerves get the best of them and, while they don't deliver their best performance, DoubleTake walks off the stage with their heads held high.

After the judges deliberate, Howerton holds the sacred envelope in her hand as groups embrace each other, clasp their hands in prayer or start tearing up. All-Night Yahtzee takes a surprising third, but what clearly upsets all groups onstage is the all-male group Tigeroar from Clemson University placing second. Their lackluster choreography and simple arrangements make groups look at each other in confusion and outrage. Thankfully, only first place advances to nationals, which is deservingly awarded to The Accidentals.

Members of DoubleTake sift through the judges' comments upon returning to the dressing room and their voices overlap.



MARY BONNEY — THE FLAT HAT

Double Take members took some time to relax after their competition last week at an international a cappella competition at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. The group practiced for two years for the 12-minute set.

"They said our background vocals were luscious there? What does that even mean?"

"We went flat, I knew it."

"They loved the arrangement though — said we pulled it off."

— said we pulled it off."

DoubleTake continues to discuss their performance at their hotel later that night. Packed into a single room at the Days Inn with alumni, they drink and reminisce about previous years of competition. Despite the enforcement of quiet hours by a hotel employee around 1 a.m., there is a brief minute of hushed whispering and they continue

their conversation.

"Are you proud of DoubleTake? What did you think?" Chelsea Reba '12 asks former DoubleTake member Ryan Miller '09.

"You want to do well, you want to have fun," Miller says. "Who cares about winning? These are gonna be the times you remember anyways."

An a cappella tradition at parties is to have new members sing their audition songs. Ian Arthur '11 belts out "How Deep Is Your Love" as alumni listen,

clearly impressed.

When I wander into the lobby at

2 a.m. in a futile attempt to locate late-night food, an older guest in his pajamas is complaining loudly at the front desk.

"There's no sleeping in this hotel tonight with that party on the third floor. I'd be better off going to bed in my truck."

I want to tell him about the ten-hour drives, the weekly performances, the endless hours of practice, or the fact that DoubleTake is spending their spring break in a crummy hotel.

Instead, I just ask the hotel to order some Domino's.

SPORTS

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Sports in Brief

LACROSSE

Golden's goals not enough as Tribe falls to Virginia

The no. 18 Tribe (3-3) fell 14-7 Wednesday against sixthranked Virginia for its third loss of the season. A slow start doomed the squad as the Cavaliers outscored the College 7-2 in the first half en route to the victory. Junior midfielder Grace Golden led the Tribe with three goals while junior defenseman Sarah Jonson scooped up a career-high seven ground balls in addition to causing four turnovers. The College is now 1-3 against ranked opponents on the season.

BASEBALL

Davenport holds Terps scoreless in 5-2 victory

Sophomore first baseman Tadd Bower went 3-for-5 with an RBI double while sophomore pitcher Matt Davenport came on in relief to throw fiveand-two-thirds scoreless innings to help the Tribe (10-6) defeat Maryland 5-2 Wednesday. The College scored two runs in each of the first two innings as five players picked up RBIs in the ballgame. The win over the Terrapins is the second win in the last two weeks for the College over an ACC opponent.

MEN'S SOCCER

Brown signs with Timbers of United Soccer League

Former goalie Adin Brown '00 signed with the Portland Timbers of the United Soccer League the February 23rd. Brown returns to the United States after playing the past five seasons for Aalsunds FK in Norway. He was a threetime All-American at the College, leaving with school records in saves, shutouts, and save percentage. Brown was the third overall pick of the 2000 MLS SuperDraft by the Colorado Rapids. He led the Tribe to a CAA championship in 1999.

ATHLETE Focus

ANDREW PAVLOFF FRESHMAN, BASKETBALL



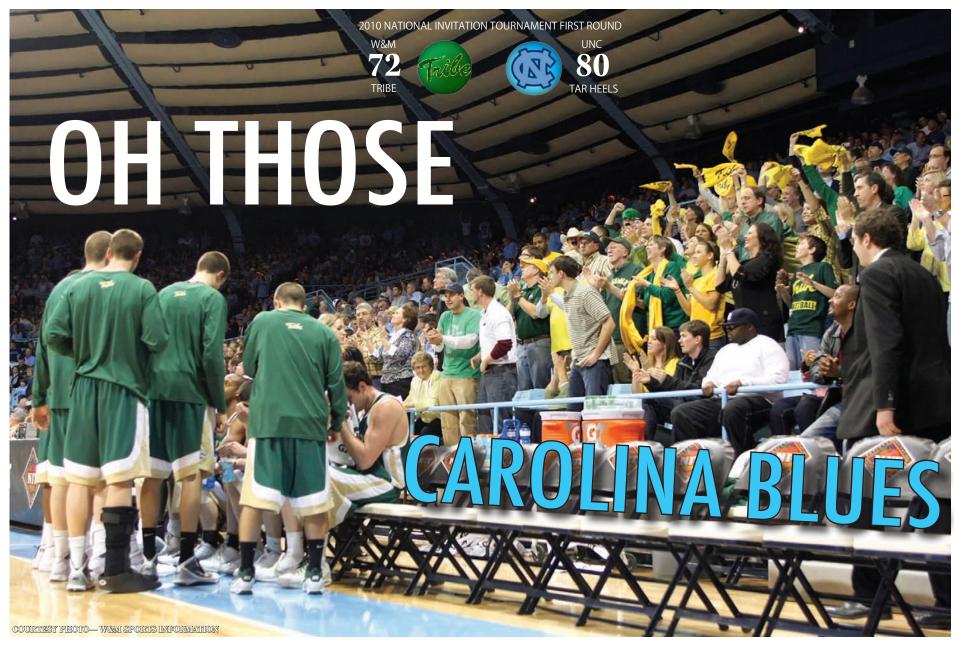
The Flat Hat caught up with freshman forward Andrew Pavloff to find out his take on the NBA, upperclassmen and more.

Who is your favorite NBA player? Lebron James because we're both from Akron, Ohio.

Of your teammates, who has had the biggest impact on you? Steve Hess. As a fellow big man, he's taught me about the game, but also about having the right attitude when it comes to the ups and downs of college ball.

Best advice you have ever received? Just have fun; it's just a game [from] my Dad.

Where do you see yourself in five years? Graduated from W&M with a business degree and making a living overseas playing professional basketball.



Season-high 16 three-pointers not enough to take down Tar Heels in first round of NIT

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Head Coach Tony Shaver sat alone before the podium at North Carolina's Carmichael Arena and looked down. William and Mary (22-11) had just fallen 80-72 to the Tar Heels in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament. Tears welled in his eyes as he gained his composure. Finally, Shaver raised his head

"I've coached a long time," he said, pausing to catch his breath. "But I've probably never been prouder of a group of kids than I am of these guys."

Shaver's squad had just taken the defending national champion Tar Heels to the wire, turning a 10-point halftime deficit into a late second-half lead before succumbing to the North Carolina pressure down the stretch.

"The way they played, the way they keep their composure, the schedule they faced this year, to play as well as they did was very impressive to me," Shaver said. "I'm happy to be a part of it."

The game got off to an ominous start for the Tribe, as Carolina scored the first nine points, sending the sellout crowd into a frenzy. But the College fought back behind a barrage of three pointers from senior guard David Schneider, senior forward Danny Sumner and sophomore forward JohnMark Ludwick.

The squad shot a season-high 43 attempts from beyond the arc, making 16. Schneider buried seven of his 15 three-point attempts as part of a 21-point, eightassist performance in his final collegiate game.

"[Schneider] played the way he always plays. I can't imagine playing without him. I really truly can't," Shaver said. "His effort, his intensity, his heart, are always on display. You won't find a kid playing the game harder than he does anywhere."

But soon shooters fatigue set in. Junior center Marcus Kitts, who amassed 12 points on six-of-seven shooting while guarding North Carolina's big men, fouled out with 3:43 remaining and the Tribe up by three points. The Tar Heels dominated the glass in Kitts's absence, outscoring the College 11-0 in the last four minutes.

Without Kitts the Tribe's offense fell apart.

We had people out of position, but I think [North Caroing game, the College had earned its respect. lina's] pressure forced the turnovers," Shaver said. "They really overplayed our pass to the post and got some key turnovers in that spot."

Sophomore forward Quinn McDowell did not play Tuesday due to a right-ankle injury suffered in the Tribe's CAA-semifinal win over Northeastern. With McDowell on the bench, the Tribe was missing one of its better defensive players on the interior and its best three-point shooter on the season.

McDowell's absence was felt on the game's deciding play with under a minute remaining and the Tar Heels up 75-72. Senior center Steven Hess was forced to the high post, McDowell's spot in the offense, and a Tribe pass intended for Hess was stolen by North Carolina forward Tyler Zeller. Zeller came around Hess's back and took the ball the length of the court for an uncontested slam dunk. The basket stretched the Tar Heel lead to five, and the home squad never looked back.

The turnover was one of 17 for the Tribe, which was outscored 38-20 in the paint and 10-2 on fast-break points. Although the College shot 41.9 percent for the game, the squad failed to make a field goal over the final 5:09.

When the buzzer sounded, a palpable sigh came "Our rotations weren't right at the end of the game. from the Carmichael Arena crowd. Over an electrify-

> "I remember telling our guys six years ago, I think we came here and got demolished in a ballgame," Shaver said. "We talked then about how we want our program to get to the point where we can walk in these arenas expecting to win, and our kids did that this year."

Seniors show off for Pro Day scouts

20 NFL scouts and a Hall of Famer put Tracy, Lissemore, Archer and others through workouts

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Early Wednesday morning, 20 NFL scouts, plus San Francisco 49ers Head Coach Mike Singletary, a Hall of Fame linebacker, watched intently as seven Tribe seniors attempted to improve their professional football prospects at William and Mary's annual Pro Day at

Quarterback R.J. Archer, safeties David Caldwell and Robert Livingston, defensive tackle Sean Lissemore, wide receiver D.J. McAulay, defensive end Adrian Tracy and tight end Rob Varno participated.

Zable Stadium.

The players ran through drills traditionally featured at the NFL combine, including the 225-pound bench press, vertical leap, standing broad jump and 40-yard dash, as well as various quickness and position drills.

"It was definitely exciting," Tracy, an All-CAA honoree, said. "A lot of people think William and Mary is an academic school and that we don't really have athletes. It was nice for them to see that we do have athletes that can play with the highest levels of competition, and it definitely felt good to have a chance to showcase the talent."

Tracy, who was the only Tribe player to also work out at the NFL combine in February, used Wednesday's Pro Day as a chance to improve his standing with scouts who took notice of him over the year. Although Tracy chose not to participate in any combine drills Wednesday, he ran through several position drills as scouts looked on.

During the combine, Tracy recorded a 40-yard dash time of 4.76 seconds, a vertical jump of 35.5 inches and 20 reps on the 225-pound bench press. CBS Sports currently projects Tracy as a sixth or seventh-round pick in the upcoming NFL Draft.

"I've had a lot of positive feedback from everyone who was here, and if they didn't speak to me here, they spoke to me at the combine," Tracy said. "The positive feedback I have had from everybody is definitely a confidence booster, making me feel like I do belong, and that all the hard work has paid off to certain extent. But there is still more work to be done."

Many eyes were also on Lissemore, who tried to leave a memorable impression on the scouts.

"I feel like I did well on all my drills," Lissemore said. "I hit the [225pound bench press] 36 times, which I think ranks third at the combine right now overall. On the vertical jump, I recorded 30 inches, which is respectable for weighing 298 pounds ... My 40-yard dash time was about 4.9 [seconds], which is right in the range that I need to be."

Lissemore believed the other seniors caught the attention of the scouts in attendance as well.

"I think that R.J. Archer did a great job," Lissemore said. "He is just one of those guys that can just do it all. Coming off of baseball and throwing the ball around the way he did, he really turned some heads ... I think David Caldwell had a heck of day. He had been flying under the radar for a number of rea-



Seniors David Caldwell, Sean Lissemore, R.J. Archer and Adrian Tracy take the field.

sons, but he is just a physical specimen and he really performed well."

Archer has been projected to make an NFL roster as an undrafted free agent by CDSDraft.com, and Tribe players and coaches have said that he has the potential to succeed at the next level. Caldwell talked to several scouts Wednesday and said that representatives from the Kansas City Chiefs and the New England Patriots have expressed interest.

With 20 scouts present, the event featured the biggest turnout in recent memory, a fact players attribute to the successful NFL careers of several College alumni. William and Mary has graduated two Super Bowl winners:

Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin '95 and New Orleans Saints safety Darren Sharper '97. Derek Cox '09 was a third-round draft pick by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2009.

"When we have guys coming out and performing real well, it helps us," Caldwell said. "If Derek Cox hadn't performed so well last year and made such an impact on the Jaguars, we wouldn't have had as much attention on Adrian and Sean, and that gave players like myself an opportunity to go off of Adrian and Sean. You just have to use whatever you can use when you come from a small school that's not used to putting out big name prospects."