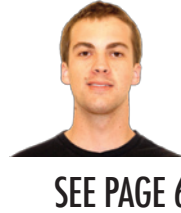




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Bite-size news you can use

Just in time for seniors to squeeze one more free meal out of their parents, The Trellis reopened yesterday in Market Square, under new management. Changes to the restaurant include a new interior design and a fully updated kitchen, as well as a new menu featuring American cuisine and locally grown produce. Never fear, as the popular dessert Death by Chocolate is still available.

No place like home?

Busch Gardens Europe in Williamsburg begs to differ. The park, named the "Most Beautiful Theme Park" in the nation for the 20th consecutive year by the National Amusement Park Historical Association, is offering free one-day admission to any British, Irish or continental European tourist stranded in the United States by the Icelandic volcanic ash cloud that is currently preventing air travel. Tourists must present a valid return ticket dated from Wednesday April 14th to Wednesday April 21st at the guest services window.

Similarly, Virginia Lt. Gov.

Bill Bolling (R) may not be able to find a flight from Florence, Italy in order to preside over a one-day session of the Virginia General Assembly, at which state legislators will vote on Gov. Bob McDonnell's (R) 96 proposed amendments to the state budgets. 83-year-old Charles Cogan (D-Prince William) will preside over the session if Bolling is unable to attend.

At least we're not the only

ones with student housing trouble. Georgetown University's 2010 Campus Plan, which calls for the addition of 3,000 graduate and professional students, has upset residents of the adjacent Burleigh community, who fear that their neighborhood will be adversely affected by the influx of students seeking off-campus housing. Neighborhood residents have filed recurring complaints of drunkenness, noise, public urination and bonfires occurring in and around the rental properties surrounding the university.

1,000 tickets for President

Barack Obama's graduation address at Hampton University were made available online yesterday and sold out in 10 minutes, according to a university spokesman. The commencement event is usually unticketed and open to the public, but counterfeit-proof tickets will be required for admission this year.

Beginning in July, custom-

ers will be allowed to sample beverages in Virginia's 330 Alcohol and Beverage Control stores. In an attempt to generate revenue, many states are contemplating changing laws concerning alcohol consumption and sale, such as forbidding liquor sales on Sundays and Election Day. ABC officials have specified that no customer may imbibe more than 1.5 ounces of alcohol at a tasting.

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Student audit suggests misuse

Fund used to pay graduate assistants

By SAM SUTTON
 Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

A report issued Monday following an independent student audit of the Consolidated Student Publication Reserve Fund has indicated that the Office of Student Activities used the fund to pay graduate assistants \$11,000.08 in 2007-08 and \$12,000 in 2009-10.

The auditors, Taylor Porter '11 and Leslie Lambert MBA '10, indicated in their report that the expenditures violated the Student Assembly and Publications Council contract, which stipulates when and how the fund can be used.

The CSP reserve fund exists outside the collective budget of the Publications Council, and is used as an auxiliary fund for council members including The Colonial Echo, The DoG Street Journal, The Flat Hat, The

Gallery, jump!, The Monitor (Journal of International Studies), Not Wythe-Standing the News, The Pillory, W&M Review, Winged Nation, WCWM 90.9 FM Radio and WMTV (Television).

The \$12,000 spent during the 2009-10 academic year was approved by Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D '06, who ran the use of the fund past the College's Internal Auditor Mike Stump.

"That particular expenditure is one I authorized as a temporary charge for a graduate assistant stipend, with the understanding that the account would be reimbursed this spring from a new student affairs endowment which I administer, and from which I can now for the first time draw funds," Ambler said in an e-mail.

The funds have not been reimbursed, but will be coming out of the Sadler Endowment, Ambler said.

According to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Constantine, the CSP Reserve Fund had been used to pay for graduate assistants prior to the existence of a Publications Council contract, which

was signed March 24, 200 by then-SA President Ryan Scofield '07 and Publications Council Chair Bradley Justus '07. The use of the fund was based on an agreement that was independent of the publications contract between the SA and the Publications Council.

"It was understood because that was how it had been done in the past," Constantine said. "The point of that contract was to stop publications [from paying staff members]."

The 2007 contract explicitly prohibits student publications from paying staffers. The contract also states: "The CSP [Consolidated Student Publications Reserve Fund] from the enactment of this contract forth will have a \$100,000 ceiling. Any and all funds that accrue above this amount will be transferred back to the Student Assembly into the Consolidated Student Activities Reserve Fund (CSA). All funds equal

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Ambler '88

College alumnus reports on riots in Central Asia

Dalton Bennett '09 covers Kyrgyzstan's revolution

By SARAH OWERMOHLE
 Flat Hat Staff Writer

Dalton Bennett '09 ducked into a hospital in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. After dodging gunfire on the streets, he followed a trail of blood to navigate the chaotic hallways.

Earlier that day, on the morning of April 7, thousands had gathered in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek to protest President Kurmanbek Bakiyev's corruption and alleged human rights violations.

By the end of the day, the government had fallen, Bakiyev had fled the city and over 80 people were dead following the outbreak of violence between police and protestors.

In the following weeks, former Foreign Minister Roza Otunbayeva stepped in as leader of the interim government and demanded Bakiyev step down from the presidency and face the charges against him. By April 15, Bakiyev was in exile in Kazakhstan, and had issued a letter of resignation. Otunbayeva is still demanding Bakiyev face charges.

Bennett, a reporter for EurasiaNet and the Sons of Hedin Foundation — which he founded — has been living in Kyrgyzstan since January, and found himself at the center of the historical government overthrow as it garnered international attention and coverage.

According to Bennett, there is a climate of uneasy peace in Bishkek.

"Things have returned to normal, more or less," he said.

Bennett said that this was a marked contrast from April 7, when the streets of the city were chaotic — protestors convened outside the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan's headquarters, and police broke out tear gas and rubber bullets to hold off those protestors. Eventually, both police and protestors began firing live ammunition, resulting in countless injuries and dozens of deaths.

"I wish on no one the things I saw," Bennett said, recounting stories of bodies being carried through the streets and the dead lying in the overwhelmed hospital. "At the hospital, I saw this older man in a suit and tie, shot in the back of the head. There was no chance of survival."

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Fraternity boycotts awards event

Opposition to Confederate month leads to tensions

By IAN BRICKEY
 Flat Hat News Editor

The College of William and Mary's Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. is working with the governor's office to mitigate tensions after the chapter decided to boycott a service awards ceremony in protest of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell's decision to proclaim April "Confederate History Month."

The decision to boycott the event has been met with support from other Alpha Phi Alpha chapters nationwide, and from members of the College community.

"We did not contact the national office, but so far many chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha have been supportive of our decision," Alpha Phi Alpha member Lamar Shambley '10 said in an e-mail. "They understand what we stand for and they understand why we have decided to boycott the event ... Many students, even some alumni, have e-mailed us supporting what we have done."

McDonnell named the College's

chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha a recipient of the Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award as an outstanding educational institution in Virginia.

"We were nominated for the award by way of the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship here at William and Mary," Shambley said. "We were chosen from a statewide pool of applicants as the winners of the award."

According to Shambley, the Alphas originally intended on attending the awards ceremony, but reconsidered

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Board of Visitors discusses budget at annual meeting

State funding cuts, new construction reviewed

By JILL FOUND
 Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary's Board of Visitors discussed budgeting issues, the needs of students and new building projects at its annual meeting April 14 to 16.

Committee on Financial Affairs Chairman Charles Banks said that final budget announcements would not be made until later this week at the earliest. Accordingly, no final decisions were made on tuition or the budget at the meeting.

"It's a little unusual where we are at this point in time," Vice President for Finance Sam Jones '75 said. "Our board meeting is slightly earlier than it normally is. The governor only on Wednesday released his suggested changes and amendments to the state's budget, [and] we're still digesting those changes ... and of course the veto session is not until next week."

Budget actions set forth by the Virginia General Assembly provide for a 3 percent bonus to faculty and staff salaries in 2011, if sufficient funds are available. Should the funds, which would total \$82 million, not be available, a proportional amount of what is available will be given as bonuses.

The General Assembly also instituted a one-day furlough for 2010, which universities could forego if they found another way to raise the funds to cover the day.

"We found the \$330,000 in additional savings or revenue to cover that, and so the president announced ... that we were skipping on the furlough, that we are not going to cut everybody's pay by that one day," Jones said.



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

The College of William and Mary's Board of Visitors annual meeting occurred April 14-16 in Blow Memorial Hall. The BOV discussed budget cuts, building construction and salaries, honored the men's basketball team and was visited by the College's new griffin mascot.

Jones said that, despite the worldwide financial crisis, the College's finances have gone fairly well.

"The bottom line is we're down almost \$17 million in state support, so that's about 32 percent reduction since all of this started," he said. "We're down about 12 percent when you have a total budget that includes not only state money, but [also] our tuition dollars."

While out-of-state students are expected to provide 100 percent of their cost at the College, General Fund Appropriations per in-state student have also been reduced dramatically from their 2000-01 high of \$10,470.

"In current dollars on a per-student basis, we're down about 32 percent [from 2001]," Jones said. "By [2012] we're down to less than \$7,000 per student of state support ... you do that on a constant dollar basis ... we're actually down about 48 percent."

Base budget reductions, which total \$8.152 million, have been distributed between 27.1 percent in staffing reductions, eliminating 32 positions on the main campus. A comparable number at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science,

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High 75° Low 52°	High 65° Low 53°	High 80° Low 55°

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A THOUSAND WORDS



SARAH VOGEL — THE FLAT HAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Law school applications rise 26 percent

Applications for the College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law Class of 2014 have increased 26 percent. The law school received over 6,000 applications from students across all 50 states for 200 available spots in the Class of 2014 — over 1,000 more applications than were received for the Class of 2013.

According to the Law School Admission Council, only 17 percent of accredited law schools in the country saw an increase in applications last year. Nearly 30 percent saw a decrease in applications for the 2010-2011 academic year.

College to host library dean candidate forums

The College of William and Mary will host three forums for members of the College community to meet candidates for the vacant dean of university libraries position.

The candidates will answer questions from search committee members, Earl Gregg Swem Library staff, administrators and students. Each candidate will also present his or her credentials and backgrounds to the community.

The forums are scheduled to occur April 22 at 3:30 p.m., April 27 at 3:30 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sadler Center's Tidewater ballroom. Candidate evaluation forms are available through www.wm.edu/librarydeansearch.

Gas leak closes law school building

The College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law closed for nearly an hour Monday due to a Freon leak in the building's basement.

A malfunction in an air-conditioning unit hose allowed the gas concentration to reach unsafe levels, triggering a gas detector in the building.

The school was evacuated at 11 a.m., and the Williamsburg Fire Department arrived on the scene by 11:15 a.m. Firefighters used fans to clear the gas from the basement and reopen the building.

— compiled by Jill Found and Ian Brickey

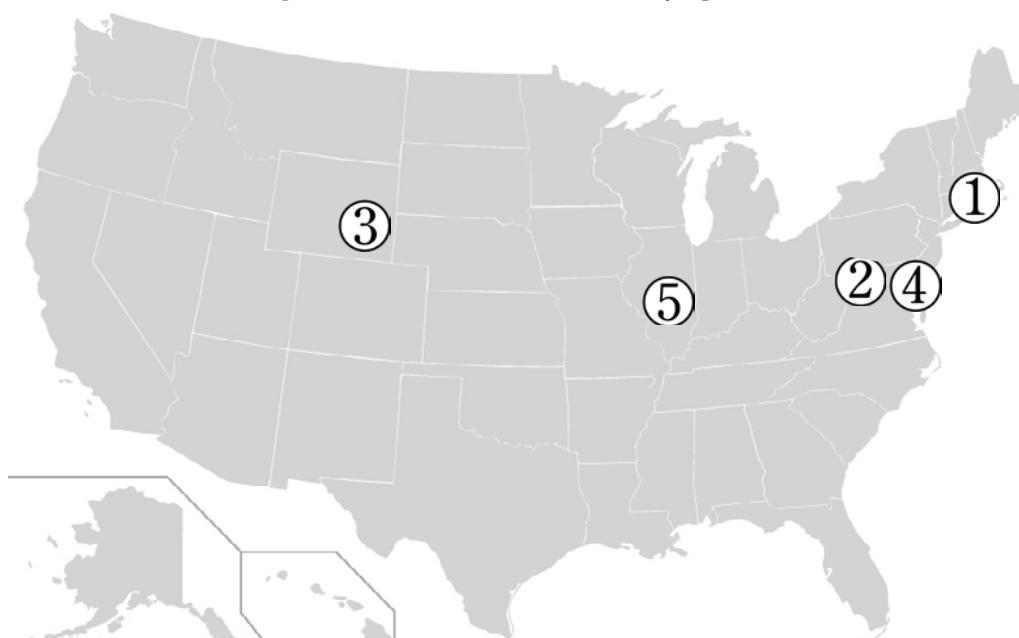
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Research conducted at Brown University is using robots to help stroke victims regain lost mobility. In a study of 127 stroke victims, those patients who used a new robot trainer — which put patients through repeated rehabilitation exercises — showed significantly more progress in regaining movement, as well as a better quality of life post-stroke than those patients who were treated by standard medical practices.

2 George Washington University has joined several other universities, including Cornell University and Princeton University, in banning students from using the Apple iPad on its campus. The GWU administration cited security concerns as the reason for the ban. The university's wireless network also does not allow iPhones or iPod Touches to connect. Cornell and Princeton claimed connectivity issues led to their banning of the device.

3 The University of Wyoming prohibited former radical Bill Ayers from delivering a speech at the university. The university banned Ayers from using any venue associated with the school to give a scheduled April 28 speech, but Ayers filed an injunction to allow him to speak, claiming a violation of his freedom of speech. Should their request not be granted, Ayers said that he plans to speak at a Laramie, Wyo. public forum.

4 The University of Maryland approved its first tuition hike for in-state students in five years. The 3 percent increase ends a tuition freeze on in-state tuition initiated in 2005. Out-of-state students will also see a 3 percent tuition hike. Tuition will decrease, however, for some out-of-state graduate students. The university's Board of Regents has said that the tuition hike will help settle Maryland's \$2 billion budget deficit.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Jill Found

5 Illinois scientists develop silk brain implant

Ultra-thin electrodes could aid in stroke, epilepsy recovery

By IAN BRICKEY
Flat Hat News Editor

A new implant could help patients recover from spinal cord injuries and prevent epileptic seizures.

The implant, developed by researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is constructed out of silk proteins and ultra-thin electrodes.

The silk compounds can be melted partially onto the surface of the brain, creating a closer connection between a patient's brain tissue and the implant's electrodes.

"These implants have the potential to maximize the contact between electrodes and brain tissue, while minimizing damage to the brain," Dr. Walter Koroshetz of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke said to Reuters.

In the past, traditional brain implants made of silicon have been shown to cause damage to the brain. Additionally, the implants often caused immune reactions within the bodies of patients, limiting their lifespan and effectiveness.

The silk itself is biocompatible, which allows it to interact with human soft tissues. It is also water-soluble, allowing it to dissolve into the brain and deposit only electrodes specially contoured to the patient's brain.

The electrodes themselves are only 2.5 microns thick — about one-fortieth the width of a standard sheet of paper. The thin width allows them to be implanted without a structured base for support

Tests showed that the uninhibited electrodes better captured information from patients' brains than did standard electrodes.

Experiments on the brains of anesthetized cats demonstrated that the implants could capture data when the cats were shown visual images.

Scientists hope that the higher levels of data accuracy could lead to advances in the treatment of spinal injuries and epilepsy. The electrodes could be programmed to detect brain signals indicating that the patient is having a seizure, and counteract it by sending out electric pulses. Additionally, electric pulses from the implant could be used to reroute brain waves in patients to control prosthetic limbs.

"They could provide a platform for a range of devices with applications in epilepsy, spinal cord injuries and other neurological disorders," Koroshetz said.

STREET BEAT

How would you creatively raise money for charity?



"Legalize, tax, and sell drugs."

Kevin Norris '11



"Dance competition."

Alison Ballard '10



"Benefit concert with student bands."

Ari Holland '12



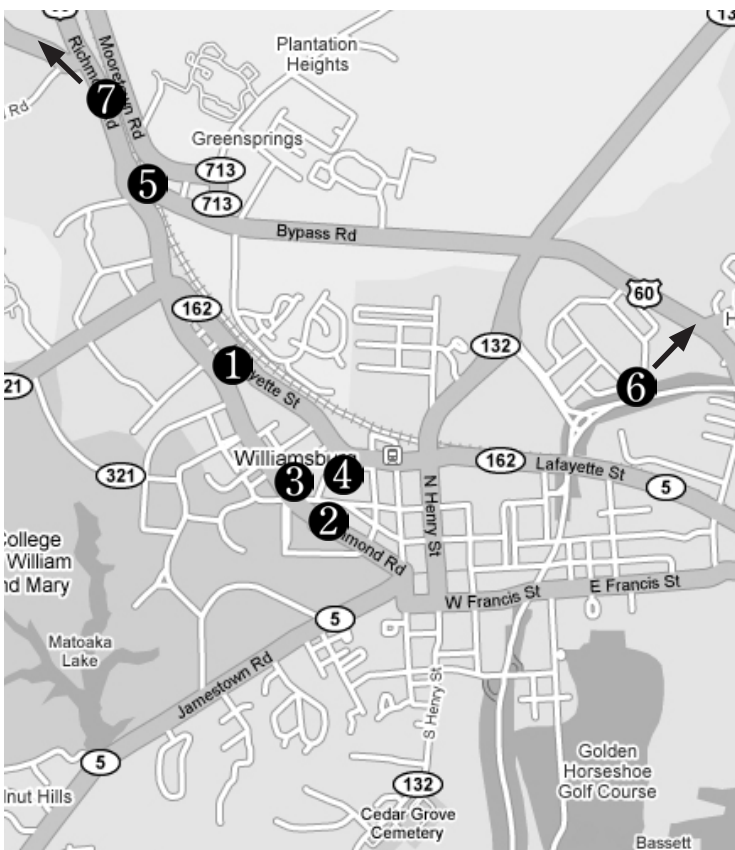
"Nighttime glow-in-the-dark t-shirt paint splattering."

Paul Burgess '13

— photos and interviews by Michelle Gabro

CITY POLICE BEAT

April 9 to April 15



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

1 **Friday, April 9** — There was a report of larceny at the Radio Shack on 1250 Richmond Rd. Five Boost Mobile phones were stolen, each valued at \$149.99.

2 **Sunday, April 11** — An individual was arrested for alleged shoplifting at the Wawa on Richmond Road.

3 **Monday, April 12** — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on the 400 block of Richmond Rd.

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4 — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on the 700 block of Scotland St.

5 **Tuesday, April 13** — An individual was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence at the corner of Richmond Road and Bypass Road.

6 — An individual was arrested for rape, abduction and assault at the 300 block of Merrimac Trail Rd.

7 **Thursday, April 15** — An individual was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence at the 500 block of Ironbound Rd.

— compiled by Jill Found

City and College agree on mixed-use Triangle Project

Complex could attract new businesses, raise tax revenue

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

When it comes to off-campus student housing, residents, city policymakers and students rarely see eye-to-eye. The Triangle Retail Project is an exception.

The project, which is being overseen by the College of William and Mary Real Estate Foundation, includes 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor, with 14 student apartments in the two stories above. The complex will occupy the property between the Williamsburg Baptist Church and Wawa along Richmond Road, and is expected to house 56 students.

"I think it's a really great idea," incoming Student Assembly President Chrissy Scott '11 said. "It's pretty much a win-win."

In recent Williamsburg Planning Commission and City Council meetings,

the project has been touted as an example of the type of development the city should encourage.

"It certainly will provide more housing for students," planning commission chairman and city council candidate Doug Pons said. "If you look at new projects around the country, [mixed-use development] has been popular."

Pons added that when the planning commission recommended increasing apartment occupancy limits to four people in the B-3 zoning district, the goal was to encourage property owners to redevelop with mixed-use complexes.

However, although Pons supports the project, he holds some reservations regarding its long-term impact on student housing.

As the College's student population expands, as is expected in the coming years, the demand for housing in Williamsburg will remain.

"I don't believe it's going to alleviate the need for [student] housing among residential neighborhoods," he said. "If we grow by 50, there's still a demand for housing elsewhere."

Pons is not the only city council candidate who supports the Triangle Project. Incumbent councilman Bobby Braxton and Scott Foster '10 have also voiced their support.

"It's great. It combines student housing, it's business," Braxton said. "A lot of students want businesses close to campus, so that that way, they don't have to walk to heck and back."

As city revenue declined over the past two years, attracting and retaining new businesses has become a high priority for city leaders. Developments along Richmond Road and at High Street have brought in high-traffic chain restaurants such as Domino's, Chipotle and Five Guys — all of which are subject to the city's five-percent meal tax.

According to a budget presentation delivered by City Manager Jackson Tuttle in March, revenues from the city's tax on hotel rooms have dropped significantly due to a decline in visitors

to Colonial Williamsburg. However, meal tax revenues have not been as severely affected.

Preliminary findings from the Student Life Survey administered by the Student Assembly and the Student Chamber of Commerce indicated that students would prefer a late-night diner to occupy any new developments within walking distance of campus — an option that Real Estate Foundation Executive Director Nancy Buchanan said is being considered for the Triangle Project.

"We hope to begin construction in July, so it's a pretty tight schedule," Buchanan said.

Although the city council approved the necessary zoning measures to allow construction to proceed at its Monday meeting, the Foundation still needs to get its final site plans approved by the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission.

"We looked at the exterior and felt it wasn't well proportioned," ARB Chairman Scott Spence said. "If they follow-up and make some of the changes we recommended ... I certainly think it'll have a good chance

at approval."

Buchanan said that the Foundation would be submitting its final site plan to the planning commission in the near future.

In addition to finalizing the site plans, the Foundation has also yet to determine how they will finance the project.

"We're hoping the project will finance itself, with income from the restaurants and student apartments," Buchanan said. "We've gone out to several bankers about financing."

Initially, the Triangle Retail Project was to be financed by the sale of the Foundation's commercial real estate in Newport News.

The property has yet to sell, which Buchanan attributes to the poor state of the real estate market.

Although overall planning for the project has not been finalized, the concept of having a student friendly business and apartment complex close to campus remains a popular one among students.

"Everything is about accessibility," Scott said. "Putting things further and further off-campus doesn't really help us much."

Alphas could meet with McDonnell

College understands fraternity's decision

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after McDonnell's proclamation.

"We were definitely planning on going," Shambley said. "We sent a letter to the governor proudly accepting the award, but we decided against attending the event. incredibly grateful to be recognized for our years of hard work, but after hearing of Confederate History Month, we simply chose to not be in attendance."

McDonnell's office could not be reached for comment.

Although Alpha Phi Alpha will not be attending the awards ceremony, a meeting with McDonnell could occur in the future.

"The governor's office has been working with us in resolving the matter," Shambley said. "We plan to meet with Governor McDonnell in the upcoming days

so that we can foster a serious conversation about the implications behind Confederate History Month and his initial omission of slavery in his declaration."

College Spokesman Brian Whitson said that the College supports Alpha Phi Alpha's community service efforts and recognizes its decision to boycott the ceremony.

"We are very proud of the service and dedication that Alpha Phi Alpha provides the campus and local communities," he said. "We understand why they decided not to attend last week's reception. It's good to know that they have now agreed to meet with the governor's office to have a meaningful discussion on these issues. Ultimately, Shambley said that the dialogue opened within the community was worth declining McDonnell's invitation.

"If there has been anything that I have learned in the past four years as a William and Mary student [it] is that I have the capability to create conversation about something that I consider unfair or immoral. We're happy that the governor's office has listened to our letter and has opened the floor for conversation."

Audit response urges reform

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to or below \$100,000 will become the sole possession of the Publications Council. Only the Publications Council will have the ability to make expenditures from this fund."

According to Publications Council Chair Meredith Howard '11, Constantine made the council aware of the expenditure at a meeting earlier this year. He also made clear that the money would be reimbursed.

"At the time ... none of the council seemed very upset," Howard said. "According to our contract, it would seem to be a violation ... it would have been preferable if he had made it known at the time of the withdrawal."

The position funded by the withdrawal — which was assigned to the Office of Community Engagement Services — was created during the summer of 2009, prior to the council's first meeting of the current academic year.

According to Constantine, the \$11,000.08 withdrawn from the account for the 2007-08 year was for a position that had been established prior to the signing of the Publications Council contract. The use of reserve funds for graduate assistants was eliminated during the 2008-09 year, only to be reinstated this year as a way to temporarily fund the position in OCES.

The report also alleges that the Office of Student Activities improperly reconciled its day-to-day finances with Banner, which the College of William and Mary uses for financial recording.

A written response to the audit from the executive branch of the SA urged that the College implement the recommendations of the student auditors, which include separating the duties of administrators within the Office of Student Activities to establish more accountability, a better accounting of day-to-day accounts within the office and additional investigation into the usage of the reserve fund.

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BOV examines student affairs



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT
The Board of Visitors remained positive about the College's financial situation despite focusing on cuts. They also discussed new projects in the works concerning student life and academics.

Greek life, building construction discussed

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the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and the Mason School of Business were responsible for 11.6 percent of the budget cuts. The elimination of a 2008 salary increase provided 18.2 percent of the reduction, and 43.1 percent of cuts were in non-personnel operating expenses.

Despite the cuts, the committee remained positive about the effort put forth and the results which have stemmed from it.

"We haven't had to do massive layoffs like a lot of universities, colleges and businesses around the United States, and we have been able to make continued investments for the future benefit of the College," Banks said. "I think [Jones] and the people that work on this budget, adjusting the expenses over the past several years, have done a remarkable job at finding money."

The committee also passed a resolution to reevaluate the cash management investment policy every three years, replacing the wording that had the policy being reevaluated "periodically."

The Committee on Development and Alumni Affairs discussed the performance of the William and Mary Investment Trust — part of the endowment — which increased from \$328.2 million in June 2009 to \$369.7 million in Dec. 2009. The total endowment — which includes the investment trust, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Coca Cola fund, the BOV and the business school — increased from \$494.8 million to \$540.6 million over the same time period.

At the Committee on Student Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D '06 discussed progress made on the department's goals.

The first goal of Student Affairs was to revise the plan

for assisting students with the transition from high school to college by changing the Preparing for Life as a University Student Program for 2010 and enhancing the focus on transfer students.

"We have a staff person at the dean of students office ... specifically focused on transfer student needs," Ambler said.

Ambler said she hopes to expand internship opportunities for students by focusing on adding internships to the Career Center database and developing a marketing plan for the new Cohen Career Center with the central theme of "W&M for a lifetime."

Ambler also presented a report on the College's Greek community, which summarized the findings of the Coalition Assessment Project's report on Greek life at the College released earlier this year.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds met to discuss planned improvements to facilities at the College and VIMS.

Construction at VIMS includes an 8,000 square-foot, \$3.7 million Sea Water Laboratory, a 4,600 square-foot research storage facility costing \$641,000, a \$1.2 million shoreline erosion control facility and a 10,000 square-foot field support center costing \$2 million.

"We'll be turning dirt, and that will be coming out of the ground in the next month," VIMS Dean and Director John Wells said.

Vice President for Administration Anna Martin gave updates on buildings currently being worked on at the College, including the nearly finished School of Education.

"The School of Education is coming along extremely well," Martin said. "We'll be moving people into offices the week after Commencement."

Phase one of the renovations

to Small Hall have been completed, renovations of Andrews Hall — which were slated to occur in 2002 but were postponed due to a lack of funds — are scheduled to be made. Tucker Hall will also receive funds for its renovations.

Martin also discussed renovations of the lodges to retrofit into an eco-village. Renovations for each lodge would cost between \$200,000 and 300,000.

Bennett reports on violence

Articles appear in The Atlantic, PBS

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Looters filled the streets, and the Bishkek night was punctuated by gunshots from gangs and police forces.

"That night, the city was in total lawlessness," Bennett said.

The situation did not improve the second day. Bennett said he did his best to remain composed during the riots.

"It was filled with total fear and chaos," Bennett said. "You just try to maintain a grip on reality and stay strong, because you have a job to do."

Bennett, who graduated from the College of William and Mary in December 2009 with a B.A. in government, began to focus on Central Asia following a semester in the William and Mary in Washington program and a year abroad in China. Through the Washington, D.C. program — which was centered on post-conflict state building — Bennett cultivated an interest in states within the Soviet sphere of influence.

"I found [the region] to be a fascinating and peculiar place," he said.

Bennett said that classes with government professors Paula Pickering and Rani Mullen gave him experience with world affairs.

"I got exposed to a lot that was going on," Bennett said.

Following graduation, Bennett and a friend established the Sons of Hedin, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a global understanding of Central Asia. The organization was named for Sven Hedin, a Swedish scholar

who explored and mapped the region.

Since January, Bennett has worked primarily as a reporter for EurasiaNet, a Central Asian online newspaper, and as a journalism instructor at American University of Central Asia. Following the violent protests last week, he has contributed articles and interviews to The Atlantic, PBS and multiple radio networks, offering firsthand accounts of the events as they develop.

"Obviously, the political order in the country has been redefined," he said. "The new government is the best shot [Kyrgyzstan] ever had at true democracy."

The interim Kyrgyz government has discussed setting up a parliamentary government, which would be the first in a post-Soviet country.

While the U.S. government has recently signaled its support for the new Kyrgyz government, the American response was not immediate, a fact that Bennett feels greatly impacted sentiment in Kyrgyzstan, a country crucial to U.S. strategy in the war in Afghanistan.

"The biggest deal is how much credibility the U.S. has lost, given their response to everything," he said. "In the streets, there is pretty widespread disillusionment with the U.S."

However, both the U.S. and Russian governments offered economic aid to the new Kyrgyz government April 14, and the United States sent senior diplomats to Kyrgyzstan to meet with the interim government, signaling American support for the new regime. Both the United States and Russia maintain military air bases in the country, and Kyrgyzstan continues to be a critical base of support in Central Asia for the two powers.

Bennett said he will continue to report from Bishkek as the future Kyrgyz government continues to take shape.



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Bennett has been reporting on Kyrgyzstan's revolution from Bishkek, located near the border with Kazakhstan.

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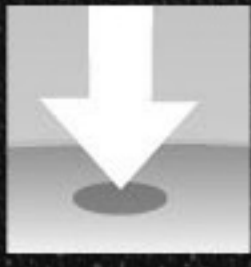
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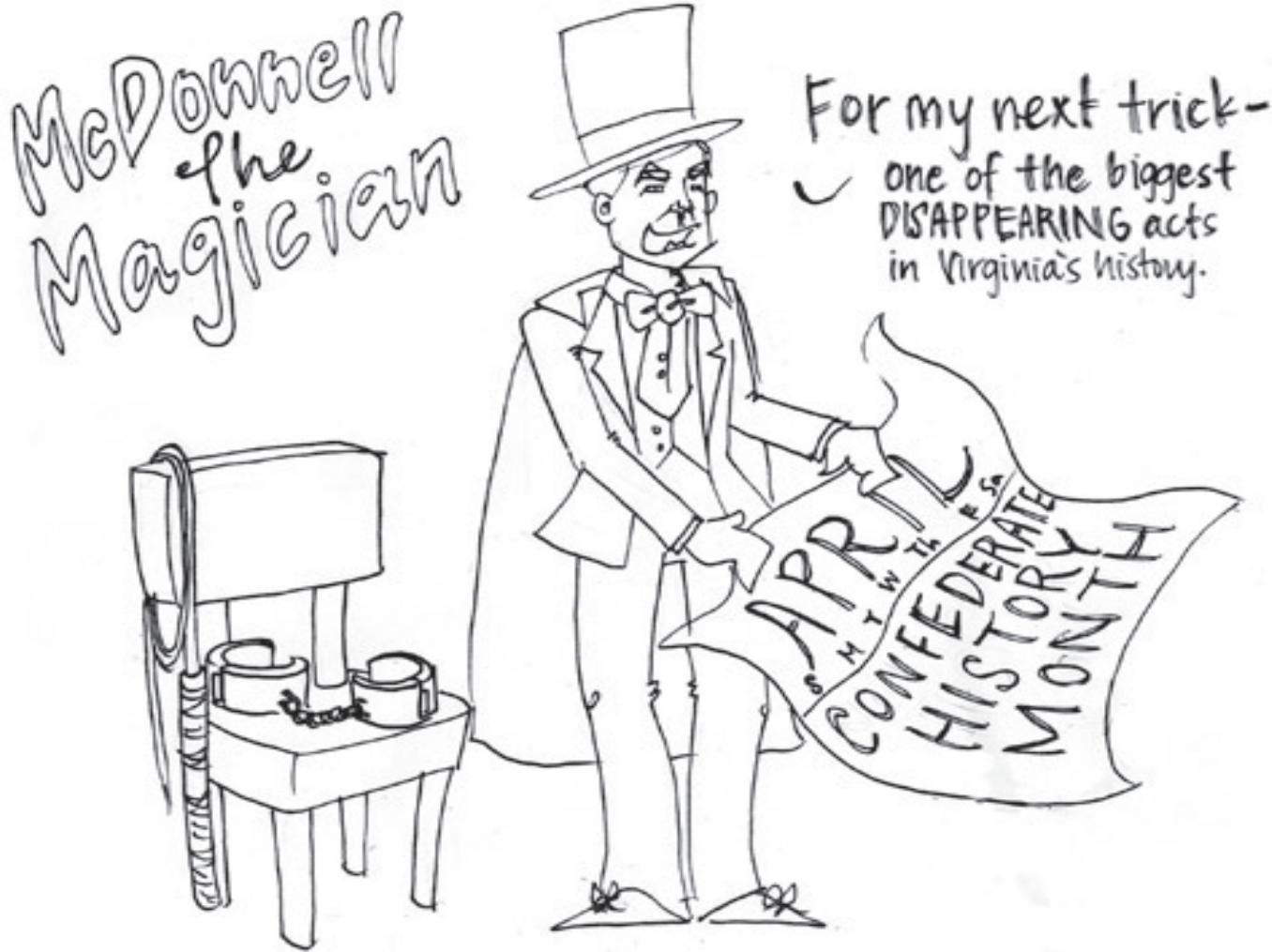


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THE HONOR COUNCIL: DISSENTING VIEWS ON REFORM

Reform, not public revolt, is needed for council

Ben Arancibia

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



The first honor code in the country was established at the College of William and Mary in 1779, at the request of Thomas Jefferson. After 230 years of uninterrupted service, questions are being raised about the Honor Code and the procedures associated with it. I strongly believe that it is necessary to review the process used to conduct Honor Code proceedings and reevaluate the Undergraduate Honor Council. However, the public dissection of trials does more harm than good and misses an important point: The Honor Code is a fundamental part of the College, and what needs evaluation are the procedures of the Honor Council.

Recent events and elections on campus indicate that there is dissatisfaction among students with the conduct of the Honor Council, but the implications of disseminating intimate facts about specific cases are very serious.

Although accommodations for students' privacy are made, the faculty are often not provided with the same concern. The proceedings of the Honor Council are supposed to be confidential, and the public discussion of intricate details does not advance the cause of systemic reform.

As a matter of fact, publicly discussing specific cases and questioning the practices of individuals may cause faculty and students not to want to participate in trials and investigations. Faculty could be discouraged from reporting honor violations to

the Honor Council if they think their participation will be open to second guessing and speculation without full disclosure of all the facts.

In the case of young faculty, the situation is very worrisome, since they may not wish to be demonized on the many websites and blogs where students rank teachers. We know that it is very easy for a student to get other students' sympathy, but it is difficult for a teacher to get rid of a reputation for being harsh or unreasonable. In the case of students interested in serving on the Honor Council, there is concern that many good students may not run for a position on the council if they feel their participation will be subject to second guessing in public forums, personal attacks and general misrepresentations of their opinions.

Discussing intimate facts about certain Honor Council cases without protecting faculty members and questioning Honor Council decisions does a disservice to the Honor Code. I think it would be more appropriate if all these details were presented before the Student Assembly and President Taylor Reveley. Simply lambasting the Honor Council will not provide any incentives for the Honor Council to reform from within; if anything, it will just elicit anger from its members, and nothing constructive will occur.

As stated before, the implications of Honor Council improprieties are very serious, and Reveley should order an investigation to determine the best method for reforming the honor system. Until then, it would be most beneficial if students were to sit down with the Honor Council and voice their concerns. Hopefully the council can explain the reasoning behind some of its surprising decisions.

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The public dissection of trials does more harm than good to the Honor Code.

Honor Council makes mockery of judicial process

Erik Houser

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



If you haven't heard about it yet, all of you should become familiar with the recent Undergraduate Honor Council controversy. Documents from three separate cases portray a very troubling image of the organization. The conclusion is mind-blowing in some ways because of how upsetting it is — students are being unfairly treated and punished by the Honor Council, our supposedly neutral judicial organization. It's clear from reading about the issue that the Honor Council has to change, and that it has to change immediately to make sure nothing like this ever happens again. We deserve better, and our Honor Code deserves better.

In all of the stories, a central theme becomes clear: The Honor Council doesn't trust the student body. Instead of treating students as innocent until proven guilty, we are treated as guilty until proven innocent. This is a problem. If the Honor Council cannot trust us, then we cannot trust the Honor Council. The College of William and Mary Honor Code states, "In a community devoted to learning, a foundation of honor among individuals must exist if that community is to thrive with respect and harmony among its members." I could not agree more. We all give the Honor Pledge during orientation, in which we collectively entrust the Honor Council with the guardianship of the College community from those who lie, cheat, and steal. But what happens when those we have elected violate the very code they have sworn to protect and uphold?

In the last Honor Council election, only nine people ran for eight positions in the Class of 2011. Seven of the winners were returning members. Only 10 people ran for eight positions in the Class of 2012. Six of the winners were returning members. A system has been created that ensures election for the most visible and popular people running — the current members.

What should be a fair and impartial judicial process has been corrupted by the realities of electoral politics. As someone in an elected position at this school, I know all too well that people who

run for office have inflated egos. This is a major problem when ruining a student's life is at stake. The Chancellor of the College, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, has made it her priority issue since leaving the bench to end the election of judges. In March she stated, "We are the only nation in the world that elects its judges. We are just way out in left field on this." I agree with our Chancellor. While our Honor Code may be the oldest in the country, the organization meant to protect it is not quite as sacred. The council is considerably younger than the code, and it can and should change with the times.

There seems to be a consensus among many people that change must be made. One extreme solution is to abolish the Honor Council. After all, 25 percent of the student body voted to abolish it on March 31. While it's not a majority, this figure shows that a significant portion of us are distrustful. The other extreme solution is to keep things mostly the way they are with a few cosmetic differences. Both of these options are unacceptable, and a compromise is desperately needed.

We need an honor council. This version, however, hasn't proven to be up to the task. So we need a new honor council. There are a number of ideas floating around, and they all deserve full consideration. Two examples include (1) ending elections and (2) removing power from the current members, instead letting the judging be done by a random jury of our peers. These changes should be discussed over the next week, with the Honor Council substantively modified by the time this semester ends. Opponents of reform are trying to stall until the summer in the hope that momentum fades. That isn't acceptable — change must happen now before another student is given an unfair trial, since final exams are traditionally the busiest time of the year for the Honor Council.

If the administration and the current council aren't willing to give us changes, then we need to give them changes. Deliberation of this reform will need to be as transparent and public as possible. To that end, later this week a public forum will be publicized where all members of the community are invited to come and voice their opinions. This is a hugely important issue, and it will affect present and future students at the College for decades to come.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A disappointing find

Ofentimes, it's with the best of intentions that we make the worst of our mistakes. Such is the case, it seems, in the College of William and Mary's Office of Student Activities's recent unauthorized allocation of student reserve funds. The actions of Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Constantine and Vice President of Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D '06, in using money from the Consolidated Student Publication Reserve Fund to pay graduate student wages, are both completely inappropriate and indicative of a failed funding system.

Constantine, with the approval of Ambler, made the decision to fund a newly created graduate stipend with publications money, mainly because an endowment assured to repay the expense at the end of the spring semester. But the CSP Reserve Fund should never have been used to this end in the first place. It was created to deal with the unexpected incidental expenses of student publications, and graduate student wages in the Office of Community Engagement Services clearly fall outside this scope. The Student Assembly's Consolidated Reserve, on the other hand, serves a more varied purpose. The Office of Student Activities had every opportunity to appeal instead for those SA funds. This would have been the correct channel for Ambler and Constantine to follow. Instead, they went to the CSP Reserve Fund, seemingly because drawing from its leftover funds involved the least amount of hassle.

This cannot become a tolerated practice. Funding decisions should not be made based on what money can most easily be grabbed, no matter how properly. That the money would be paid back by year's end is no reason to forego formalized procedures. Money planned to be used to pay back the CSP Reserve Fund could quite easily have been diverted, and if it was, the publications would have been left without one-sixth of their total reserve funds.

The 2007 contract with the SA stipulates that "Only the Publications Council will have the ability to make expenditures from this fund." Even if the Publications Council had decided to grant the funding request to Constantine, it should be the decision of the voting student representatives of that council, not the administrators charged with its oversight. Involved parties are allowed to make small spending decisions without council prior approval, up to \$2,500. These graduate wages are nearly six times that amount, but no effort was made to consult any council members.

The justification behind Constantine and Ambler's decision was merely that it had been done in the past, based somewhat on a verbal agreement with former SA presidents. We in no way consider this a reason to continue the practice, or reason for it not to have been questioned. Word of mouth agreements, which cannot be adequately verified, should not be the basis of any expenditure of student funds, especially one as large as this.

It's true, under Ambler and Constantine's interpretation the decision did not violate any legal regulation, and was approved by the College's Internal Auditor Mike Stump. Independent student auditors, however, did find the expenditure in violation of the contract. Although the letter of the law is debatable, the actions taken by Ambler and Constantine still clearly violated the spirit of it. The reason different reserve funds exist, and are overseen by different bodies, is that the money is intended to be used to different ends.

Constantine's decision to only inform the Publications Council at the beginning of this school year, after the expenditure had already been made and approved by Ambler, was unfortunate. But the general lack of reaction from the fall 2009 Publications Council members is shocking. It is their responsibility to monitor the appropriate use of the student funds apportioned to their council. The Flat Hat, as a voting member of that council, bears some of that responsibility, and representatives to that council were wrong not to take action and address it. Any future members of the council must be more diligent guardians of those funds, at least more so than those who have preceded them.

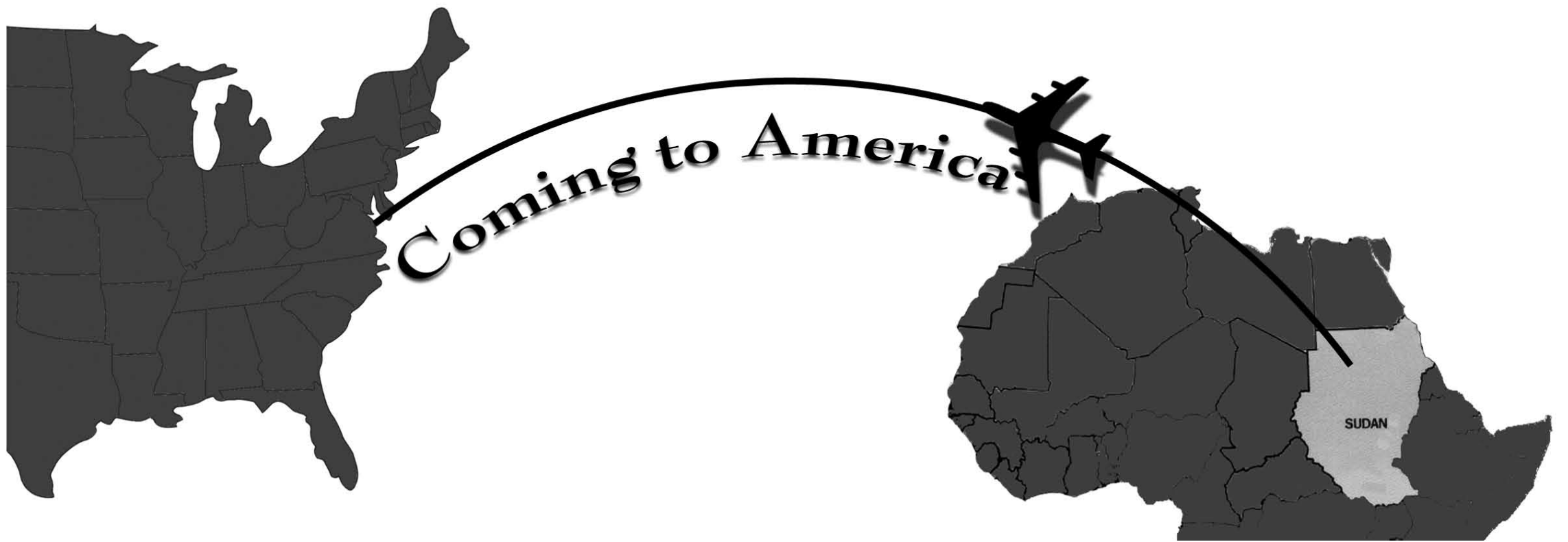
To ensure that funds are not misappropriated again, we call for several reforms. Primarily, there should be an immediate external audit of all student fees — not only of the publications reserve, but of all student reserves that function similarly and could be abused in the same way. Internal auditors might have access to more information, but we find it disturbing that internal auditors have already approved of this improper expenditure. It would be difficult to see Stump, having already approved this action, clearly assessing whether its intent was proper. But it would be in the best interest of students, and the College as a whole, for all relevant financial information to be provided to external auditors. Only through an independent process can we truly correct our broken student funding system.

It could look to some as if, in criticizing misappropriation of Publications Council funds, The Flat Hat is merely defending its own interest. But this is an issue which could have arisen with any student fund, and all at the College should be concerned. In circumventing correct procedure, Ambler and Constantine have set a horrible precedent for future misuse of funds, and have removed students' abilities to control the use of their money.

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Long-term funding for Banaa project aims to open U.S. universities to Sudan

By **CLAIRE ELLERY**
 Flat Hat Staff Writer

“Save Darfur.” It’s likely you’ve seen it on someone’s shirt while sitting in class. Much less likely seeing someone from Darfur in class. The William and Mary Banaa Project is trying to turn that unlikely likelihood into a reality. Four undergraduates and three law students have been working since last fall to create an endowment for a Sudanese student to attend the College. The initiative began with Ariel Shah ’10 who discovered Banaa, the Sudan Educational Empowerment Network, in The Washington Post.

Banaa is a non profit organization that works to bring Sudanese students to the United States with academic scholarships.

“[Banaa believes] that those scholars will return to Sudan and build stability and peace,” Matthew Berger J.D ’11. said.

According to banaa.org, Sudan has been at war for 40 of its 52 years as an independent state. Emily Sumner ’11 said the result of that war is an

extremely devastated infrastructure, which has affected education at even the elementary level.

“[The Sudanese] are in dire need of assistance, and education is a way to help,” she said.

Banaa was started by an undergraduate at George Washington University, and its first scholarship recipient, Makwei Mabior, is in his second year at GWU. Mabior recently came to the College as an ambassador for the program and is expected to return to speak again this fall.

“He wanted to inform William and Mary and say the impact [Banaa] can make, not only in bringing peace to Sudan, but also to the individual,” Berger said.

To bring in more students, other higher education institutions, including Tufts University and the University of Florida, have also signed up for the program. Whereas some Banaa scholars will be funded completely by the institutions they attend, William and Mary’s Banaa Project will require multiple financial sources.

“[Banaa] will have its own

distinctive William and Mary feel,” Sumner said. “George Washington is a private institution and has a different funding avenue.”

While GWU provides funding for the scholar’s transportation and summer internships, the bulk of the scholarship must be provided for by the specific school the student attends.

“State schools realize it’s going to be creative planning for fundraising,” Sumner said.

The William and Mary Banaa Project aims to establish an endowment of \$250,000, accounting for inflation and tuition increases. The funds would cover the expenses of tuition, food, laptops and cell phones for each Sudanese student.

“It’s a sustainable endowment, a long time goal,” Berger said. “But by establishing that, then if you have a year when the fundraising isn’t as good, then the endowment is still there.”

Planning is still in an early stage, but members of Banaa have already begun working setting up meetings with faculty from different departments, the Reves Center for International Studies and President

Taylor Reveley. Reactions have been positive but honest.

“The general reaction from people is, ‘It sounds really interesting, and we’d like to see it happen; but fundraising is hard,’” Shah said.

Although the group has received mixed feedback, the team is serious and professional about its goal.

“We’re building a business plan to solicit funds from interested parties to show it’s a well thought-out project,” Berger said.

The plan will be completed over the summer so that fundraising can begin in the fall. The club, which hopes to utilize a wide variety of sources for funds, the club is open to students of all disciplines and levels.

“[The William and Mary Banaa Project] is unique because it brings together undergraduate, law and business students,” Shah said. “It will bring a unique perspective on campus, for round tables or in class ... it goes with the objective of the school — increasing diversity.”

Despite an ambitious goal of

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THAT GUY

Senior finds passion in human rights

By **WALTER HICKEY**
 Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Mike Boyer, always enthusiastic, is a definite presence on campus. He’s active in Alpha Phi Omega, is involved in a plethora of the College William and Mary organizations, and knows some awesome places, perhaps of ambiguous legality, to chill out and take it all in.

How did you get involved in APO?

I got involved in APO because a really good friend from high school, Mallory Johnston, pledged APO her freshmen year, and I thought it was this weird cult thing. Then when I transferred here my sophomore year, my suitemate was also big in APO. The following semester, I went on a service trip with someone who was also in APO and would be on the pledge staff the following semester, so I decided that I should see what this APO thing is all about. Fall of my junior year, I pledged it,

and I’ve never looked back.

What kind of things do you do with APO?

I run the tutoring that APO does at Matthew Whaley Elementary School and make a whole lot of announcements about that. I empty all the recycling bins in Millington [Hall] with my little and one of our friends, and I also have a great time with my friends and family. It’s a lot of fun.

Can you tell me about your involvement in Young Democrats?

Well, I’m not as involved anymore. I didn’t like [gubernatorial candidate Creigh] Deeds very much, but I campaigned a lot for President Barack Obama and used to go to a lot of meetings and did all that. I did end up campaigning for Deeds, but he didn’t end up taking my heart as much. I didn’t really feel it.

What else have you been involved with?

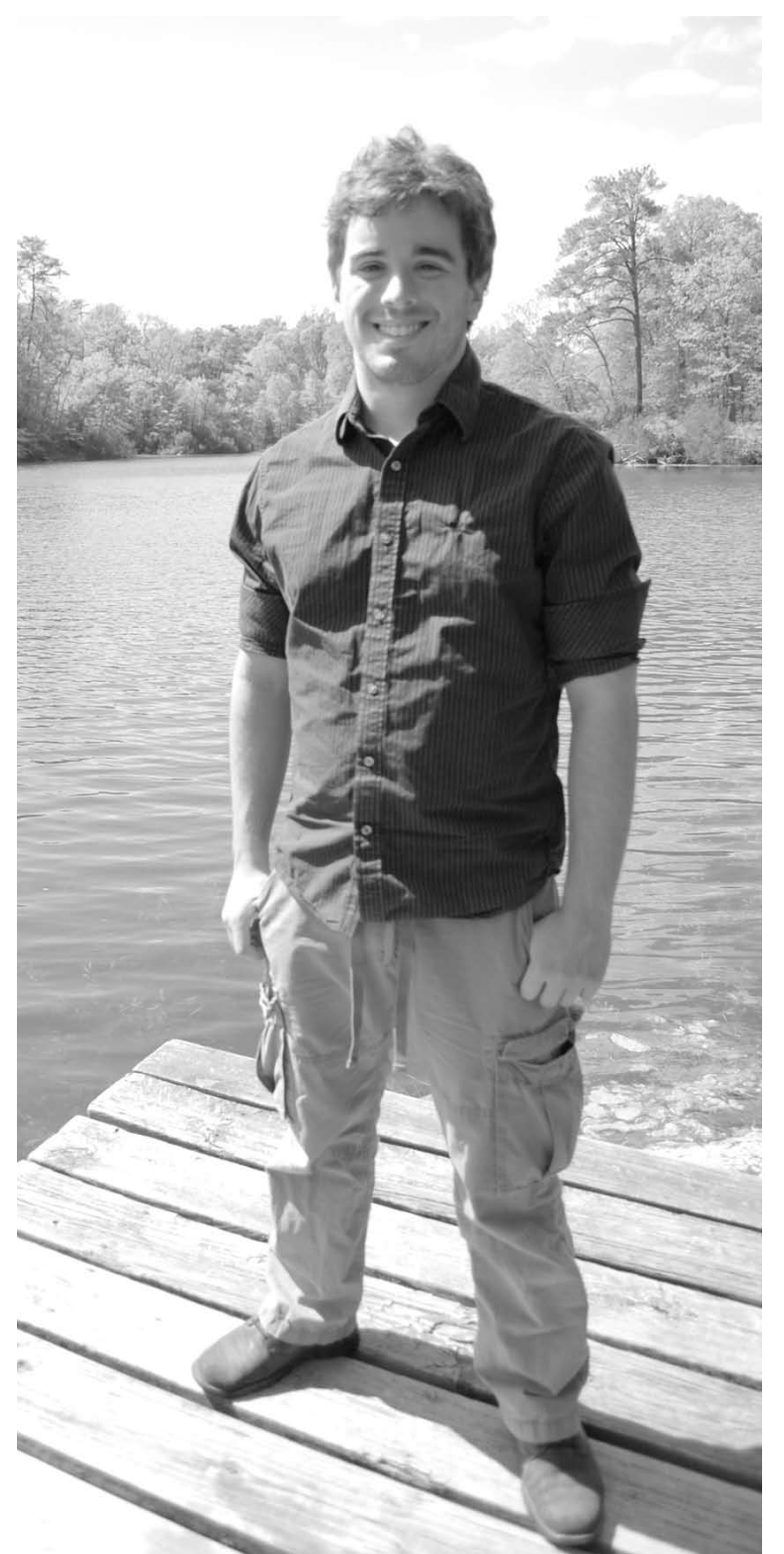
In my time at William and Mary, I’ve been involved with Students Helping Honduras.

I was secretary there for a very long time. I also went on the spring break trip, went to Honduras, and spent the time building houses and things. I especially liked playing with the children at an orphanage we used to be affiliated with. I also used to be involved with the [Student Environmental Action Coalition], but not as much this semester. I keep having stuff Monday nights, and I used to be one of the SEACreteries, taking lots of notes with colors and lights and stuff like that. I used to swing dance a lot, but just with life being as busy as it is; I don’t have time to go to meetings anymore. And I really spend a lot of time hanging out with friends and having a lot of fun.

Where are you going next year?

I got accepted to American University Law School where I plan to get my J.D., hopefully in human rights law. It won’t

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 Mike Boyer ’10, who transferred to the College sophomore year, has found a strong sense of community through organizations like service the fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

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'A Mercurial Roadshow' confounds audience

By IAN GOODRUM
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In the days before radio, television or internet access — say during the late 19th century — the traveling exhibition was an event. People would turn out in droves to see feats of skill and strength, marvel at the freaks on display, or see what new miracle product the salesman peddled. More often than not, the bearded lady was a phony and that snake oil never did make your hair grow back, but the spectacle and the outrageous experience was what made the shows so much fun. Operating out of a stage within a travel trailer, the Virginia Theatre Machine attempts to capture that same spirit while educating its audience on the dangers of mercury consumption in "A Mercurial Roadshow," premiering as part of the International Mercury Expo at the College of William and Mary.

An original work by director Mark Lerman and designer Jeremy Woodward, "A Mercurial Roadshow" is nothing if not remarkably presented. With a company of three actors doing the legwork, the miniscule performance space becomes a broadcast room, replete with standards representing old-time radio visually: props to provide sound effects, big silver microphones and inopportune public service announcements. A small light marquee and a contingent of props handled by the characters with, well, mercurial swiftness, add to the style and the atmosphere. As Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre Company presents a tale of the liquid metal slowly seeping into the earth, an apparent Martian invasion takes place in Virginia. This side story is clearly an homage to Welles's scaring the populace into hysteria with his "War of the Worlds" broadcast in 1938, although comparing that watershed work to Lerman and Woodward's "Roadshow" would be a mistake. Where Welles intended for his radio drama to fully engross the listeners into the story of an alien invasion, Lerman and Woodward have a dual purpose — to teach all attending about how a poisonous metal enters the ecosystem and to entertain the audience while doing so.

Unfortunately, the former motive is achieved haphazardly at best, and the latter is only occasionally a success. "A Mercurial Roadshow" is unique in that it blatantly pushes its message while muddling what exactly its message is. The audience is given



COURTESY PHOTO — MARK LERMAN

The Virginia Theatre Machine's production "A Mercurial Roadshow" aims to educate the audience on the possible dangers of mercury. The show is part of the International Mercury Expo being hosted at the College.

an abundance of information on mercury: what it is, how people ingest it, and what happens when they do. Not only is the vast majority of this data near the beginning of the show — when those watching want to know quite so much so quickly — but the last act of the production completely contradicts assurances made in the first, so that the meaning of the whole enterprise is utterly lost by the time the curtain falls. The audience is told not to be afraid, then to be afraid of what mercury can bring. An authority figure who says that the metal isn't so bad eats her tuna-fish sandwich with four arms — an attempt at irony — but the arms are never shown to be anything but advantageous. The very last lines of the show, in fact, imply that mercury is, above all, a good thing to have in our bodies. Such vacillating on the subject of the story, and the Expo itself, may prove an unwelcome lesson to those in attendance.

But, the production is still a sight to see. The three hardworking actors give endearing performances, playing a multitude of parts and providing warm and comic moments to the plodding and overlong script. Ed Whitacre as Orson Welles is deep-throated

and full of bluster. Welles's talent for rapturous storytelling is portrayed particularly well by Whitacre, who livens up long passages full of facts and figures with a showman's flair. Mary Wadkins, as the long-suffering sound effects, has deft comic timing and shuffles through her demanding role with ease. And Connor Hogan '10 as a young assistant, along with many other characters, quite cleverly plays the dunce. All three players move through the complicated show without missing a beat, impressing and entertaining where the show proper falls short.

Its achievements in technical skill and performance aside, "A Mercurial Roadshow" makes the fatal error of putting too many eggs in one basket. Without a strong thematic focus, the educational aspect of the show is underwhelming, and amounts to little more than a well-executed mess. While the Virginia Theatre Machine has shown promise in the past with its adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," this new show fails to live up to that lofty standard. This "Roadshow" may not be the work of a snake oil peddler, and after advertising one thing and delivering another, some people might demand a refund.

Project funds Sudanese students' education in U.S.

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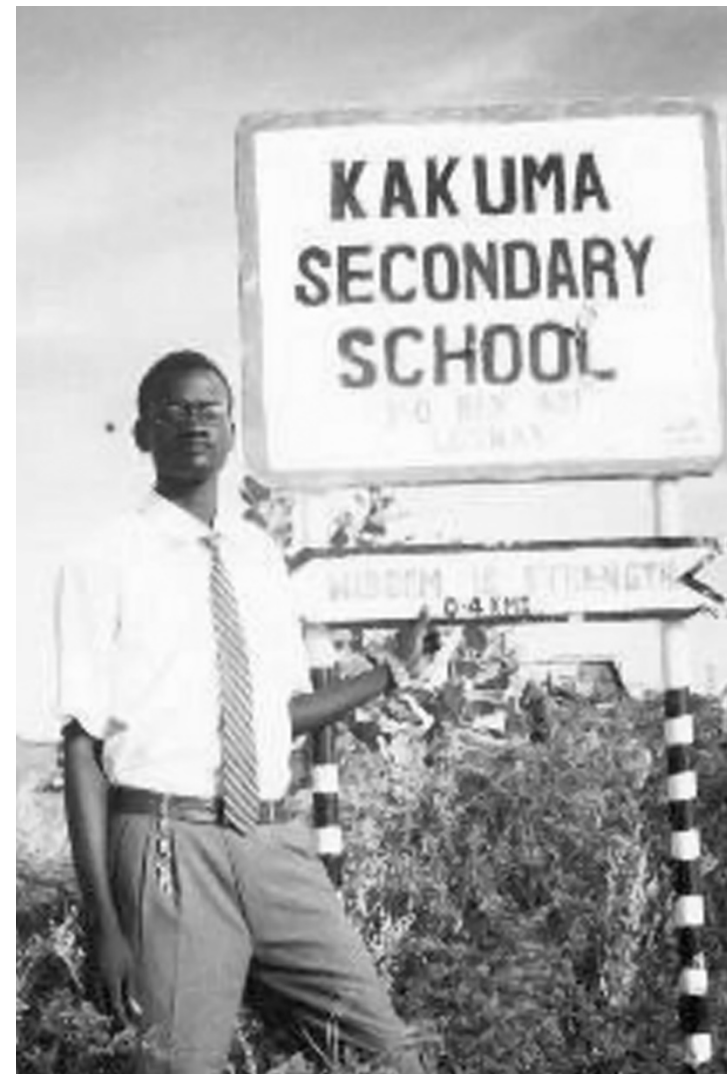
\$250,000 and the challenges of fundraising at a public university, members of the William and Mary Banaa Project remain optimistic. Berger emphasized the need to educate Sudanese citizens rather than providing foreign aid.

"This approach allows people from Sudan to have the tools," he said.

Scholars are required to work as public servants in Sudan upon graduating, but

can work in fields ranging from government to water distribution. The Clinton Global Initiative has committed to Banaa's national goal of bringing at least 20 Sudanese students to the United States next year. Berger said growing partnerships reflect that the Banaa project is more than just a pipe dream.

William and Mary Banaa is accepting applications until April 29 for next year's committee. Applications can be requested at Banaawm@gmail.com.



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The first Sudanese Banaa scholar to study in the United States through the program, Makwei Mabior, is currently in his second year at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

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MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

After transferring from George Mason University, Boyer found a place for himself among the William and Mary community through various service groups and APO.

Student works to improve communities abroad

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make me much money, but will help make me feel fulfilled or something. It's probably a bad choice, but it's where I feel my passion is. May as well follow it.

What's your current major?

I'm a sociology major. I really like the department, I think it's a great area of study, and I think it'll save the world someday.

Do you have a favorite class?

As a sociology major, I naturally want people to take sociology classes. I guess maybe Principles of Sociology. Probably one of my favorite classes that I took at William and Mary was Social Theory; it was an incredibly interesting class. A lot of people don't like the theory aspect of sociology, being theoretically how people create meaning in their world and stuff like that, but I just find it fascinating. I soaked up so much of what we were learning in class and the readings. It was an incredibly eye-opening experience for me.

What is your favorite memory at the College?

I really have very fond memories of working on this play my sophomore year, Judevine. It was an ensemble cast, two-act show; it was about a town in Vermont called Judevine, with a few hundred people, and just how they interact and the insane lives they lead. It was a very powerful play, and was very emotionally fulfilling as well. Only at William and Mary could we have had a play like that. It was just very incredible. I appreciated the work that was done on that play.

So, you mentioned that you're a transfer student. Can you talk about that?

I have a really sad story about that. I've always wanted to go to William and Mary, since like the fifth grade when I was walking by the Governor's Palace, and my fifth grade teacher told me, "That's the Wren Building. They still have classes there!" and I was like, "Whoa." As I grew older, I learned it was a great school and really wanted to go to William and Mary, so I made it my dream school. I asked my counselor and told her that I really wanted to go here, and she said I should apply early decision. So I applied early decision because who gets rejected... from... early decision? So, I got rejected and went to George Mason [University] and had to transfer. It was fine, but wasn't exactly academically challenging, if you get what I mean. But, now I go here and struggle to get a B.

Any parting advice for underclassmen?

If you're ever in a bad mood and just want to go to your room and have quiet time and put on some sad music and some of your friends come over and say, "Hey! Hey! Let's go out and do something fun!" — don't say no. The memories you get from college are going to be made going out with your friends and doing random spontaneous stuff you wouldn't do otherwise. And even if you're not in the mood for it, you'll like it in the end.

After graduation, Mike will be attending American University's Washington College of Law in order to earn his J.D. and pursue a career in human rights law.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

LACROSSE

Tribe defeats Blue Hens, fails to tame No. 11 Tigers

Returning home after a convincing victory last weekend at Drexel, the Tribe (8-6, 2-2) split a pair of games versus conference opponents this weekend, defeating Delaware 18-12 Friday night before losing to Towson 12-6 Sunday. Junior goalie Emily Geary tied a season high with 14 saves versus the Tigers, as five different players scored for the College. Junior attacker Ashley Holofcener led the Tribe attack on Friday night, scoring four goals and adding three assists. Senior midfielder Mary Zulty and junior midfielder Grace Golden each added four goals as well.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Gygax ends College career with 18th place NCAA finish

Senior Derek Gygax concluded his illustrious career at the College with an 18th place finish in the individual competition at the NCAA Championships Saturday in West Point, N.Y. Gygax's six event total score was 82.15. The senior qualified for the individual portion of the NCAA Championships after the Tribe narrowly missed earning the ECAC's automatic team qualification earlier this month in Williamsburg. The competition concludes Gygax's 2010 season.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Tribe shines at Madison Invitational, awaits Relays

The Tribe continued its string of strong performances with another good showing at the JMU Invitational Saturday. Senior hammer thrower Ashley Williams had an ECAC qualifying throw of 51.82 meters. Sophomore Natalie Baird finished behind Williams in the hammer throw, but earned an ECAC qualification of her own with a first place discus throw of 43.19m. The College return to action next weekend at the Penn Relays.

ONLINE

Opinions editor Devin Braun saw his Suns lose to the Trailblazers in their first game of the playoffs. For his thoughts and other blog posts on William and Mary sports, check out The Press Box at Flathatnews.com

ATHLETE FOCUS

LINDSEY NICHOL
FRESHMAN, GYMNASTICS

The Flat Hat caught up with freshman Lindsey Nichol to discuss superpowers, classes, and more.

What is your favorite class? Motor learning. I really liked Professor Cole. She was really interesting and funny.

Who was your favorite athlete growing up? Mary Lou Retton. She seemed like she loved the sport and enjoyed it. She inspired me.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? I would want to fly because it would be really cool and I would get places faster.

If you could go one-on-one with any athlete, who would it be? David Beckham, only because I want to meet him really bad.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

College falters in title game at CAA tournament

Seniors Pop, Acharya take Tribe to the brink of championship in final collegiate matches in Norfolk

By TRAVIS TRIGGS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A season that saw fists pumped, rackets tossed and records smashed ended in heartbreak Sunday as No. 2 William and Mary (15-11, 5-2 CAA) was edged 4-3 by top-seeded Virginia Commonwealth in the CAA Championship in Norfolk, Va.

"We competed so well; it was a hard fought match," Head Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton said, "We put everything into it."

The Tribe led the Rams early, as junior Lauren Sabacinski and freshman Marlen Mesgarzadeh notched their seventh-straight win together. The pair took the first doubles match in the three spot 8-3.

But the lead would not last. The No. 2 pair of senior Carmen Pop and freshman Anik Cepeda was ousted 8-5 by the Rams' Kateryna Yergina and Laura Burns, whom the Tribe duo beat by the same score only two weeks earlier in an April 9 match in Williamsburg.

The doubles point then came down to the top pairs, senior Ragini Acharya and sophomore Katie Kargl for the College, and Ana Bara and Josefin Hjertquist for Virginia Commonwealth. Bara and Hjertquist took a 7-4 lead, almost securing the doubles point for the Rams. But the College stormed back, taking the next four sets to gain an 8-7 lead before giving up the next set. After the teams split the first six points of the tie-breaking set, the College's rackets went cold, and Kargl and Bara gave up the next four points to lose 9-8 (3).

The singles portion of the match started just as poorly for the College. Freshman Nina Vulovich fell 6-0, 6-3 to put the Tribe in a 2-0 hole. But the College found hope in Mesgarzadeh, who downed CAA Rookie of the Year Hjertquist in straight sets 6-2, 6-4.

Cepeda continued the trend by taking out her opponent in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to tie the match at two points apiece.

"I was really impressed how our freshmen, Anik [Cepeda] and Marlen [Mesgarzadeh], turned it around," Geiger-Walton said.

The College's streak continued when Acharya avenged her previous loss in an exciting straight set win, 6-4, 7-5, to push the Tribe within one point of the CAA title, 3-2.



MELISSA MCCUE — THE FLAT HAT

Senior Ragini Acharya and sophomore Katie Kargl high-five at the net after scoring a point against Virginia Commonwealth.

"Ragini [Acharya] showed vengeance against her same opponent. She really turned it on, released her nerves, and played authoritatively," Geiger-Walton said. "She's had an incredible and stellar career, and it's nice to see her go out with a win."

The Tribe only needed to take one of the next two matchups, but Sabacinski was unable to gain any momentum in her match, losing 6-2, 7-6 (1) and plunging the championship match into a 3-3 tie.

The title then came down to Pop, who found herself in a 1-0 hole after coming up short in the first set tiebreaker, 7-6 (4). The energetic second team all-CAA performer was unable to muster a comeback, dropping the second set 6-2 with the match and the championship following.

"It's disappointing for Carmen [Pop]," Geiger-Walton said. "She's had a great career, especially over

the past two years for us, where she's thrived and been so dependable."

The three-time first-team all-CAA Acharya finished her career with 102 singles wins, which placed her among the top-10 in school history in both singles wins and singles winning-percentage. Pop, a two-time all-CAA selection for singles play, teamed up with Cepeda to lead the team in doubles victories this year.

Despite the two significant losses to the Tribe's lineup, Geiger-Walton remains optimistic about the future.

"It's a disappointing loss, but there's a lesson to be learned," Geiger-Walton said. "All of the returners will have experienced that hurt and pain, but with the addition of our new players we'll have a whole new team and we'll be ready to win the CAA championship next year."

GOLF

Last round for Tribe seniors

Men runners up, women fourth at CAA Championship

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Sports Editor

It wasn't until the last day, on the last hole, when the emotion finally overcame her.

Senior Morgan Stepanek tied for fourth at the CAA Championships in Hot Springs, Va. Sunday, leading William and Mary to a fourth place team finish. But it was memories and moments, more so than eagles and tee shots, which defined the weekend.

Stepanek parred her final hole on Sunday, ending the weekend with a three-day score of 229 (+15). She shot a 75 on the last day, sinking her final putt in front of family and teammates.

It was then when the finality of the moment set in.

"Honestly, I teed off on Sunday and treated it just like another round of golf," Stepanek said. "But in that final round, after I holed that last putt, the emotions came. I started to cry, my parents were crying, my teammates came over and gave me a big hug. There's nothing better than finishing up and being embraced by your teammates."

Her coach, Jay Albaugh, shared his standout senior's sentiments.

"I knew it was going to be an emotional tournament," Albaugh said. "She and I talked before about reminiscing after the tournament and I think she did a good job of that. But when she holed that final putt and was standing there on the green, finished, the emotions hit me. She'll go down as one of the best ever to play here."

Stepanek shot a pair of 77s on the first two days of the tournament, adjusting her approach due to the 35 to 40 mph winds whipping through the fairways on Friday and Saturday. She returned to shoot her best score of the weekend on Sunday,

as did sophomore Caroline Sweet who carded a 73 in her final round to finish the weekend in seventh place with a score of 234 (+18).

The wind played a big part in the men's tournament as well, as the Tribe finished second with a team total of 299 (+19). Freshman Jeremy Wells led the Tribe with a 54-hole score of 223 (+13), while sophomore Scott Saal and junior Zach Glassman each carded scores of 227 (+17), respectively.

Wells finished ninth, while Glassman and Saal tied for 16th.

"It was a very good overall performance on their part," Albaugh said. "It was not a great season, but to have good results at the end, it was nice to see the guys regain their confidence and put it all together."

Despite the conditions, the College finished strong as a team, with no golfer scoring above 230 for the weekend. Second team all-CAA performer junior Brandon Parker and senior Conor O'Brien each tied for 23rd with a score of 229 (+19).

"Patience was the key," Albaugh said. "We knew going in teams would be making bogeys. What I told the women's [team] was to persevere. There were going to be a lot of big scores that second day because that was probably the worst conditions I've ever coached or played competitively in."

But the Tribe kept at it, and on an emotional Sunday which featured the final rounds of Stepanek and O'Brien's collegiate careers, it was a team approach that won the day.

"On the men's side, there was not one player. There was a hot player each day and an all around team effort," Albaugh said. "Same with the women. They put it together on the last day and eliminated big numbers. Everybody contributed."

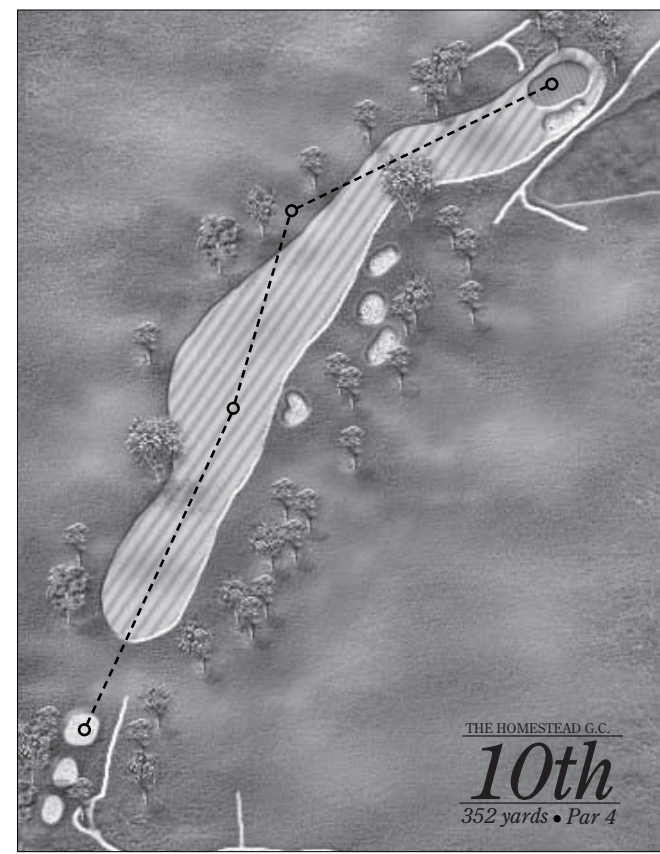


MY VIEW

SENIOR ALL-CAA GOLFER

Morgan Stepanek

"My best approach was probably on the 10th hole. The wind was blowing like 35 or 40 miles an hour. It was a hard green shot. The green was tilted so you couldn't put it too far up, and there was a sandtrap in front of the green, so you couldn't leave it short. I went up two clubs, an 8-iron out of the rough and it ended up right on the green."



Quarterback situation unclear

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touchdown run on a reverse.

"C.J. had a great spring," Caprio said. "He's going to be one of our receivers down the road, and he made a name for himself."

Elsewhere, new faces on the defensive line and secondary proved that the College will suffer minimally from the losses of seniors Adrian Tracy, Sean Lissemore and David Caldwell.

Junior Terrell Wells, a converted cornerback, looked confident at the safety position, while junior Jake O'Connor and redshirt freshman T.K. Hester featured well at safety and cornerback.

On the defensive line, senior Brian Jean-Pierre and junior Harold Robertson contained the Tribe

rushing attack — which was missing starters junior Jonathan Grimes and senior Courtland Marriner — bottling up the space between the hash marks and attacking the backfield.

"I know we lost a lot on defensive line, but if you saw those guys up front today, we've got some weapons," senior linebacker Evan Francks said.

Perhaps most significantly, the scrimmage capped a spring mostly devoid of major injuries, which is a positive development for a squad seeking to make a return trip to the FCS playoffs this fall.

"They've got a good tradition established right now, and they want to keep it going," Laycock said.

Tribe loses CAA final

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The win brought up fifth-seeded Georgia State Saturday. The Panther's Jackson Moore defeated senior Keziel Juneau 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4) in the one-spot, and Andersson lost to GSU's Henri Mangin 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the five-spot to tie the match at 3-3. The College's chances at a conference title suddenly rested on Vidal's shoulders.

Vidal split the first two sets with GSU's Victor Valente before outlasting him in the final set to gain a grueling 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory and send the College to Sunday's CAA Championship final.

"Georgia State was a very, very hard team to beat, and I knew going in that we were going to be tested," Daub said. "I think Sebastien beat a player that had maybe two or three losses all season. I'll bet he was one of the best players in the tournament and Sebastien was fortunate to stay with him as well as he did. Once he was able to break him down in the third set, he was able to capitalize on that and win the match."

SPORTS



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MEN'S TENNIS

Top seeded Tribe falls to VCU in conference final

Vidal, College breeze past Drexel 4-0 Friday and Ga. State 4-3 Saturday, fall to Rams 4-1 Sunday in Norfolk

By MIKE BARNES
Flat Hat Sports Editor

William and Mary (20-10) entered the CAA Championship as the tournament's top seed, with aspirations of a conference title and an automatic bid to next month's NCAA Championship squarely in its sights. The College fell to rival Virginia Commonwealth 4-1 in Sunday's final in Norfolk, Va. But after cruising past Drexel 4-0 Friday and Georgia State 4-3 Saturday, the Tribe won the opening doubles point, but could not hold on down the stretch.

"VCU is extremely talented outside," tennis Head Coach Peter Daub said. "Their players are mostly clay court players and have tremendous ground strokes, so when they are outside, they put a lot of balls in play. At the same time, we were

trying to adapt, and that's not always the easiest thing to do. Unfortunately, we were not able to do that. They were just the better team in singles play that day."

With the loss, the College's final regular season record stands at 20-10, tying the best mark in school history.

The Tribe entered Sunday's championship match against VCU fully aware that the Rams, who have won 11 of the past 14 CAA Championships, specialize in playing outdoors. Although junior Sebastien Vidal and freshman Jamie Whiteford started off hot with an 8-5 doubles victory, the College failed to win any singles matches, allowing the Rams to claim a 12th conference title.

While the VCU loss does not dampen one of the most successful seasons in College history, Daub said the pain of losing in the conference

finals remains fresh for him and his players.

"We had set our sights on winning the CAAs; we wanted it for our seniors, and it was really tough emotionally on all the players and coaches," Daub said. "When you work hard and you lose, it takes a lot out of you. We did work hard, and unfortunately, we lost, and it's not a good feeling. It's a learning experience for a young team, but at the same time, we need to learn to capitalize on this experience for next year."

The Tribe reeled off eight straight victories prior to its VCU loss, including an easy win over eighth-seeded Drexel to start the tournament.

"When we were going into the Drexel match, we were just trying to keep our focus and put ourselves in a position mentally to go and work hard on every point," Daub said. "We knew that we were the better team, but you have to

Last minute invite

Although the College missed out on qualifying for the NCAA Championships, Head Coach Peter Daub said he remains hopeful senior Kiezel Juneau and junior Sebastien Vidal will earn individual invites.

go out and prove that, and we were trying to make sure that we weren't going to get caught looking forward."

Senior Richard Wardell and sophomore Ilja Orre clinched the doubles point for the College by defeating their Drexel counterparts 8-4. Wardell and freshmen Anton Andersson and Daniel Mihalov all won their singles matches, claiming singles points for the College as well.

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BASEBALL

Masters of their Dominion

Tribe bullpen shuts down Monarchs as Bower powers College to weekend sweep of ODU

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Sports Editor

The road has been less than kind to William and Mary this season, what with the Tribe losing all but one conference game on the road this year.

In the friendly confines of Plumeri Park, it's a completely different story.

The College (21-14, 6-6 CAA) won its fifth home series of the season this weekend, sweeping Old Dominion (16-24, 4-8) on the strength of the arms in its bullpen and the hitting of sophomore first baseman Tadd Bower.

"Tadd got the pitches he was looking for, and he didn't miss them today," Head Coach Frank Leoni said. "He almost had a third home run, just missing one. It's critical that we get him going, and hopefully we can keep him going for the stretch run."

Bower hit two homers in the Tribe's 7-6 walk-off win Sunday, the first a two-run shot off Monarchs starter Ben Tomchick in the third inning. While the sophomore's first homer was impressive, his second was awe-inspiring, a moon shot which cleared the second row of cars in the parking lot behind the road directly beyond the right field fence.

"The second one was a bomb," Bower said. "I even walked a little bit on the second. He had thrown a first pitch changeup for a ball and had been missing with his offspeed, so I knew I was going to get a fastball. I just wanted to make sure I didn't miss it."

Junior pitcher Logan Billbrough came on in relief of freshman starter Brett Goodloe in the fourth inning and proceeded to give up one run over five-and-a-third innings to earn his fourth victory of the season.

The win was especially sweet for Billbrough, who had been taken out of the starting rotation just before the start of the series. Frustrated but not defeated, the junior focused on reestablishing his changeup coming out of the bullpen, a role he filled last season.

"Of course I was a little upset [about moving to



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman pitcher Brett Koehler delivers to the plate Saturday against Old Dominion. Koehler helped the College defeated the Monarchs 9-5 Saturday en route to a series sweep.

the bullpen] because I wanted to start," Billbrough said. "But I knew I was going to get the ball eventually this weekend in a key spot. I have come out of the bullpen before, so I knew that coming out of the bullpen, I had to be ready to go."

Freshman reliever John Farrell turned in a similar performance on Saturday, striking out seven Old Dominion hitters in four innings to help preserve a 9-5 victory.

The Tribe also received significant contributions from the bottom of its lineup, as sophomore catcher

Chris Forsten reached base three times with three walks and senior left fielder R.J. Archer drove in two runs with an RBI triple.

Forsten also produced in the Tribe's 11-6 victory Friday night, going 2-for-4 with two RBI in the eighth spot in the order. Bower went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI, as sophomore Matt Davenport, making his first start of the season, went six innings for the College to earn his team-leading sixth win.

The Tribe faces Longwood this Tuesday and VMI Wednesday, before heading on the road once again

this weekend to face Hofstra. For Leoni, who has seen his young team struggle on the road this season, Hofstra represents a chance to turn the corner as the conference playoffs loom ever closer.

"We have to find a way to be consistent," Leoni said. "We just have to get better on the road. Obviously every game is critical no matter where we play at this point. Some of these teams we play over the next four weeks are some of the teams we'll be battling with for one of those last two [conference] playoff spots."

FOOTBALL



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Redshirt freshman Brent Caprio runs a quarterback bootleg.

Defense outshines offense in spring game

Thomas, Hill shine as Caprio, Paulus continue fighting for starting position

By MATT POMS
Flat Hat Managing Editor

William and Mary kicked off a new season with high expectations Saturday, and despite a number of offseason changes, last year's themes prevailed once again. A ferocious defense harried a developing offense all afternoon, as the Green squad defeated its Gold counterparts 10-7.

That continuity is a good thing for the College; a standout defense — ranked second in all of the Football Championship Subdivision last season — proved it had not lost a step over the winter, despite graduating key playmakers.

"I was really pleased with [the defense] picking up slack," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "Those guys were not complacent; they raised their level, and they took charge. We didn't really have any significant drop-off."

The unit racked up three sacks and an interception over 28 minutes of play, yielding only 52 rushing yards.

"They're awfully good," sophomore quarterback Brent Caprio said. "It's tough going

against those guys, but it definitely makes us better in the long run. They bring the pressure; they put us in tough situations."

The defense stole the show from a heated quarterback battle, in which Caprio and junior transfer Mike Paulus are the frontrunners to replace departed starter R.J. Archer. With the signal-callers under constant pressure and unable to get into a rhythm due to repeated changes, the afternoon failed to provide a clear answer to the College's quarterback dilemma.

"I thought they did some good things and there were some plays they could have made better," Laycock said. "That's the way the spring has gone. Until we get more into preseason, it's going to be hard to tell [who will win the starting job]."

Paulus completed three of 10 passes for 37 yards and a touchdown, while Caprio countered with nine of 15 passing for 87 yards. Each missed several open throws, but both showed ample promise.

On third and goal from the 27-yard line, Paulus stood tall in the pocket under a blitz and rocketed a bullet to senior wideout Chase Hill at the goal line for the score. Two plays earlier, he showed evidence

of his distinguished pedigree — Paulus was a four-star recruit as a high school senior — launching a pass off his back foot with a defender in his face. The attempt fell incomplete, but left the crowd buzzing.

"I'm not really worried about how I'm throwing the ball," Paulus said. "I need to work on the little things, like getting the signals and putting in the plays. I needed to clean up that part, and I think I did a good job today."

Caprio showed strong accuracy and a powerful pocket presence in his minutes under center.

"We got off to a slow start, but I thought I made some plays on the last drive," Caprio said. "I thought I had a good showing this spring, but I thought I had some things I need to work on. I'm going to go into the summer and I still have all my goals [of winning the starting position] in place."

Several underclassmen used the scrimmage to show their progress over the past year. Sophomore wideout C.J. Thomas showed the potential to be a major presence this fall with an impressive showing, catching four balls for 60 yards and adding a 13-yard

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