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## ThePulse

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The Flat Hat will not print next week due to Thanksgiving break. Check [flathatnews.com](http://flathatnews.com) for breaking news and other updates.

Sam Casey '10 will compete tonight and tomorrow in the Miss Virginia USA 2010 pageant in Virginia Beach. If she wins, she will compete as the Virginia contestant in the Miss USA pageant in April.

Just in time for blowout, new research from Spain indicates drinking alcohol daily reduces the risk of heart disease in men by a third. The study, conducted by the Basque Public Health Department, found that the type of alcohol doesn't matter — so Natty counts — but that women experience no such benefit. Experts cautioned not to drink more because the study did not examine the effects of binge drinking.

Some students were turned off yesterday morning by a somewhat rude message sent to those "maybe attending" last night's WMDM Rance Off Kick Off: "MAYBE ATTENDING?! Seriously, you're maybe going to miss this?!"

Looking to stretch out your stomach for Thanksgiving? AMP is hosting four different eating competitions tomorrow night at 10 p.m. in Lodge 1. Choose between Vienna sausages, bananas, Wawa orange juice and powdered doughnuts. The less hungry can build gingerbread houses.

U.S. Representative Michelle Bachmann LL.M. '88 (R-Minn.) may be under investigation for violating House rules from an event she organized Nov. 5 outside the Capitol protesting healthcare legislation. Watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington filed a complaint Tuesday alleging that the event was a public rally in violation of House Rules. An initial inquiry by the House Administration Committee concluded the event qualified as a press conference.

Got a tip for The Pulse? [wmpulse@gmail.com](mailto:wmpulse@gmail.com)

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### Out of Season

#### Close-toed shoes for the cold



As the temperatures drops, our little toesies need protection from the cold during the long walks from Blair to Millington.

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### Greening Gold

#### Trash talk

Trash isn't talked about, but "too much trash" is an important environmental problem.

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## THE THREE-PERSON RULE

# 4-person rule in B-3 district

Planning Commission approves compromise

By ELLIE KAUFMAN  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In its final work session of the year Wednesday, the Williamsburg Planning Commission recommended a proposal to the Williamsburg City Council that would allow an increase to four unrelated residents per housing unit in the B-3 zoning district.

The proposal, called "Option Three," limits the proposed increase to multi-family dwellings. Option Three only refers specifically to apartment buildings with a city-approved special use permit. Additionally, any multi-family dwelling would be required to have management control of the building to be eligible for Option Three.

The commission's decision serves as a compromise between keeping the three-person rule intact and altering it to four people in all circumstances. The B-3 zoning district extends along Richmond Road from Brooks Street to Ironbound Road.

"I am going to rely on option three to be successful," planning commission member Jim Joseph said. "It is not only going to be an experiment in going from three to four, but it will allow for management control."

By allowing rentals that are defined as multi-family units to have four people living together, the College of William and Mary will be able to create more diverse student housing options like the proposed "Wawa project."

"If we did not accept option three, it would stymie the project on Richmond Road, and I would not want to do that," planning commission chairman Doug Pons said.

Although Option Three does not change the three-person rule to four persons in all circumstances, Student Assembly Undersecretary for Williamsburg Emily Gottschalk-Marconi '12 believes that its recommendation is an improvement.

"We are pleased to see that they didn't just stick with Option One, which would be to stick with three people," Gottschalk-Marconi said. "But I think we are still looking for some more progress."

Although the SA has lobbied for more extensive changes to the city's zoning

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## OFF TO A STRONG START



Caitlin Fairchild — THE FLAT HAT

Forward Danny Sumner '10 goes in for a slam dunk during the Tribe men's varsity basketball home opener against the University of Richmond. Sumner scored 11 points to help lead the Tribe to a 78-71 victory. For full coverage of yesterday's game, see page 9.

# Early decision spikes for Class of 2014

Admissions expects to accept about 36 percent

By AMEYA JAMMI  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary Office of Admissions saw a dramatic increase in early decision applications this

year, causing administrators to examine the role of early decision at the College.

"Right now the pool stands at 1,094," Dean of Admissions Henry Broadus said in an e-mail. "This may shift slightly based on late-completing applications and students who change their minds and ask to be shifted into the regular decision pool."

The number marks a significant increase from last year, when 951 students applied for early admission.

"Right now we are up 13 percent," Associate Provost for Enrollment Earl Granger said at Thursday's Board

of Visitors meeting. "We are really excited about that."

Other four-year institutions reporting an increase in applications for the class of 2014 included Duke University, which saw a 32 percent increase, and Dartmouth College, which saw a three percent increase. Tufts University and Georgetown University saw no significant change, while Davidson College, which uses two rounds of early admissions, had a four percent decrease in the number of applicants.

"When you look at our 10-year history, [our pool of early decision applicants is] a record," Granger said. "Typically what ends up happening is early decision, at least in the freshman class, represents about 36 percent of the freshman class."

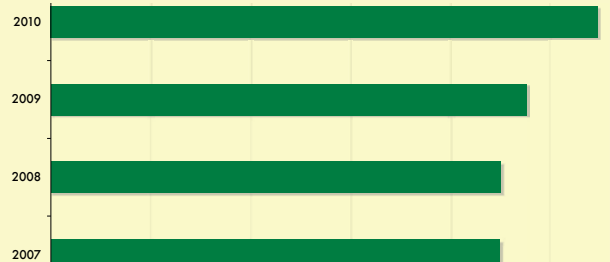
Granger noted that the College's enrollment levels for the past few years have paralleled national trends.

"Enrollment has been pretty steady,"

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## EARLY DECISION AT THE COLLEGE

Number of freshman applicants who have applied early decision.



NOTE: The number of applicants for 2010 is subject to change from applications completed late and students withdrawing from the early decision process. COURTESY — WM BOV

# Scheduling flaw creates problem for seniors

Class was originally rescheduled to address GER6 needs for underclassmen

By CHELSEA SISSON  
The Flat Hat

Class restrictions prevent many students at the College of William and Mary from registering for certain courses, but rarely do those restrictions affect seniors. However, dur-

ing registration last week, a number of students of the class of 2010 were forced out of Ballroom Dance after they had registered for the upcoming spring semester.

Kinesiology professor Ray McCoy, who handles the scheduling for the kinesiology and health sciences de-

partment, said the incident occurred because of an error with registration restrictions.

"It was a simple oversight during the scheduling process of the spring semester courses," McCoy said.

In an effort to help underclassmen fulfill their general education requirement 6 requirement, many of the upperclassmen enrolled were removed from the class to make room for members of the classes of 2012 and 2013. GER requirements are usually met in students' first two years at the College, though they are not required to be.

"They shouldn't force people out of the class who had already signed up," Leigh Stitler '10, who had been registered for the course, said. "It takes a lot of time and effort to set up a schedule and make sure all your classes work, time-wise, with each other."

According to Stitler, the reason behind the roster adjustment was upsetting.

"The explanation was that underclassmen need to get into the class to fulfill their GER 6," Stitler said. "I am very frustrated by this incident ... because I

# McGlothlin says he is reconsidering donating to College

By MAGGIE REEB  
Flat Hat News Editor

James McGlothlin '62 J.D.'64 has rekindled negotiations to reinstate his donation to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

McGlothlin withdrew his \$12 million donation after then College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol removed the Wren Chapel Cross from permanent display in spring 2008.

"[The withdrawn donation] was to be made

at the time of my death and I haven't died yet, so there is time to put it back," McGlothlin said. "There was a principle behind [withdrawing my donation.] Something that was not made clear was that [the donation] was in negotiation, and I am in the process of putting it back, and it may even be bigger now ... I have a great love for the College."

During his time both as an undergraduate and law student at the College, McGlothlin waited tables at the King's Arms Tavern and drove a bus to make ends meet. After graduating, he



McGlothlin

COURTESY — WMLEDO



Dylan Murray — THE FLAT HAT

Ballroom dance classes are popular among upperclassmen who have not yet fulfilled GER6.

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### Weather

Friday



High 65°  
Low 41°

Saturday



High 63°  
Low 45°

Sunday



High 59°  
Low 52°

Source: weather.com

### A THOUSAND WORDS



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

### News in Brief

#### W&M named top public institution for study abroad

With 46.3 percent of the College of William and Mary's undergraduate population participating in study abroad programs, the College now boasts one of the highest percentage of undergraduates who participate in study abroad programs.

According to the Institute of International Education, the College ranks 17th among the 40 doctorate institutions in the United States, a ranking that puts it above all other public and private Virginia institutions in the report.

The College offers study abroad opportunities through the Reves Center, which provides pamphlets, study abroad workshops and discussions with peer advisors among other things. Last year, the Reves Center provided \$172,000 in study abroad scholarships.

#### Tennis teams take part in Run and Roll Challenge

The College of William and Mary's varsity tennis teams took part in the 2009 Run and Roll Tennis Challenge Oct. 30 to kick off the USTA Virginia Wheelchair Open sponsored by Truong Rehabilitation Center. The purpose of the event was to help raise awareness of wheelchair tennis and tennis in general.

"The fun part of the night was when we tried to play in wheelchairs. We were so bad," Adrian Vodislav '13, a member of the men's tennis team, said of his experience. "It was also at that moment we realized how strong those people are. Overall, it was a great experience and I hope I get the chance to do this again."

Wheelchair tennis is one of the fastest growing and most challenging of all wheelchair sports. It allows persons with disabilities to engage in activities with their peers and family.

The Virginia Wheelchair Open at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center was the first of many of its kind to come, as the USTA works to continue the spread of wheelchair tennis throughout the state.

— by Elysia Alim

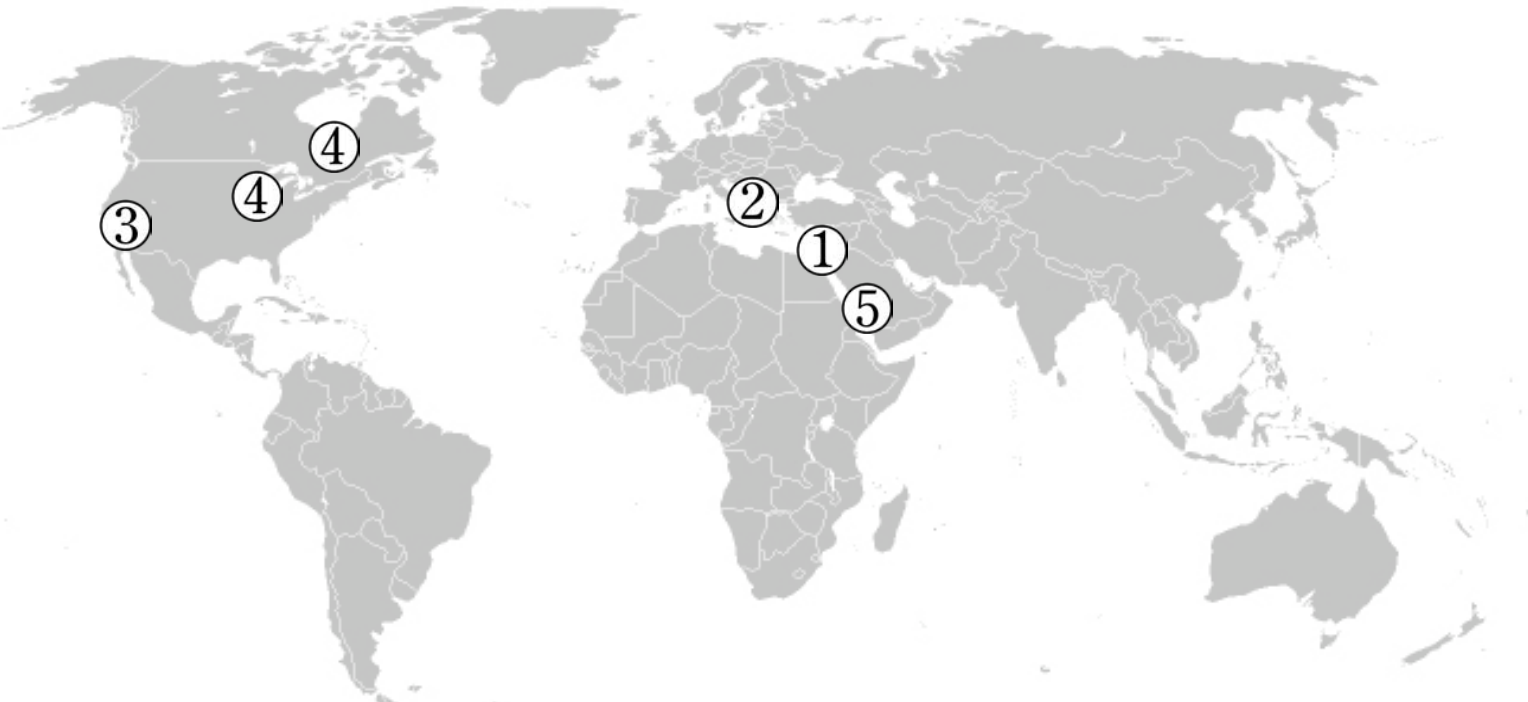
### BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Professor Meital Zilberman of Tel Aviv University in Israel has developed a new type of wound dressing based on fibers Zilberman engineered. It can be infused with antibiotics to accelerate healing, and then dissolves when it is no longer needed. The dressing will bypass limitations associated with constant wound cleaning and redressing.

2 Riots marred the Nov. 17 commemoration of the 36th anniversary of the Polytechnic University massacre in Athens, Greece. Rioting occurred around the university and other central districts. Police clashed with as many as 1,200 anarchists, using tear gas to diffuse the crowd. Rioters injured thirteen policemen, and shattered or torched vehicles. At least 250 people were arrested.

3 The UC Board of Regents approved a 32 percent increase in student fees yesterday among heavy student protests. Over 40 to 50 students shut down Campbell Hall at UCLA when, protesting with a sit-in, they chained the doors shut around midnight. Several hundred were reported to have protested outside UCLA's Covel Commons where the regents were meeting.

4 In a report in the online journal ZooKeys, Hans Larsson of McGill University in Canada and Paul Soreno of the Univ. of Chicago have found a wide range of crocodiles ranging from "Rat-Croc", a plant eating crocodile, to "BoarCroc", a dinosaur-eating crocodile. Their findings reveal that crocodiles were more diverse and specialized 65 million years ago than present-day crocodiles.



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— by Elysia Alim

## 5 Debate rages as Saudi Arabia opens university

Traditional culture of the country cited as main barrier to acceptance

By ELYSIA ALIM  
The Flat Hat

The first 400 students and 74 faculty members commenced studies at the new King Abdullah University of Science and Technology located in Thuwal, Saudi Arabia in September.

The \$10 billion campus represents King Abdullah's desire for a research-center and university on par with global standards.

However, several issues have hit home in the creation of the university in a country that is often known for its poor performance in education.

The creation of a progressive, liberal arts university in

a country that prides itself on tradition has created a considerable amount of controversy within Saudi Arabia.

The campus will eventually house 20,000 individuals. There will be a golf course, yacht club, the only movie theater permitted in the kingdom and a town center with restaurants and shops.

There will not be rules against men and women working, studying and socializing together.

On campus, women are not required to wear the abaya, the black gown mandatory elsewhere in Saudi Arabia.

Criticism has already been aimed at the university as Sheik Saad al-Shathry of the Saudi

Council for Senior Scholars called for the creation of a religious committee to ensure that the university's curriculum was consistent with Islam. However, the king responded by firing Shathry from the council.

"We have a leader who is willing to take the furthest step, but is it a policy of the country or just the leader?" Awadh al-Badi, a Saudi political scientist, said.

The king is 85-years-old with the next in line being the interior minister, Prince Naif, whose political base is Saudi Arabia's conservative religious community.

"Those voices calling for opening up are strange voices that do not represent public

opinion," Saudi preacher Soliman al-Duwaish told the New York Times.

According to the newspaper, the university has opened in an environment that has proven hostile to its goals and policies.

In accordance with the King's wishes, Saudi Arabia as a country has made a clear effort to become much more like the west. However, efforts have often met a "brick wall" of sorts as traditionalists oppose those actions.

The New York Times also reports that the university itself is facing a problem as the country's source of pride and revenue has turned into a debate of tradition and science.

### STREET BEAT

## What are your Thanksgiving plans? What are you excited for?



"Eat a lot, sleep a lot and I'm most excited for hanging out with my friends back home."

Mark Nauta '11



"I'm just going home and going to watch *Finding Nemo*."

Katie Johannes '12



"I'm going to stuff my belly with deliciousness and putz around with my family."

Kat Milberger '12



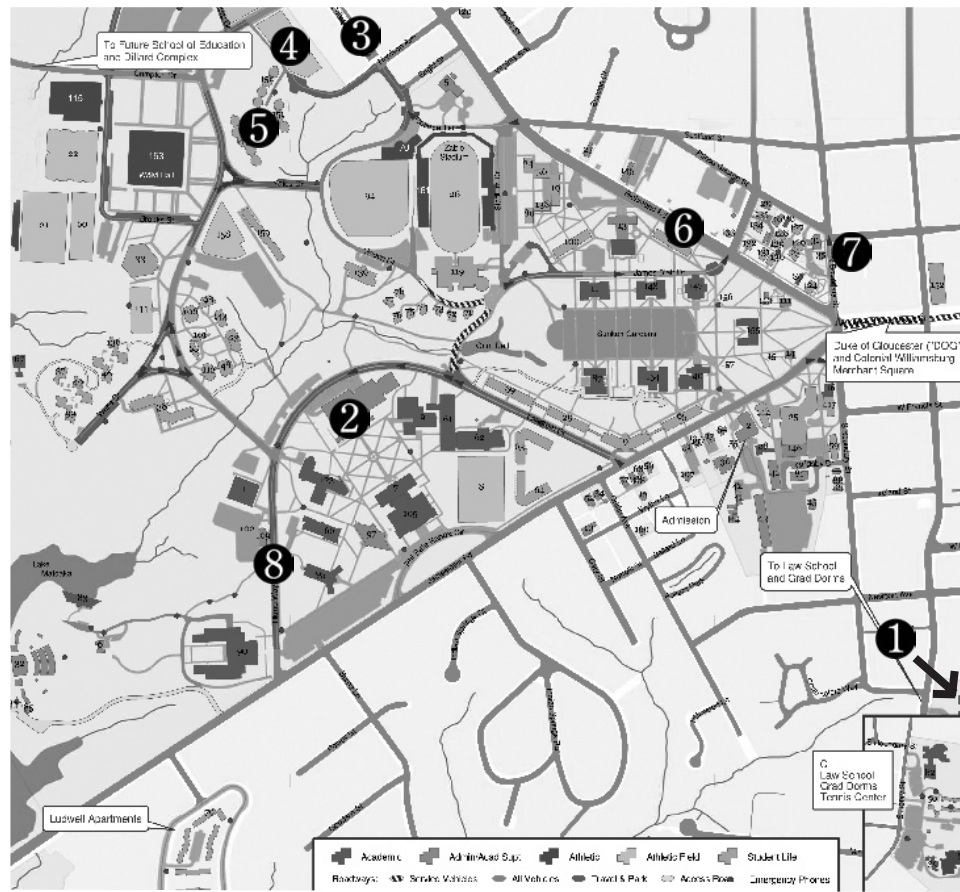
"I'm going back home to New Jersey, and I'm most excited to have a good meal with my family."

Justin Lo '13

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

### CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

## November 12 to November 16



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WMEDU

- 1 **Thursday, Nov. 12** — An individual reported stolen speakers at VIMS. The estimated value of the burglary was \$75.
- 2 — An individual reported a stolen bike outside of Swem. The estimated value was \$140.
- 3 **Friday, Nov. 13** — An individual filed a noise complaint on 608 College Terrace.
- 4 — An individual reported larceny in the Stimson Throwing Area. The estimated value was \$100.
- 5 **Staturday, Nov. 14** — An individual reported vandalism outside of Unit F. The estimated value was \$200.
- 6 **Monday, Nov. 16** — An individual reported vandalism to a teak bench on 262 Richmond Rd. The estimated value was \$1,000.
- 7 — An individual reported a stolen wallet in Brown Hall. The estimated value was \$50.
- 8 — An individual reported stolen bike parts on 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated value was \$135.

— compiled by Elysia Alim



# SA revises Thanksgiving break airport transportation system

## SBW founders hosted as speakers

By CLARA VAUGHN  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly at the College of William and Mary implemented the recently passed Administration, College and Town Act for the first time Tuesday as guest speakers were invited to lead 10-minute discussions at the beginning of the meeting.

Each week, the SA will host different speakers from the City of Williamsburg, the College's administration and student organizations.

Josh Karp '11 and Michael Douglas '11 of Students for a

Better Williamsburg, a political action committee founded in June of 2008, were the first speakers.

"We had just come off of about four months of ... helping Matt Beato '09 lose [the election for city council]," Karp said.

He explained that SBW was designed to keep the campaign's momentum going until the next city council election in 2010.

"Throughout next semester we're going to be incredibly active getting people out to vote," Karp said. "All we need is the energy of [the SA] and a few other people."

Karp hopes to get 2,500 students to the polls in the 2010

city council election.

The SA also passed a bill to provide transportation for students to the Newport News Williamsburg International Airport before Thanksgiving break.

"This would be a great shift for the airport ride system we have going each year," Sen. Ben Brown '11 said.

The system was previously based on student-driven vans.

"The problem with vans in the past is that we rely on volunteers. We didn't have any volunteers [last time,]" Brown said.

The Necessary Airport Shuttle Funding Act allocates up to \$2,000 from the SA's consolidated reserve to pay for Williamsburg Area Transport shuttles to drive students to the airport.

"[The past volunteer system] has not worked," Sen. Betty Jeanne Manning '12 said. "It has been so last minute. I think this is a really good solution."

The bill passed unanimously. Brown said the SA's executive branch hopes this system will be institutionalized in the future.

The Exam Taxi Service Act III was also passed during Tuesday's meeting. This bill provides \$2,600 to fund taxis for students who are out late during the final exams period.

"I think this is going to work well with Houser's bill ... to keep [Earl Gregg Swem] Library open 24 hours," Sen. Brittany Fallon '11 said. "People are going to be studying even later."

The Keep Swem Open During

Finals Act aims to keep Swem open all night before every test day during finals.

"They actually did figure out a way to get this done so that we won't even have to pay for Swem staff," Sen. Erik Houser '10 said.

The bill will be discussed during the Dec. 2 meeting after the costs of extra security staff and housekeeping hours are determined.

A bill to reimburse students the \$15 fee required to become certified to drive College vans was also discussed Tuesday.

"This is a necessary service that students need and rely on," Sen. Jill Olszewski '12 said.

The Van Training Subsidy Act would make the training free, and would refund those who paid for

training earlier in the semester.

Though some senators hoped to pass the bill before the training that will be held this Saturday, the majority voted to move it back to the Senate Committee on Finance and Budget to be discussed at a later date.

The Meeting Brevity Act, which would limit speakers to two minutes of speaking per bill, was also discussed, though it did not pass.

"I just think it makes a lot of sense. It basically just sets the baseline from infinity to two," Sen. Jim Dunleavy '10 said.

Other senators felt the bill would accomplish little.

"In the end, we really didn't think it would affect anything," Brown said.

# Proposal seen as opportunity guided by oversight

## Concerns remain over effect on supply and demand of city housing

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policy, many members of the planning commission do not recognize a need to change the three-person rule.

"There are no homeless students," Pons said. "Everyone has a place, although it might not be the most optimum. If we create more supply then we will have a demand issue, and that will affect rental rates and the amount the College can charge, which will create a burden on the College. I don't think that is something we want to see happen."

According to Gottschalk-Marconi, the demand for off-campus housing may be understated because of the prevalence of three-person violations.

"Essentially, they keep saying that there isn't a need for extra housing, that we don't need four students to a house, which I believe to some extent there are beds available," Gottschalk-Marconi said. "But at the same time, how many kids got bumped last year? How many people do you know that are living within the law?"

SA Undersecretary for Public Affairs

David Witkowsky '11 agreed that the housing situation cannot be remedied by limiting the proposed four-person rule to one zoning district.

"Finding a place to live isn't the only issue," Witkowsky said. "It's also wanting to live in these neighborhoods and these houses that fit more than three people. For a lot of students, it's not being able to find a place to live that meets their needs, and that's not really going to change with this proposal."

Planning commission members said a shift to four persons in all rental units could cause a supply-and-demand issue with students and renters, creating too many housing units for insufficient demand.

"If the students needs are met around the College and we go and create more space available, then we will be attracting a different type of tenant," Pons said. "I'm not sure that's the tenant we want to see."

Some planning commission members favored option one, which would have kept the three-person rule in its original place. However, many recognized the need for compromise, and said Option Three was a pros-

pect for experimentation and creativity.

"Option Three, to me, is an option with a lot of oversight," planning commission member Elaine McBeth said. "They are still looking at four people in an apartment with requirements. Option three is providing an opportunity to the marketplace that may be used or may not."

The planning commission will submit the recommendation of Option Three to the city council. The city council's public hearing will be held Dec. 16.

### OPTION THREE

Conditions for the four-person proposal.

- Only in the B-3 zoning district
- Only for multi-family dwellings
- Special use permit required
- Property management required

# New ballroom section to open

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had really been looking forward to taking ballroom."

Jennifer Bartgis '10, another student who was removed from the class, said that upperclassmen had earned their higher registration status.

"We have been forced to wait to sign up for this class," Bartgis said. "When we were underclassmen ... the classes were always full with seniors."

Bartgis suggested that a compromise could be reached between the seniors and the underclassmen in need of fulfilling their GER.

"I believe that the administration should create a new section for those seniors who were enrolled, or should create openings in other classes for those displaced seniors of Ballroom Bancing," Bartgis said.

Guy Evans '10 registered for the course on the first day of registration, but was eventually removed from the roster.

"I was disappointed when I was forcibly de-registered a few days afterward," Evans said. "The fact that we never had the opportunity to take these classes as underclassmen and now do not have the opportunity to take them as seniors seems vaguely unfair to me."

The College's kinesiology department currently offers eight Ballroom Dance courses, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are instructed by professor Rebecca Rushforth.

"In the future, the department will provide spots in both Ballroom I and II for seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen so students will have the opportunity to satisfy the GER 6 requirement with Ballroom dance."

A new section of Ballroom Dance I will be opened for the spring semester and disenrolled seniors will have the first choice for the class.



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### Informational Meetings (Attendance is not required)

- Nov. 17 - 8:00pm Sadler Center, York Room
- Nov. 18 - 7:00pm Jamestown South, 1st Floor Lounge
- Nov. 22 - 6:00pm Dupont - Fire Pit
- Nov. 23 - 7:00pm Landrum - 1st Floor Parlor
- Nov. 29 - 4:00pm Old Dominion Lobby
- Dec. 02 - 7:00pm Tazewell Hall - 1st Floor Lounge
- Dec. 04 - 3:00pm Taliaferro Hall - 1st Floor Lounge



# BOV discusses College's future

## Building plans, budget cuts dominate talks

By ISSHIN TESHIMA  
Flat Hat News Editor

Future building plans, increased early decision admission and faculty budget woes were some of the topics discussed by the College of William and Mary's Board of Visitors at its Thursday meeting.

During the BOV's Committee on Buildings and Grounds, Vice President for Administration Anna Martin unveiled the proposed construction of a new chilling plant behind the current power plant, located near the Campus Center.

"We hope that with the funds we are given, that we will be able to achieve all of these objectives," Martin said. "So eventually all of these buildings will be attached to the central heating-cooling plant."

The construction, which would also replace pipes under Old Campus from the 1940s and 1950s, would provide for the construction of four cooling units that would use cold night temperatures to chill water. This construction would ultimately bring air conditioning to the Jefferson Hall and Barrett Halls, as well as improve heating and cooling environments in most of the Old Campus academic halls.

"When we renovated Barrett in 2001, we prepared that building for air conditioning, but we couldn't because it wasn't ready," Martin said.

Martin also said that Chandler Hall, which is one of the residence halls on the list for renovations, will eventually be included in this cooling system.

"Chandler is not yet prepared because we have not renovated Chandler yet," Martin said. "That will get it in phase one."

Jamestown North and South Halls will also be linked to the new cooling system. The current cooling system for the two dorms lies on the site of a proposed expansion

of the Integrated Science Center. Martin said she expects these changes to be completed.

Martin also talked about the College's efforts to demolish the Thiemes House, which currently rests on the site of a proposed future residential-retail building. Thiemes, which houses the College's Human Resources Department, was reported by Martin to be in extremely poor condition, as recent rainstorms flooded the basement with several inches of water.

The BOV's Committee on Administration also discussed a change in the College's appointment and terminations policy for professional faculty.

The policy change stems from Virginia's Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005, in which the College agreed to create its own Human Resources department to reconfigure the procedures necessary for the College to hire a new professional.

Later in the day, College Provost Michael R. Halleran's presentation to the BOV began with the rhetorical question of how to determine if the College was doing a good job.

"If the quality of your students is very strong, you would know at least one thing," Halleran said. "You're doing something right. It's an important measure of not just the quality of the students, but indirectly, the quality of the education."

Associate Provost for Enrollment Earl Granger then reported that the College received 1,065 early decision applications — a record number. Granger estimated a third of these applicants would actually be accepted into the College.

Afterwards, the issue and realities of budget cuts were presented by two faculty speakers.

"There is this theme at William

and Mary that we can always do more with less, and even more with even less," Biology Department Chair Elizabeth Allison said. "We always feel that we are right at the edge, and if you put one more thing up there, it's all going to come down."

Allison said that more and more teachers in her department were relying upon their own individual research grants to fund teaching and carry out basic research needs. She also voiced concern that if cuts continued, departments would have to maintain the practice of hiring one-year professors who would ultimately be unable to help students with advising or mentorships.

History Department Chair Phil Daileader also discussed the effects of budget cuts on his department. He spoke of one of his students from Romania who could not finish her honors thesis because each professor she studied under held one-year contracts and had refused to mentor her.

"When I arrived at William and Mary, I marveled that I had stumbled upon the only college in the country that was both a place where I wanted to teach and a place where I wanted to send my children to," Daileader said. "If you ask me that question now, I might say it's up in the air, and I'm very fearful of what answer I might give five years from now. My great fear is that William and Mary has become the unique college that I neither want to teach at nor do I want to send my children to."

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# Minority applications increase

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Granger said. "We have actually had some slight bumps, which is more reflective of the growing size of the freshman class. Four-year institutions, for the most part, have been pretty steady as it relates to enrollment."

Changes in other universities have also affected the College's applicant pool in recent years.

"Two years ago, [the University of Virginia] did away with early decision, and so clearly we have a number of students in our applicant pool who are what I call 'phantom app-ers,'" Granger said, referring to those applicants who would have otherwise applied to U.Va., and will still go to the institution pending acceptance, but in the meantime apply to the College for lack of alternatives.

Granger also said that the College's student population is growing more and more diverse with every passing year.

"[International students are] one of the populations that has increased over the past three or four years, and we definitely want to continue doing that," Granger said. "Up until this point, we very much have engaged in arm-chair recruitment — that is, sitting in our office, hoping that they'll come — but that will change."

There has also been growth in regard to the number of Hispanic students.

"This is one of the fastest growing populations, relative to students coming through the pipeline, finishing high school, looking at four year opportunities," Granger said.

Granger also noted that, over the past few years, there has been an increasing number of students who have chosen to not report their racial or ethnic backgrounds.

"Back [in] 2005, it's 8 percent of the class, and ... as of last year it's 23 percent, and this year it's 21 percent," he said. "Moving for-

ward, I think it's going to be really interesting, how we even look at how we report underrepresented populations for students and people of color."

Challenges remain despite growth in the number of applications. Granger said more competitive financial aid packages have been a factor.

"While we have experienced applicant increases across the university, this does not always equate to increased enrollment to some of our programs, even if that is, in fact, our intent," Granger said.

Another issue is maintaining the ratio of male to female students.

"Ideally, we want to end up somewhere [near] 55 percent females," Granger said. "Sometimes it ends up being around 58 percent. We want to be respectful of the applicant pool, but also manage to make sure we can ensure our own goals in terms of what kinds of experience we want our students to have here."

Applications from legacy students, students whose parents or grandparents also attended the College, have been low when compared to other universities, according to Granger.

"[In] the freshman class, [it] is 7 percent, and the [early decision] pool is actually 6 or 7 percent," Granger said. "We've been pretty consistent. When the overall pool is in place, legacy children tend to only represent 2 to 3 percent on average."

Introduced last year, the Legacy Program invites families of alumni to visit campus during Homecoming weekend and participate in special programs held just for them. Granger said the intention was to foster life-long connections with the College.

"For the first time, we have really begun to think about this strategically along a continuum, meaning from prospective to alumni," Granger said. "I think we really are trying to be strategic about how we approach it, really looking at it from a student experience."



Granger

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# McGlothlin returns to campus

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practiced law at Street, Street and McGlothlin in Grundy, Va.

He eventually bought a small coal company with several members of his practice. That company became The United

Company, now one of the country's largest coal exporters.

McGlothlin is currently the CEO of The United Company, which manages energy, financial and real estate companies.

McGlothlin was on campus this week to speak with busi-

ness students in Alan B. Miller Hall, offering business advice to a small group of students in Miller Thursday.

"My faith in where we are going as a country and a people is reinforced by being with you [students]," McGlothlin said.

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## Admiring early action

This week, Dean of Admissions Henry Broaddus announced that the College of William and Mary's early admission application pool is up 13 percent for the year. This is a very encouraging figure, and a strong early indication that demand for admission to the College remains high. We look forward to keeping an eye on the formation of what will certainly be a capable and diverse class of 2014 as it develops over the coming year.

The size of the early applicant pool is important, and generally speaking, bigger is always better. Typically, about 36 percent of the incoming freshman class will come from early applications, regardless of how many there are. Selectivity rises and falls with the size of the pool. We are currently positioned to admit the strongest group of students of the last decade to come through the early admission system.

We are also already off to a great start in crafting a highly diverse and capable class. According to Associate Provost for Enrollment Earl Granger, the College is making great headway with recruiting international and Latino students in particular. We hope this trend continues, and thank all of those in the Admissions Office for their dedication to crafting the best incoming class possible. We eagerly await learning the next chapters of this story in the coming months.

## SA should open Swem

The people's senator has found his stride. Erik Houser '10, Student Assembly outsider turned — dare we say — playmaker, is set to make good on his pledge to present to the SA any bill furthering student interests submitted to him by a student. At the first SA meeting after Thanksgiving break, he will bring to vote a bill calling to keep Earl Gregg Swem Library open around the clock during exams. This is a good bill that should be implemented according to the schedule Houser has laid out so that students can benefit from it this December.

The plan is simple. Houser proposes to use SA funds to cover the cost of keeping security guards and any Swem staff needed on duty during the library's off hours — from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on exam mornings. The plan does not extend to the mornings of reading days. At current estimates, this will cost about \$1,500, although that number may rise as details are finalized.

As Houser puts it in his bill, "many students typically study for exams and write papers past 2 a.m." After running an outsider's campaign loosely organized around disillusionment and apathy, we are glad to see Houser has gotten down the lingo. And he is right: There is no doubt many students will take advantage of these extra hours. Even though no one likes staying up late to work, it is certainly nice to have somewhere to go when one must. Even if the cost were to double, the SA should pass this bill.

Thanks go to Daisy Weill '10 for submitting this idea, and we encourage others to follow in her footsteps and take Houser up on his offer. It is, after all, your Student Assembly.

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

## New governor can't avoid controversy

Allegra Silcox

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Virginia Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell faces a wave of discontent over his relationship with minister Pat Robertson, most recently in reference to the minister's latest pejorative comments about Islam. With the Fort Hood shooting still fresh in everyone's mind, the Christian broadcaster's remarks that Islam is not only "violent," but "not a religion; it's a political system bent on world domination," reflect a dismal attitude a number of Americans seem to hold about Islam and put the governor-elect in a bind.

On Nov. 9, Robertson denounced Islam, which has 1.57 billion adherents worldwide, nearly 2.5 million of which reside in the United States, on his television program, "The 700 Club." He used the recent shooting at Fort Hood to project the violent actions of Major Nidal Malik Hasan onto an entire religion. He also voiced generally misleading claims about Islam, which Christianity historically matches in violence.

McDonnell has moderated his formerly radically conservative opinions in his most recent campaign and is now distancing himself from the divisive minister who has been a significant donor to the politician's campaigns. McDonnell attended law school at Regent University, which was founded by Robertson and formerly named CBN University after the Christian Broadcasting Network. He also received over \$30,000

from Robertson for his gubernatorial campaign.

Robertson is standing by his statements while McDonnell has neglected to comment directly on this incident. His lack of response has disappointed many in the Muslim community, specifically here in Virginia. McDonnell has stated that he and Robertson only speak "once or twice a year."

Is this the beginning of a pattern? Will McDonnell constantly face ridicule for his ties to the conservative televangelist, which he is trying to imply are weak? If Robertson's past controversial remarks are any guide, he is sure to instigate another incident.

The question is: Will McDonnell be able to disassociate himself from the minister and the line of fire as he distanced himself from his formerly radical, conservative views on homosexuality and immorality in the United States? Robertson's tendency to cause controversy with his rhetoric could cause McDonnell trouble throughout

the next four years as McDonnell tries to maintain his identity as a moderate conservative. How long can McDonnell refuse to comment and do Virginians even want to hear a statement that completely disassociates McDonnell and Robertson? Would this be an

admirable action or another episode to add to McDonnell's list of questionable attitude changes? Virginia knew what it was getting when it elected McDonnell and maybe voters will accept yet another display of hollow backpedaling; but they shouldn't. If McDonnell doesn't agree with Robertson, he shouldn't accept his donations. If he does, Virginians at least deserve to hear him say so. The political game of tug of war has, it would seem, only just begun for McDonnell.

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## China's Obama enthusiasm can't conceal impending upheaval

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



In the last week, U.S. President Barack Obama traveled to several Asian countries to meet with world leaders. The few days he spent in China were the highlight of the trip. The country still holds a certain mystery for Americans that perhaps no other nation could.

When President Richard Nixon first visited the country, reporters likened it to a trip to the moon. Some of the mystery has been lost since China has opened up to the West during the past few decades, but the nation still captures our imagination more than any of its neighbors because of its unfamiliar customs, extensive history and predicted rise to the rank of world superpower.

Yet, Obama's visit to China seemed almost mundane. He met the leaders, issued vague joint statements, and gently nudged them on issues of contention, with the whole show tightly managed by the Chinese authorities. The U.S. media has portrayed the visit as little more than Obama's orientation to the country, with real policy issues to be decided

later, which is a fair assessment.

However, the short trip may have been more important than we think, and it seems the Chinese certainly think so. The Chinese have viewed Obama as something of a celebrity — even when he was still just a presidential candidate. The public reaction to his arrival in Shanghai shows he is not viewed as just another president.

"U.S. President Barack Obama is revered by young people here as much for his superstar appeal as the leader of the world's sole superpower. Souvenirs bearing the president's image, T-shirts, notebooks, badges, mobile phone jackets and transport card stickers are selling by the thousands at roadside shops and online stores. Internet chat rooms are buzzing with tips on where to get a glimpse of Obama," Chinese journalist Hong Liang wrote.

The Chinese media was also caught up in the spectacle, reporting on all aspects of his visit. Columnist Li Xing went so far as to say that the visit represents the culmination of Sino-U.S. relations begun decades ago.

"When Nixon left China, he said both were committed to 'build a bridge' over the Pacific and years of hostility. When Obama leaves today, he and President Hu Jintao will have

committed to collaborations over almost all issues that challenge the well-being of the world," Xing said.

These reactions bode well for the future of Sino-U.S. relations. The tributes to Obama's superstardom are visible signals of his popularity, but are not enough to ensure our relationship with China will be without conflict.

The economic crisis has shaken China's respect for the U.S. economy and, more broadly, our entire economic and political system. A recent piece in China Daily portrays Obama's visit in this light, "Obama's visit to China may not be seen as the triumphant arrival of a savant professor and mentor, and still fewer will be the lessons that he could possibly give to the business community. Rather, the Chinese are more than ever wondering whether they should still look to the United States as a role model for economic development."

It is clear that China has endowed Obama's first foray into the country with much more significance than we do. As citizens of the United States, we do not appreciate, and probably could not understand, how the Chinese consider this event. It embodies a conflict of ideas, which may come to define the Sino-U.S. relationship.

On the one hand, the United States is seen as the example of the

industriousness, wealth and success China hopes to achieve, as well as a powerful partner in world affairs. On the other hand, the United States is a status quo power that is trying to remake China in its own image — an image that the recent economic crisis has led China to view with some skepticism. The pageantry

of Obama's visit and his personal popularity brought these issues forcefully to center stage.

While it is too soon to accurately describe the full significance of this week's events, to the Chinese they may be more meaningful than the United States suspects.

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## Out in the cold

*Sexile sparks change at other universities, the College considers gender-blind dorms*

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Sexile is a phenomenon known in college dorms everywhere. A student is displaced from his or her own room while his or her roommate enjoys some private time with a significant other.

Although sexile is not a new occurrence in college dorms, the issue has received renewed publicity in recent months. In September, Tufts University created an official rule: No sex when your roommate is in the room — or kicking hem out to have sex. This also includes roommates' study hours, sleeping hours or privacy being disturbed. While most people would agree that common decency should prevent you from having to witness your roommate's lovemaking, the rule has received mixed reactions.

"I think it's really funny, and a little too much because how do you police that, to be honest?" McKinley Sims '10, Head Resident for Reeves and Hunt Halls, said.

Residence Life at the College of William and Mary has a more hands-off approach than Tufts, and focuses on the more general issue of overnight guests. According to Director of Residence Life Deb Boykin, the sensitive nature of sexiling makes enforcement a problem.

"When students have that kind of conflict, they're not often going to talk about it," she said. "Or they are not going to talk about it outwardly. They might talk about it to each other."

Occasionally, roommates have difficulty reconciling, but Boykin said that these conflicts escalate to the point of Residence Life's involvement in the conflict only once or twice a year.

"We know that [Resident Assistants] have helped in some of those kinds of conversations, and I think it gets solved at a lower level with the RA kind of mediating," she said.

The College will not be making a rule to parallel Tufts' new regulation.

"We have no intent to entertain a clause like that," Boykin said. "Mainly because we believe in self-determination and we're always there to help students through something, and if somebody's having their rights infringed upon."

Sims agreed that the school should have minimal involvement.

"I don't think it's the school's job to police that," he said. "It's the school's job to help the two roommates to make the situation better. That's shooting the calf that's already dead."

In Sims' experience as an RA, students have resolved conflicts on their own, sometimes relying on hallmates for a place to sleep.

"My guys were always very respectful of each other, and that's why it was so

great as far as when situations pop up," he said. "And it wasn't really a big deal, because it wasn't just me that had an open futon policy, it would be other people, too."

However, some students at the College agree with Tufts' decision to institute a ban on sexile.

"I think it is part of the school's responsibility because I think that's maintaining decency standards," PJ Judge '13 said.

As a freshman, Judge has yet to encounter an extreme case of sexile, which would require school intervention.

"I haven't experienced it too often, so I think that if it does get out of hand, you should be able to have the RA to stop it. But usually that's not the case; usually it doesn't get that far," he said.

While ResLife may have no intention of banning sex in the presence of a roommate from dorm rooms, they have been discussing other rooming issues involving sex and gender-identification.

The Student Assembly and Lambda Alliance have pitched a rough draft to the Residence Hall Association to designate several apartments in the Ludwell Complex as gender-neutral housing.

"So if you have people that are transgender and may not feel comfortable living with a male or female, then they have the option to live in a space that's gender-neutral," Sims said. He heard of the proposal from meetings between the SA and RHA.

The new policy would not require applicants to check off a male or female box. The option would only be available for upperclassmen.

Because ResLife has yet to receive a formal proposal, they cannot make an official comment about gender-neutral housing; however, Boykin has seen a movement for such housing before.

"This is a trend that's spreading across the nation," she said. "It has not happened in Virginia, so no other

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### CONFUSION CORNER

DO SOMETHING  
do something  
DO SOMETHING



a novel

Joseph Riippi

COURTESY PHOTO — AMPERSANDREVIEW.COM  
Joseph Riippi '04 made his literary debut this year with "Do something! Do something! Do something!"

## Novel by alumnus falls short of finding meaning

**Kevin Mooney**

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



"It's all about happiness," Eddie tells his psychiatrist at the mental institution he's just been admitted to. He's describing a play he recently read, by a playwright named Martin Patrick Simon. "The play starts out and they're still trying to figure shit out, trying to figure out how to be happy."

The same could be said of all the characters in Joseph Riippi's first, and not entirely successful, novel "Do something! Do something! Do something!" Riippi '04, a former Confusion Corner columnist for The Flat Hat, attempts to encapsulate the uncertainty of post-collegiate youth through the stories of three 20-somethings — all, it can easily be said, going through their own personal struggles.

Eddie has just been checked into a mental facility by his estranged step-father after attacking a stripper with a broken bottle — but it's clear his problems run far deeper than that. He's visited by his step-sister, only identified as "the girl with the starfish tattoo," who has personal problems of her own. Although

she's supportive of her brother, she can't help but remember that Eddie's assault is "not completely unlike what a man had once done to her," triggering memories of her rape at age 22 and its resulting hardships.

The final strand of the novel follows Simon, the playwright, and his struggle to overcome a divorce prompted by the death of his prematurely born daughter. The novel interlaces these three stories — hardly ever in a linear fashion for no discernable reason — in the hope of creating characters emblematic of their generation.

But it's these characters that really comprise the novel's main weakness. At one point, Eddie describes someone from Simon's play as the kind of person who thinks a "depressive biography [is] ... a necessity for becoming a great writer." The author seems to have a similar idea as to what creates a great protagonist. Each character is more of an avatar Riippi insists on subjecting to increasingly horrible events — rape, miscarriage, institutionalization, friends killed in Iraq, bowel cancer, dead preemies, suicide attempts. One assumes fans of "Saw" might flock to the book purely for the torture porn aspect. It's never really clear what impact these events have, practically or psychologically on the characters, problems that motivate a character

close to suicide may disappear entirely by the next time their narrative recurs, accomplishing nothing except to push each character toward a maturation that never actually materializes. Each is, as Eddie puts it, "pushed into the great unknown by TIME and REALITY and SHIT," quite literally it turns out; each character's dark and weighty past is punctuated with the stuff. But by the end each seems as indistinct as when the novel began.

Riippi's notion of what defines a person may be responsible for this indistinction. Riippi seems solidly rooted in the camp that a person is defined by their combined experiences. Neglecting the part of character that is defined by action, by the choices people consciously make. Part of the reason these characters seem so indistinct might be because, despite having had quite a lot happen to them, they rarely, if ever, do anything themselves. Those with tragic lives — and trust me, these characters have more tragic back-stories than a Marvel comic — still lead lives in the present. How a character's past interacts with his or her present choices and actions is normally where a novel derives its conflict. But more often than not, the conflict present in "Do something"

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# Olympic oriented on the mat

*Judo Club co-president competes internationally and teaches at home*

By **ALTHEA LYNNESS-FERNANDEZ**  
*The Flat Hat*

Imagine five long minutes on the mats. You are doing your best to keep your mind and body alert. The crowd is surrounding you with noise. Your opponent is a survivor of 10, maybe 15, years of intense training, and to win you would have to slam him flush against the ground.

All the while you know you're there to represent your school, your state and even your country. Each five-minute match is a chance to prove the value of the years of dedication you've put into practicing judo.



PHOTOS BY CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

This foreign and even intimidating scene is a common reality for Michael Harrison '12. He has practiced judo for seven years and is co-president of the College of William and Mary's Judo Club. His co-president Chris Bahls-Mariles '12 has been practicing the sport for 10 years.

In his seven years, Harrison has competed and ranked in countless local and national competitions, and has recently delved into participating in international competitions.

"My favorite tournament was probably this summer. I went to the Pan-American Championships and I got third place there," Harrison said. "It's a lot different because it's more like you are competing for your country, so it's honorable and fun because your teammates are from all different parts of the U.S."

Harrison spoke more about his experience than his growing number of medals.

"Hopefully I'll participate in the Olympics eventually, either 2012 or 2016, and after that I want to open up my school and give back to judo," Harrison said. "And I might move to one of the Olympic training centers after I graduate."

His competitions abroad have prepared him for Olympic-caliber matches, although Harrison admitted that international games are a whole new level of intensity. With steady training, he hopes to be ready to compete in the Games eventually.

"I would not want to fight Michael in a competition," Bahls-Mariles said. "He is set on winning, and he is a very imposing individual. He knows what he's got to do ... but the second he bows out he's back to good old Michael, laughing."

Harrington said that even though he is not in the right place to train for the Olympics right now, Judo Club helps keep him on his game. During school it is difficult to travel to large competitions, so Judo Club provides a place to practice and learn.

"It's not about beating up on each other," Bahls-Mariles said. "You get a lot of anime types who are coming and are ready to rip someone's head off, but that's not what judo is about."

Although on the mat the main goal is to throw down your opponent, the sport involves more than having bulky muscles or being the most aggressive. Judo becomes a passion for some because of the philosophy and lifestyle behind the sport.

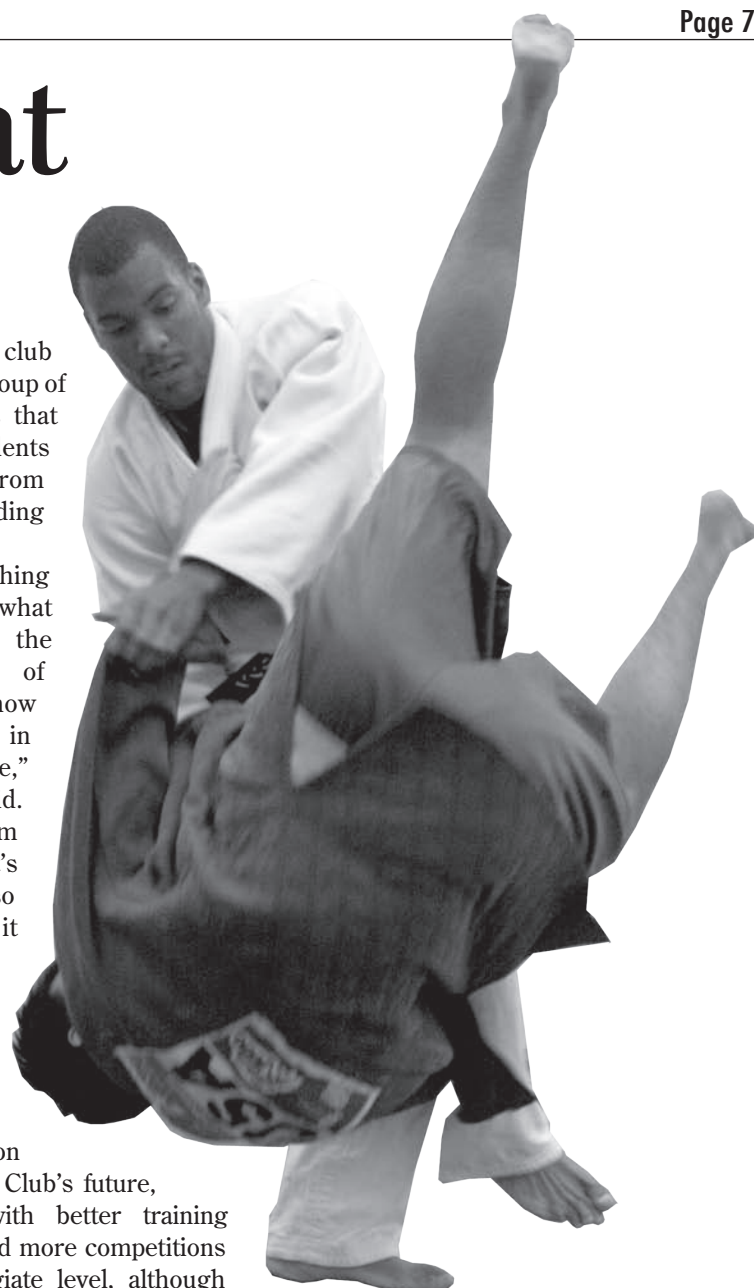
"People who do judo are very relaxed, outgoing, good people," Bahls-Mariles said. "It's the philosophy, it's the trust thing. If you come into judo you're trusting someone with your body ... and to do that everyone has to have the upmost respect for each other. It's a very beautiful thing."

Harrison and Bahl-Mariles believe judo can be a positive force in a person's life. This benefit is a contributing factor as to why they have put so much effort into creating the Judo Club. Only one

year old, the club has a core group of 20 members that includes students and people from the surrounding community.

"I like teaching new people what judo is and the importance of judo and how it helps you in everyday life," Harrison said. "Most of them are new; that's what I also like about it — teaching new, fresh people."

The co-presidents share a strong vision for the Judo Club's future, beginning with better training resources and more competitions at the collegiate level, although they already do compete with other colleges in the area. More than anything, they hope to strengthen the presence of judo on campus. Their core group already includes judo novices, community members from Norfolk, three girls and a College staff member. No matter their level of experience, they learn something new every practice.



"You have to be really patient with judo because it takes a long time to get good at it, so you have to learn that you have to do more listening when you first start judo," Harrison said. "I'm still learning and I've been doing it for a long time. You can learn a lot from judo, even when you're old."

## ON THE RECORD

ATTENTION DEFICIT WALE

★★★★★

I feel it's important that I'm straightforward with you: I love Wale. I drove to Richmond last year to see him in concert, and I know the words to just about every mixtape he's ever released. I'm that guy at parties who plays his songs instead of the latest Wale or Akon in hopes of converting new Wale fans.

With that being said, I was skeptical when I heard Washington, D.C.-native Wale (pronounced "wah-LAY") had released his first major label album. Signed to Interscope Records, I feared he might lose some of his lyrical depth in favor of banal mainstream popularity.

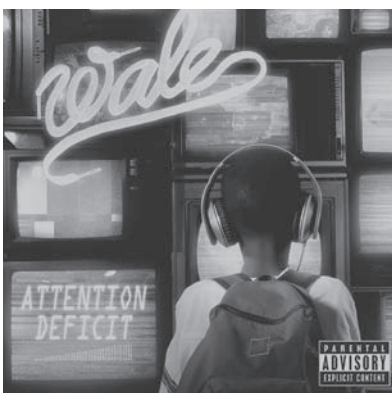
With these preconceived doubts in mind, I popped in my earphones and hoped for the best.

A simple scan of the tracks put my fears to rest. Whether it's the tip-toeing pizzicato of "Let It Loose," produced by the Neptunes, the saccharine decadence of "Chillin,'" featuring Lady Gaga or the piano-driven celebration of "World Tour," Wale has brought all his hats to the party. As for lyrical substance, "90210" is a watchful tale of one girl's struggle with bulimia, and "Shades" is a cathartic commentary on ethnic intolerance. Wale implores the audience, "Immigrant parents had me feeling like a step-kid, and black Americans never did accept me. That's why I thrive so much winning respect, dig?"

The album is like a rollercoaster ride with banging club anthems juxtaposed with introspective rap ballads. In that regard, the album could have been better organized to flow more smoothly and allow the listener to sink into one groove or another. However, the album demonstrates remarkable range on the part of Wale, and any awkward transitions are more the fault of his producers than the artist himself.

"Attention Deficit" is not just the culmination of one man's nearly decade-long quest for mainstream success, but far more importantly, it's the coronation of a musical champion of a city that's long been aching for one. And call me biased, but I love to root for my home team.

— by Jason Rogers



## 'Do Something' does little

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is merely an indistinct setting — a coffee shop, an abandoned bathroom stall — from which each character can further expand upon his or her sordid past. Sadly, "Do something!" is a phrase you'll hopelessly be shouting at his characters well before novel's end, to little avail.

This isn't to say the novel fails entirely. The novel is a medium based on recurring images, a device to which Riippi seems well accustomed. Each plotline has elements that echo the others in a way that makes the novel subtly cohere where it quite easily could have fallen apart.

There's definitely another point behind Riippi's summation of our generation. His characters near relentlessly speak in allusion — through quotes by Susan Sontag, Leonard Cohen or Leo Tolstoy — and there's something to be said about an entire generation

unable to frame its own experiences without using the words of others. But it's only stray thought stuffed into a novel far too overburdened with ideas to really effectively carry any of them out. A truly successful novel creates a story in which these ideas are able to emerge organically from an identifiable and engaging plot and set of characters, but neither of these aspects are apparent in "Do something."

The most disappointing part is that any one character in the book, given a bit more to do and few more details to flush out his or her conflicting personality, could have easily become a protagonist worthy of a longer, and much better, novel. Between the line of this one are the traces a very good book: Riippi may just need to do a better job of sorting through the shit in order to find it.

*Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist. He does not aspire to be a novelist, but finds it a worthy pursuit from his position.*

# Sex, gender, roommates — oh my

*Call for gender-neutral housing from inside campus community*

HOUSING from page 6

Virginia school is doing it, especially a state school.

A similar proposal was submitted to ResLife by the RHA in 2006, but was rejected. Since the College is a public school, housing is governed by state laws, and those laws are then interpreted by the College's legal counsel.

Sociology professor Jennifer Bickham-Mendez who has taught Gender and Society for 10 years said that gender differences are institutionalized by gender specific spaces, such as dorm rooms. These gender-specific spaces also exclude people who do not fit gender stereotypes.

"It sends the message that males and females are more different from each other than, for example, a female from a female," she said. "In the case of intersex people, it even muddies the water further because they are folks whose physicality doesn't measure up with our complete ideas of what male physicality looks like and female physicality looks like, so they can in effect choose neither completely."

ResLife's perspective echoes this sentiment.

"I think the bigger question is, 'How do we serve our transgender students?'" Boykin said. "A transgender student who is public about it is one thing, but a student who is struggling with their

sexual identity and is so unsure that they don't want to share that; how do we help those students?"

Typically, students uncomfortable with gender-assigned housing move off campus, although there have been students in the past who have worked privately with ResLife to create more comfortable housing options.

Other than legal obstacles, two primary problems surface with a proposal for gender neutral housing. Sims pointed out the potential for heterosexual couples to choose a room together, which could possibly result in messy breakups.

"I think in theory it's a wonderful idea, and if it works the way it's supposed to — to protect people who might have issues and who identify with LGBTQ — that's great," he said. "I think the only problem that you could run into is if you have people who say that they identify that way but are really maybe trying to live with their significant other."

Having been an RA for two years, Sims is wary of the complications that come with romantic relationships in dorm situations.

"If they break up, from a ResLife head staff position, that takes roommate conflict to a whole new level," he said. "Having to deal with breakup conflicts, that's hell."

Besides the problem of couples, the proposal faces potential opposition from

policy makers and alumni. Both Judge and Sims said they have seen overwhelming support from the student body, but question how gender-neutral housing will appear to those outside the College.

"From my personal perspective, people seemed very positive about it, and if not positive, just positively indifferent," Sims said. "I haven't had anyone that's out and out spoken against it."

According to Judge, a member of the RHA, there may be negative responses from outside the College. As a public institution, the opinions of people outside the College can greatly affect policy making.

"I think that students should have basic adult freedoms in this area, but that has to be balanced by safety," Bickham-Mendez said. "As a faculty member in the political context that we reside in as a public institution, I would be concerned about the message that it sends and how that gets interpreted. Externally, other stakeholders look in and they don't like it. So it's prudent to tread with care on these things."

Perhaps Sims' advice on sexing is also applicable to gender-neutral housing, as both issues involve the intricacies of two people living together and respecting each other's boundaries, especially pertaining to sexual issues.

"Have a little respect kids," Sims said. "Give a little bit, take a little bit."

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# Opening bottles, opening minds

*Student introduces wine society to the College under the influence of his study abroad experience at Oxford*

By **ASHLEY MORGAN**  
Flat Hat Executive Editor

Picture this: Fifteen students are sitting in a dimly lit wine cellar, sampling bottles of wine and slices of cheese, having servers pour them glass after glass of wine while they explain the robust flavor in each one.

If this image sounds more like something you would find at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom than at the College of William and Mary, it's because that's exactly where the idea came from.

While studying in Oxford last semester, Omar Farid '10 joined one of the three wine societies there.

"I had joined Bacchus, which is the Oxford University Wine Society, which held wine tasting events every week and I thought it would be a fantastic idea to

start a similar organization on campus here in the United States," he said. Thus, The College of William and Mary Wine Society was born.

However, this is not the College's first attempt at starting a wine society. According to Farid there have been previous attempts that have not lasted.

Farid, president of the wine society, believes that many students want to learn more about wine and drinking it. "My goal is to get people who want to learn about wine, who love wine, who love learning about wine, together and talk," he said.

The organization is open to students and faculty; however, members must be 21 years or older. There is a membership fee of \$35 for undergraduates and \$45 for faculty per semester. The fee allows members to attend all events at a discounted rate and to attend the society's

dinner at the end of the semester.

For example, this last event was \$15 for members and \$25 for guests.

The society plans events, which are often open to both members and guests, in accordance with their mission statement: "The College of William and Mary Wine Society was created in 2009 to help promote the appreciation and enjoyment of wine on campus. This will take place through wine tastings led by experts in the field along with other special events especially catered to aid in learning about wine and how to taste it properly."

To properly taste wine, you must check for three things: look, smell and taste. First, look at the color of the wine — it is recommended to swirl the glass a little from the rim of the glass to the middle to see color changes. While continuing to swirl the glass, smell the wine to get a good sense of the aromas mixed in. Start by wafting the wine and then later dipping your nose closer to the wine to get the full bouquet. Next, taste the wine. Start with a small sip and allow it to sit and roll around on your tongue — pay attention to sweetness, acidity, sour flavor or bitterness.

"It's mostly about drinking wine and learning about wine," Ty Muirragui '10, the Wine Society's treasurer, said. "It's not about getting drunk."

According to Farid, the tastings have been attended by a mix of members and guests — all with varying degrees of knowledge about wine.

"My experience was definitely an enjoyable one. Everyone was very friendly and congenial," guest Vida Ess '10 said. "The organization definitely made me realize that wine tasting is accessible, even for college students."

At this point in the semester, the society has hosted three events: one that the organization put on itself, one in coordination with the Williamsburg Winery, and one most

recently at the Cheese Shop.

This last event featured wines from France and was an introduction to some of the most famous winemaking regions, including Côtes du Rhône and Bordeaux.

Farid believes that Williamsburg offers a good location for an organization like the society.

"The Cheese Shop and other venues in Williamsburg have great wine and we are glad they are willing to work with us," he said.

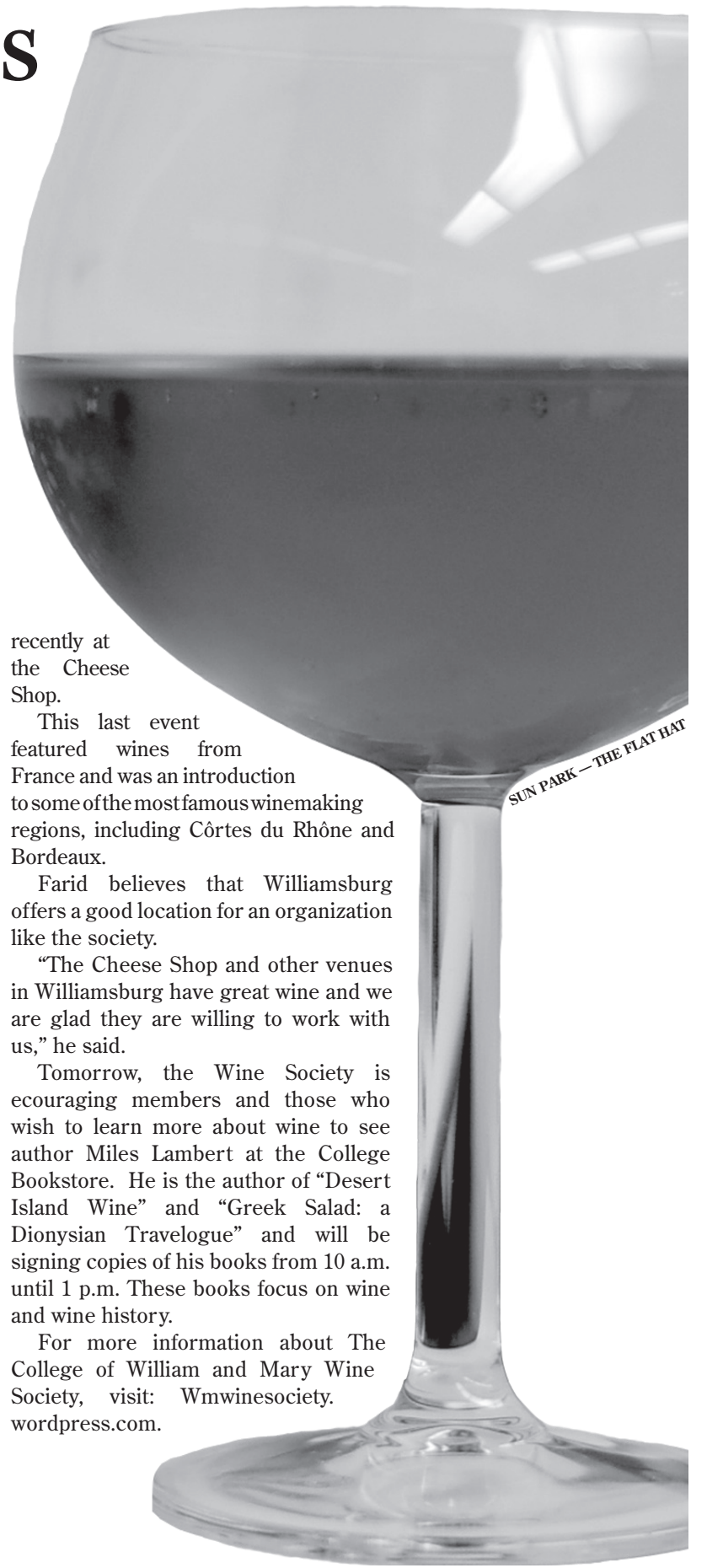
Tomorrow, the Wine Society is encouraging members and those who wish to learn more about wine to see author Miles Lambert at the College Bookstore. He is the author of "Desert Island Wine" and "Greek Salad: a Dionysian Travelogue" and will be signing copies of his books from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. These books focus on wine and wine history.

For more information about The College of William and Mary Wine Society, visit: [wmwinesociety.wordpress.com](http://wmwinesociety.wordpress.com).



CARLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Members taste French wines at the William and Mary Wine Society event at the Cheese Shop Nov. 5. The society was started by Omar Farid '10 based on similar societies at Oxford.





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# History of the Capital Cup

The oldest rivalry in the South. There's something majestic and even debonair about that name. The Richmond and William and Mary and Mary rivalry is truly one of the oldest in collegiate athletics. Saturday's meeting will mark the 119th time the two teams have faced off over the last 111 years. Over that span, the rivalry has seen it all — 0-0 ties (three of them, in fact), 40-point blowouts and, as of last year, overtime nail biters.

Saturday's game will be the last regular season tilt at UR Stadium, which has hosted Richmond football since 1929. That season, the College spoiled the stadium's opening with a 25-0 blowout win over the Spiders.

Interestingly enough, despite the close overall record (the Tribe leads 59-54-5), the rivalry has seldom

been a back-and-forth affair. Richmond began the series by winning 27 of the first 33 games (and three of those ended in ties). Not to be outdone, the Tribe came roaring back, reeling off 15 straight wins between 1939 and 1954.

But the game has seldom carried as much meaning as Saturday's matchup. Both schools enter the game sporting 9-1 records and national title aspirations.

Coinciding with the close of Richmond's long-time home, this year the I-64 trophy has been renamed the Capitol Cup to signify Williamsburg and Richmond's role as the two most recent capitals of the state of Virginia.

To signify the changing nature of this historical rivalry, The Flat Hat takes a look at its storied past.

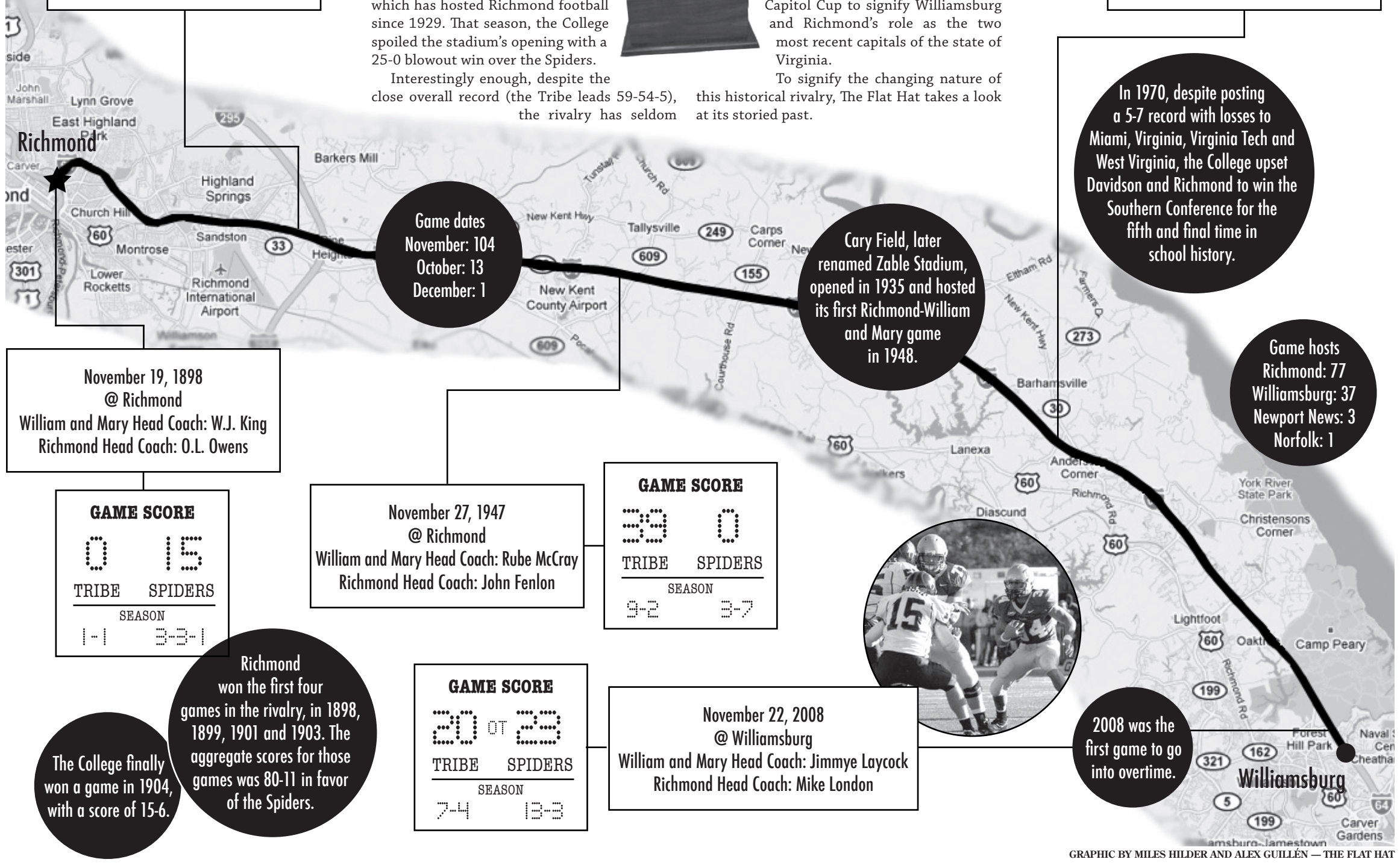


GAME SCORE	
0	13
TRIBE	SPIDERS
SEASON	
4-5	6-2

GAME SCORE	
34	33
TRIBE	SPIDERS
SEASON	
5-7	4-6

October 20, 1920  
@ Norfolk  
William and Mary Head Coach: J.G. Driver  
Richmond Head Coach: Frank Dobson

November 21, 1970  
@ Richmond  
William and Mary Head Coach: Lou Holtz  
Richmond Head Coach: Frank Jones



In 1970, despite posting a 5-7 record with losses to Miami, Virginia, Virginia Tech and West Virginia, the College upset Davidson and Richmond to win the Southern Conference for the fifth and final time in school history.

Game hosts  
Richmond: 77  
Williamsburg: 37  
Newport News: 3  
Norfolk: 1

Game dates  
November: 104  
October: 13  
December: 1

Cary Field, later renamed Zable Stadium, opened in 1935 and hosted its first Richmond-William and Mary game in 1948.

November 19, 1898  
@ Richmond  
William and Mary Head Coach: W.J. King  
Richmond Head Coach: O.L. Owens

GAME SCORE	
0	15
TRIBE	SPIDERS
SEASON	
1-1	3-3-1

November 27, 1947  
@ Richmond  
William and Mary Head Coach: Rube McCray  
Richmond Head Coach: John Fenlon

GAME SCORE	
39	0
TRIBE	SPIDERS
SEASON	
9-2	3-7

Richmond won the first four games in the rivalry, in 1898, 1899, 1901 and 1903. The aggregate scores for those games was 80-11 in favor of the Spiders.

The College finally won a game in 1904, with a score of 15-6.

GAME SCORE	
20	23
TRIBE	SPIDERS
SEASON	
7-4	13-3

November 22, 2008  
@ Williamsburg  
William and Mary Head Coach: Jimmie Laycock  
Richmond Head Coach: Mike London

2008 was the first game to go into overtime.

GRAPHIC BY MILES HILDER AND ALEX GULLÉN — THE FLAT HAT

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Schneider spurs Tribe to come from behind win over Richmond

College moves to 1-2 with 78-71 victory

By CHRIS WEIDMAN  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Two impressive runs and solid free throw shooting in the waning minutes propelled William and Mary (1-2) to its first victory of the season Thursday night at Kaplan Arena. Led by senior guard David Schneider, the Tribe overcame a sloppy start and early 19-6 deficit to hand Richmond (2-1) its first loss of the season in a 78-71 effort after.

"The first five minutes were unbelievable for us," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "We looked like we had never played the game before, but how we responded to that was the most impressive thing to me."

Shaver's squad quickly fell behind 8-0 to a sharp Richmond team fresh off a 100-point performance in its previous game against VMI. Eight minutes into the match-up, as the early deficit grew to 13, it did not look much better for the College.

"It was shocking to us, quite honestly," Shaver said. "We thought we were so well prepared. We knew what they were going to do ... so it's a difficult thing to see."

A cold start and too many mental errors by Schneider led to an early benching after according to Shaver. But the senior stayed aggressive, and turned the game around after returning, to lead the Tribe on an 11-0 run to close the half. The College hit three straight three pointers, capped by Schneider's three with three seconds remaining to give the Tribe a 29-28 halftime advantage, its first lead of the night.

"They are a tough team [and] are really active," Schneider said. "I think we handled their pressure really well. We were able to get other guys open shots, which I think is really going to help us."

The College maintained its own pressure to start the second half. After a back-and-forth opening nine minutes, the Tribe turned a 42-40 deficit into a 52-42 lead. Schneider contributed eight points to the burst — two three pointers and a running jump shot in less than a minute.

Richmond would not get within six points the rest of the game, and the College hit 11 of 14 free throws to secure the victory.

"Every victory is good, but this one felt good ... because of the way we battled as a team," se-



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
Senior guard David Schneider netted 25 points.

nior guard Sean McCurdy said. "We started the game off really slow and it was a collective effort in the comeback."

McCurdy hit timely shots to finish with 11 points and a game-high four assists. Schneider netted 25 points on 7-18 shooting and 4-10 from beyond the arc.

Neither team demonstrated much of an inside presence on the night, yet the combination of senior center Steven Hess and junior center Marcus Kitts managed to combine for 16 points and 16 rebounds. A similar matchup zone approach utilized by both squads clogged the passing lanes, leading to 53 attempted three pointers on the night.

The College held a 35-32 rebound advantage, while committing one more turnover than the Spiders at 11-10. The Tribe shot 51 percent overall and 45.5 percent from beyond the arc.

The College returns to the court Saturday for a 2 p.m. game at Manhattan.

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# SPORTS



## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### MEN'S SOCCER

#### Hoxie placed on Top Drawer Soccer First Team

Senior forward Andrew Hoxie was named to the Top Drawer Soccer Men's College Soccer First Team of the Season Thursday. Hoxie was one of only five forwards named to the squad. The senior finished the year with 10 goals and 12 assists, leading the CAA in both categories garnering the CAA's Player of the Year award as well as First Team All-CAA. Hoxie ended the season tied for fourth nationally in assists per game and 11th in points per game.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Taylor adds two players to 2014 freshman class

Head Coach Debbie Taylor announced the signing of two players to the class of 2014 Wednesday. 6'2" center Kaitlyn Mathieu of Maine averaged just under 15 points and over two blocks a game last season. Also standing at 6'2" is guard/forward Victoria Willemis who led her South Texas AAU team in scoring last year and was invited to the esteemed Adidas Top-10 elite camp the past two years.

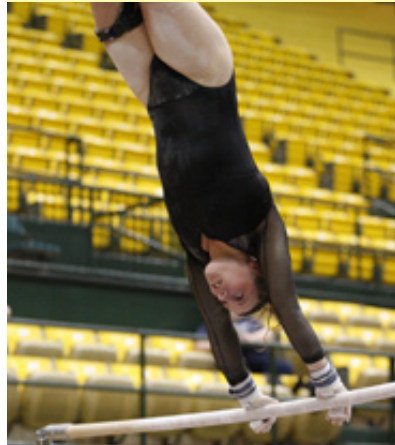
### VOLLEYBALL

#### Kresch named CAA Player of Week, Tribe advances

Led by sophomore Lindsay Kresch, the Tribe earned a post-season berth last weekend with wins at Georgia State and UNC-Wilmington. The College had to come from behind against the Panthers Sunday and the Seahawks Friday to win 3-1 and 3-2, respectively. Through two matches, Kresch tallied 44 kills and 34 digs. The sophomore's impressive performances garnered her this week's CAA Offensive Player of the Week award. The wins solidified the College as the fourth seed in next week's CAA Tournament where they will face VCU.

## ATHLETE FOCUS

JENNIFER STACK,  
SENIOR, GYMNASTICS



The Flat Hat caught up with senior All-American Jennifer Stack to discuss being a senior leader, her discovering gymnastics as a child and her many nicknames.

**Favorite album?** I love any type of music. I guess you can say "Empire State of Mind" is my favorite song right now, but I don't have a constant favorite album.

**How did you discover gymnastics?** At age seven, I started to think soccer was really boring, and so I took up gymnastics. My parents eventually began driving me an hour and a half up to Boston for practices.

**What are some perks of being a senior?** I really enjoy just leading the team in stretching before practice and motivating them in meets.

**What was it like being named a First Team All-American last year?** It was really good, but tiring because that meant you had to compete in the third day of USAG [USA Gymnastics] Nationals. The whole team did really well there, which is the more important thing.

## FOOTBALL



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Richmond quarterback Eric Ward looks to pass during the Spiders' 23-20 victory over the Tribe last season in Williamsburg. The College's loss, in its season finale, kept the Tribe out of the playoffs.

# Trophy match

## With CAA title on line, Tribe, Richmond meet in season finale at City Stadium

By MATT POMS  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

The 119-year history of this rivalry has never seen a game quite like this. When no. 5 William and Mary travels to face no. 4 Richmond Saturday much more than the traditional I-64 trophy — reimagined this year as the Capital Cup — will be at stake.

The winner will earn at least a share of the CAA title and improve its chance of earning one of four valuable postseason seeds, guaranteeing home field advantage in the FCS playoffs.

It will be the last game played in historic University of Richmond Stadium, the home of the Spiders' football program for nearly 80 years.

And it will be an opportunity for the College to avenge last season's dramatic 23-20 overtime loss to Richmond, a defeat in the season's final game that proved fatal to the Tribe's postseason chances.

"It should be a heck of a matchup," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. "I'm

excited to be part of it."

But beyond the hype, the Tribe's chief test when it emerges from the locker room Saturday will be to ignore the game's massive implications and focus on a very good Richmond football team. Both squads enter the game at 9-1 and tied for first in the CAA. The Spiders spent the majority of the year ranked first in the nation after winning a national championship last season. A loss to then-no. 4 Villanova is the only blemish on their record.

"They probably have 14 or 15 fifth-year seniors on their starting group, offense and defense," Laycock said. "They've been in a lot of tough games. They know how to play and they know how to win."

With the top two run defenses in the conference, the matchup could come down to a battle at the line of scrimmage. Both teams put a strong emphasis on running the football, with the College's 177.9 rushing yards per game clocking in just ahead of Richmond's 164.2

"When we do win this game, it will

probably be won in the trenches," sophomore tailback Jonathan Grimes said. "But they're tough; their front four is really good. They are a really disciplined defense and they're going to be on their A-game."

With 78 more rushing yards, Grimes can become the first Tribe running back since 1998 to total 1,000 yards on the season, averaging 94.2 yards per game.

Defensively, the College will be charged with stopping quarterback Eric Ward, as well as running back Justin Forte, who ranks second in the CAA in rushing yardage.

"They have strengths at pretty much all their positions on the offense," senior defensive end Adrian Tracy said. "But the bottom line comes down to effort and execution, and that's what we are planning on doing — play with relentless effort and leave it all on the field."

Fueling that effort will undoubtedly be memories of last year's defeat to Richmond, which extended the College's current four-game losing streak to the Spi-

ders. After ending a similar losing streak against James Madison earlier this season, the Tribe's seniors are poised to end their participation in the rivalry on a high note.

"It's definitely been used as motivation," Tracy said. "Myself and a lot of other guys have never beaten this team. One thing we would have liked to have had by this point is a conference championship, and with a win we would be able to do that and kill two birds with one stone."

A win would allow the College to either split the CAA title with no. 2 Villanova, or win it outright if the Wildcats fall to no. 25 Delaware later Saturday.

And no matter the past defeats or title implications of the contest, the age-old rivalry between Richmond and the College still burns fiercely, even for a coach entering his fourth decade in charge.

"[Last year's game] seems like a long time ago now. This is a different team, and a different year," Laycock said. "I want to win just for the sake of winning. That's good enough."

## KEYS TO THE GAME



No. 5 William and Mary @ No. 4 Richmond



WHEN: Saturday, 12 p.m.  
WHERE: Richmond, Va.

### PROTECT THE FOOTBALL

The key to the Tribe's success has been an emphasis on avoiding the turnover — the squad has yielded only 12 on the season. Richmond is similarly stingy, allowing 16 turnovers. This contest could very well hinge on one or two key turnovers that go a long way toward deciding the outcome.

### BATTLE IN THE TRENCHES

Both teams love to run the football and are adept at stopping the run. In the CAA, the College ranks second in rushing offense and first in rushing defense, while Richmond places fourth and second respectively. Whoever wins the battle of the line of scrimmage will win the game.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams play is at a premium any time two top teams face off. But the Spiders have struggled there this season, ranking ninth in the CAA in punting, while hitting only 7 of 12 field goal attempts. If punter David Miller and kicker Brian Pate are steady, it will give the Tribe a big advantage.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

# College primed to re-write history at nationals

## Grey, Wilhelm aim for All-American honors

By CHRIS WEIDMAN  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

According to Head Coach Alex Gibby, the hard work has already been done by the College. When his team breaks the starting line in Terre Haute, Ind. Monday at the NCAA Championship race, Gibby is confident six months of training will culminate in a 30-minute performance on the pathway to success.

"At this point, the hay is in the barn," Gibby said. "Now it is just a matter of staying sharp from a physical perspective, and there is really not much to be done. It is simply [time to] execute at the same level we have been firing on all year."

Ranked seventh in the country in the final poll before nationals, the Tribe improved upon last year's 16th place finish to establish itself as a premier program, winning its 10th straight CAA championship in late October.

"We returned everybody [from last season] and added a few pieces," Gibby said. "I wouldn't say we are a team of destiny, but there is a feeling that this is a good group ... It is the best group I have had here."

This year's team is out to improve its mark from 1973 when the College finished fourth in the country. Stanford and Oklahoma State stand out as clear favorites in this year's race, but the parity among the rest of the top ten makes the final placements difficult to predict.

"Between three to 11 in the country, it is so narrow," Gibby

said. "If you run the race 10 times, I think you [would] come out with 10 different results."

Senior Jon Grey and junior Patterson Wilhelm will lead the College Monday and, if they race well, should garner All-American honors. Wilhelm and Grey finished fourth and fifth respectively at the Southeast Regional Championship last week when the College demolished the competition to win its second consecutive title.

But for the Tribe to better its final result from last season, Gibby believes his squad needs to get out fast to avoid tactical mistakes made last year.

"Last year we ran very well, but tactically we made some errors early in the race that made our lives a little more difficult," Gibby said. "From an execution standpoint we are looking for a polished effort and that means ... not being too ambitious yet not being as conservative as we were last year. It is [a] matter of setting the table over the first two miles that will determine our success."

The College finished fourth at pre-nationals Oct. 17 in the 34-team Blue Race, which is held on the same course as Monday's championship. The grass course is complete with a couple of extended hills and sharp turns. Gibby said the course necessitates patience and is a fair measure of the best teams.

This year marks the 13th consecutive appearance for the Tribe at nationals, a mark currently equaled by only four other programs.



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Junior Patterson Wilhelm