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A few brave students go au natural to model for a drawing class at the College.

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Bite-size news you can use

Anheuser-Busch has sold Busch Gardens, Water Country USA, Sea World and seven other theme parks to the Blackstone Group, a private equity firm with stakes in Universal Orlando and Legoland, for \$2.7 billion. Season passes are still good and Howl-O-Scream and Christmas Town will continue for this year at least.

However, the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales are still owned by Anheuser-Busch. The company said the horses will leave the park and become part of a traveling exhibit to advertise beer.

Something for the mascot committee to consider: according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, schools with inanimate object mascots enjoyed the highest winning sports percentages over the last ten years, 55 percent. Indian mascots averaged 51.5 percent, bird mascots averaged 49.9 percent, and bear mascots finished last, winning only 46.5 percent of the time.

Two sub shops, Subway and Firehouse Subs, have announced they will open stores in High Street. If you're counting, that doubles the number of open businesses in the retail complex.

Research in political science (known as "government" at the College) may not receive funding from the National Science Foundation if an amendment proposed by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) passes. The senator said in a statement that political science has "little, if anything, to do with science" and the grant money could be better used elsewhere.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, NSF poli sci funding in 2005, the latest year for which figures were available, totaled \$9.4 million out of the agency's \$3.7 billion budget, approximately one quarter of one percent.

Style Weekly, a Richmond alternative weekly paper, named SnagAJob.com founder Shawn Boyer '94 to their Top 40 Under 40, a list of young leaders who are transforming the state capitol.

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From the Newsroom

Friction leads to some heat

A post on The Flat Hat's sex blog about non-penetrative sex has brought concern from some readers. Is a student newspaper the appropriate forum for such topics?

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Tips for eating on the cheap

Health blogger Jennifer Gaertner shares her tips for finding cheap food — including scoring free samples at the Peanut Shop and Wythe's.

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Students march for LGBT rights



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

Approximately 200,000 Americans from all across the country descended upon Capitol Hill over fall break to lobby for LGBT rights legislation.

Activists from throughout the nation rally in Washington, D.C.

By RACHEL PATTERSON
The Flat Hat

Nineteen members of the Lambda Alliance traveled to Washington, D.C. by car, bus and metro to attend the Oct. 11 National Equality March.

Participants gathered in McPherson Square and walked two miles to the Capitol Building, passing the White House along the way.

As the march began at noon, a rainbow appeared in the sky, receiving thunderous applause from the protesting crowd.

"It really struck me, the range of nar-

row interests that were unified in this march for a broader range of equality such as transgender, immigration and lesbian interests," Jeff Bergemann '09 said.

Equality Across America, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit, organized the march to demonstrate support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights to policy makers in Congress.

Gaining marriage rights for same-sex couples, adding sexual orientation and gender identity into businesses' non-discrimination clauses and including sexual orientation in the hate crime laws were a few of the issues brought up by activists in the march.

"I'm strongly supportive of the gay rights movement," Cory Hitt '11 said. "I don't understand why God wouldn't want to keep two peaceful, loving people together in matrimony."

The date of the rally coincided with National Coming Out Day, which is

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3-person rule to stay in city proposal

Planning commission against increase to four

By ELLIE KAUFMAN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

As part of a continued debate, the Williamsburg Planning Commission discussed amendments to a proposal regarding the three-person rule Oct. 7. The session provided an opportunity for students and members of the community to voice their opinions while listening to the planning commission's thoughts.

At the conclusion of the Sept. 23 work session, planning commission members reached a consensus to delete all provisions that had altered the three-person rule to a four-person rule.

The revised proposal, discussed on Oct. 7, includes revisions to the definitions of "family" and "bedroom" but does not mention changing occupancy of unrelated persons in a rental unit from three to four.

"The current three-person rule is not effective in the City of Williamsburg," Student Assembly Undersecretary for Public Affairs Dave Witkowsky '11 said. "In fact, the document in front of you doesn't change much except for language."

Head of Students for a Better Williamsburg Josh Karp '11 agreed that without a change from a three-person to a four-person rule, the proposal will not solve the housing problems many students face when living off campus.

"The new proposal strikes me as a little thin," Karp said. "I don't think it really addresses the issue submitted to the planning commission. Without the fourth person material, I don't think that any legislation decided on here or in the near future is going to satisfy students."

Several members of the planning

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GLB IN AMERICA: BY THE NUMBERS

Cities in the United States with the highest percentage of GLB adults.

Metropolitan Area	Percentage	Population
1. San Francisco, California	15.4%	94,234
2. Seattle, Washington	12.9%	57,933
3. Atlanta, Georgia	12.8%	39,805
4. Minneapolis, Minnesota	12.5%	24,295
5. Boston, Massachusetts	12.3%	50,540

COURTESY — UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

College scores a 'B' for green

Grade marks two full moves up since 2007

By SHAUGHN DUGAN
The Flat Hat

As green becomes the new black and the College of William and Mary increasingly strives to improve its sustainability and environmental awareness, its efforts are being nationally recognized.

The Sustainability Endowments Institute, a nonprofit organization engaged in research and education to further eco-friendly initiatives and techniques with institutions of higher education, recently awarded the College with an overall rating of 'B' on their yearly College Sustainability Report Card.

In 2007, the College scored an overall 'D' on campus sustainability and last year, the College scored a rating of 'C.'

The Institute awarded the overall grade after looking at a variety of categories administration and green building.

Among the different categories, the College received an 'A' for its administration,

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Police report increase in stolen bicycles

Approximately 50 bikes reported stolen so far this year

By JESSICA KAHLLENBERG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary Police Department has reported an increase in stolen bicycles on campus since the start of the school year.

Campus Police Chief Don Challis said that approximately 50 bikes have been reported stolen this year, an increase from previous years. However, about half of the bikes have been recovered by Campus Police.

"Maybe the increase is because students don't see this as a crime, but stealing a bike is theft and could be a misdemeanor or even a felony," Challis said. "We want to get across the message before people get arrested."

Both locked and unlocked bikes have been reported stolen, Challis said.

"About two-thirds of the bikes are unlocked or not locked properly and around a third are locked ones. Non-William and Mary students typically steal the locked ones, and students typically steal the ones that are not locked," Challis said. "A lot of the thefts are what we call theft of opportunity, or when someone sees an unlocked bike and uses it."

Cory Scott '10, president of the William and Mary Cycling Club, said the main issue concerning bike theft is that students are often in a hurry and forget to lock their bikes properly, if at all.

"Locking the front wheel to a tree or bike rack will not do much good because all someone needs to do is pop the front skewer off, and they have a whole bike — minus the front wheel, of course," Scott said. "Also, I've heard about locks being cut, which are 100 percent of the time cable locks. All

you need are wire cutters to dismantle one of the locks to get the bike. The best lock to get is the U-lock, which is complete metal and nearly impossible to cut."

Challis suggested that students follow a few rules of thumb to reduce the chance of their bikes being stolen.

"Students should register their bikes with the police department and check on their bikes regularly," Challis said. "Also, students should get high-quality locks, of a Kryptonite style, and park them in well-lit areas."

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CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Two-thirds of bikes on campus are unlocked or not locked properly.

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In the Oct. 6 article "Miller criticizes the Obama healthcare initiative," comments in the third and fourth paragraphs were mistakenly attributed to Alan B. Miller and were in fact said by Economics Professor Jennifer M. Mellor in her introductory remarks.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor where the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Friday



High 56°
Low 46°

Saturday



High 59°
Low 44°

Sunday



High 58°
Low 42°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

News in Brief

AT&T to build new cell tower in James City County

A proposal to build a cell tower off of the Colonial Parkway has been recommended for approval by the James City County Planning Commission.

The proposal by AT&T and the James City County Bible and Agricultural Training School calls for a 124-foot tower to be built in the southeast corner of the county.

The two towers proposed for the Kingsmill subdivision are meeting stiff opposition.

Law professor named to state supreme court panel

College of William and Mary Law School professor Scott Dodson has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Rules of Court, a subdivision of the Judicial Council of Virginia, by Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr.

The committee helps edit and revise rules for the state court with the help of feedback from commonwealth citizens, lawyers and legislators.

Law school reopens following courtroom renovation

The William and Mary Law School reopened the McGlothlin Courtroom after renovation over the summer 2009.

The Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT), an organization involving the William and Mary Law School and the National Center for State Courts, managed the modernization of the courtroom. The walls, floor, millwork and wiring were replaced. Most of the new technology for the classroom was mostly donated by various companies and is valued at approximately \$1.8 million.

DoG Street named top 10 street in the nation

Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg has been named one of America's Top 10 Great Streets by the American Planning Association.

DoG Street was selected for both its blend of the modern and the colonial esthetic and for fostering the pedestrian sector around Merchant's Square that connects Colonial Williamsburg to the College.

— by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

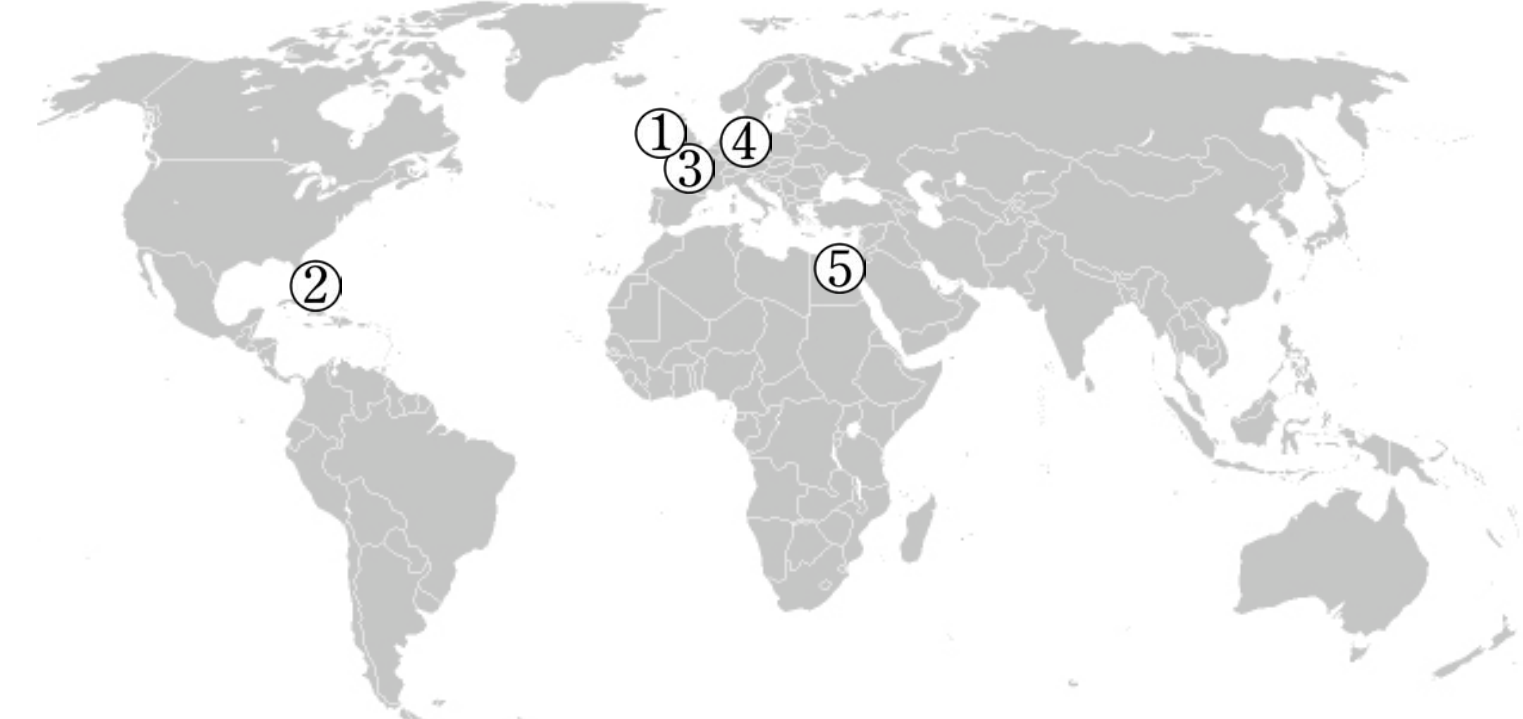
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 In response to a shortage of brain tissue used for medical research, the University of Cardiff in Wales recently launched a campaign urging people to donate their brains to science. The university is home to one of four British research facilities that are a part of the organization Brains for Dementia Research.

2 In an effort to avoid problems caused by an island wide labor strike, the University of Puerto Rico will close all 11 of its campuses for the week. Interim President Miguel A. Munoz told the Associated Press that the closings were essential to ensure "the safety of all students and the university community in general."

3 Scientists at Cambridge University have developed a special coating which makes insects slip when walking on it. The special coating fools insects into secreting lubricants that render them unable to grip and adhere to surfaces. This coating provides an inexpensive and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional pest control methods.

4 A team from the University of Stuttgart's Institute of Aircraft Design has begun designing a hydrogen-powered airplane for the Green Flight Challenge sponsored by NASA. It will have to fly at least 320 kilometers at a minimum speed of 160 kilometers per hour while maintaining a fuel efficiency of at least 100 kilometers per liter.



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— by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

5 Egyptian university bans burqas on campus

Female students are forbidden to wear garment in all-female areas

By NICHOLAS
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Flat Hat Insight Editor

A recent decision to ban the use of "niqabs," otherwise known as burqas, is creating controversy at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt.

The Sheikh of Al-Azhar, Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, formed an all-male committee to address the problem of women's dress on campus. The committee returned the decision that the niqab would not be allowed in all-female dormitories or all-female classes in the institution.

Those opposing the policy argue that the committee's decision should be reconsidered because of the lack of a female voice in the committee.

"[They] should have taken at least one woman's opinion," Al-Azhar student Muna Abdel Fatah said. "Because the decision will impact her."

Egypt isn't the only country to have recently faced this issue. French President Nicolas Sarkozy passed legislation forbidding the Muslim head-dress from being worn in public schools, and British Justice Minister Jack Straw has requested

that women do not wear them when in his office.

The verse in the Koran dealing with the niqab is open to interpretation. It states that Muslim women of all ages should cloak and cover their bodies but does not specify the circumstance for which it is required.

"The niqab should be worn under two circumstances," a cleaning lady working at Al-Azhar said to CNN. "A very beautiful woman should wear it to prevent men from fighting over her, and an ugly woman should wear it to hide her face."

In response to the ban,

Egyptian Parliament member Muhamed Baltagi, argued that women should be allowed to dress the way that they wish and that the Sheikh of Al-Azhar has no right to suppress the garment given its growing popularity in the country.

"It's unacceptable that the niqab is treated as something bad that needs to be suppressed," Baltagi said. "It's unacceptable to violate private matters in this way."

In addition to Al-Azhar, the niqab has also been prohibited at other institutions of higher education in Egypt.

STREET BEAT

What is the best way to deal with midterm induced stress?



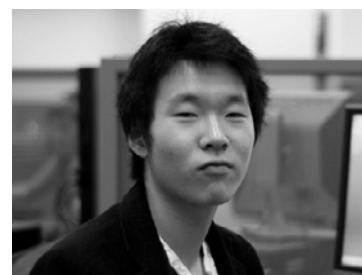
"Watch a movie with friends on the hall."

Melanie Levine '13



"Hanging out with a male friend or playing ping pong."

Paula Lachowicz '11



"Cigarettes."

Ben Yoo '11



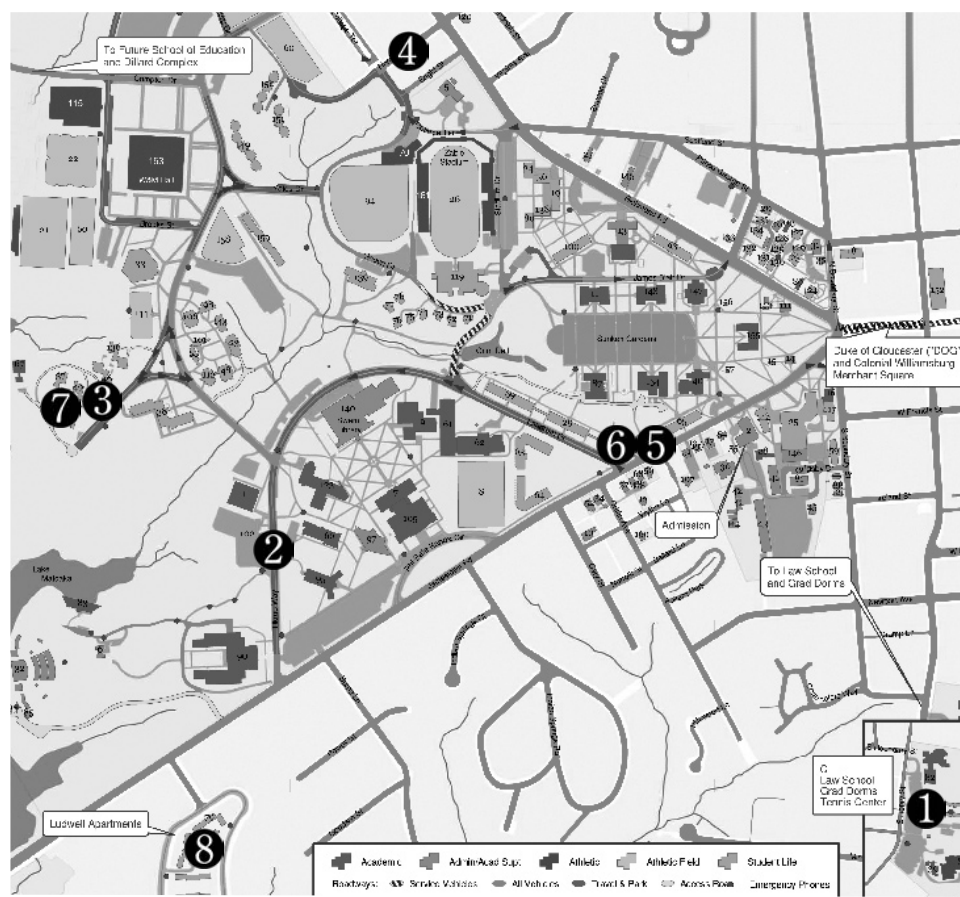
"I play a lot of games on Facebook."

Ricky Hotter '10

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

October 7 to October 12



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WMEDU

- 1 **Wednesday, Oct. 7** — An individual reported a stolen parking decal from outside the Graduate Housing complex. The estimated value was \$300.
- 2 **Thursday, Oct. 8** — An individual reported vandalism of a vehicle at 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated damage was \$200.
- 3 **Friday, Oct. 9** — An individual was arrested for public drunkenness at Gooch Hall.
- 4 — An individual reported vandalism of a vehicle on Harrison Avenue. The estimated damage was \$200.
- 5 — An individual reported a stolen bicycle from outside Barrett Hall. The estimated value was \$25.
- 6 **Saturday, Oct. 10** — An individual received a warning for trespassing at Barrett Hall.
- 7 **Sunday, Oct. 11** — An individual reported a stolen bicycle from outside Nicholson Hall. The estimated value was \$80.
- 8 **Monday, Oct. 12** — An individual reported a stolen bicycle from the Ludwell Complex. The estimated value was \$350.

— compiled by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

College ties for highest green rating among Virginia schools

Sustainability efforts improve environmental score

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noting the College's annual budget for sustainability projects, which exceeds \$200,000.

In addition, they noted that all paper purchased at the college contains recycled contents.

Sam Lockhart '10, Co-Facilitator for the Student Environmental Action Coalition at the College, noted that the administration had been helpful in accomplishing much of the group's activities in the past year.

"With the support of the school administration and faculty, we have worked side-by-side to achieve great strides towards many of the environmental goals students have been advocating for years," she wrote in an e-mail.

The College received similarly high marks in other categories, including a 'B' in Food & Recycling as well as a 'A' in Student Involvement.

The Institute explained that the College had received a B in part

for the College's purchases of produce, seafood, bread, meat and dairy items from local sources and cited the efforts of its SEAC and its environmental advocacy.

The Institute cited the creation of the College's Sustainability Fellow, a position filled by Phil Zapfel '09, as evidence of the College's improved environmental commitment, greeted the improved grade with enthusiasm.

"It's fantastic news, and great to see the progress that's been made," Zapfel said. "To go from a D to a B in two years really shows how well we've adapted to making sustainability at the College a priority."

Zapfel added that the College is surpassing other state schools.

No Virginia college received a grade higher than a 'B.'

"We're catching up," Zapfel said. "We're tied for the best grade in the state."

Lockhart echoed similar sentiments and said that the College's involvement and commitment to making the campus green had been influential for the score.

"It has been incredible to witness the energy and commitment towards sustainability grow exponentially," Lockhart said. "I am so proud of William and Mary's recent improvement, and am hopeful that these efforts continue for years to come."

As the College works toward an increasingly eco-friendly school, he noted areas where the College's could improve.

Zapfel listed efforts toward the creation of a compost heap for the campus's dining halls, as well seeking to improve the energy that is used on campus by working with Dominion Power Company and the state to bring more alternative energy to campus.



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Zapfel '09

ENVIRONMENTAL RATING 2008 - 2009

See where the College of William and Mary stands in relation to last year.

	2008		2009
• Overall:	C	↑	B
• Administration:	C	↑	A
• Climate change/energy:	C	—	C
• Food, reception:	B	—	B
• Endowment Transparency:	F	↑	D
• Green building:	B	—	B
• Shareholder Engagement:	F		None
• Student Involvement:	B	↑	A
• Investment Priorities:	C	↑	A
• Transportation:	C	↑	B

Commissioners stress maintaining integrity of single-family homes

Community members concerned that four-person rule will dilute residential areas and increase traffic congestion

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commission stressed the importance of protecting the quality of the neighborhoods throughout the city. planning commission chairman Doug Pons said that it is not necessarily student behavior that is stopping the commission from adopting a four-person rule.

"It really has nothing to do with who you are as a group or as individuals," Pons said. "We are looking at protecting our single-family homes. We are not trying to suppress you in any way."

If the three-person rule changed to a four-person rule,

many members of the planning commission believe it would cause harm to the city as a whole, creating higher population densities which would increase traffic and possibly lead to the deterioration of family neighborhoods.

"We are trying to take an entire community view," planning commission member Greg Ballentine said. "We are taking a look at this entire city and the effects the proposal will have on it. We need to accommodate everyone's needs. One of the key elements here is preserving the neighborhoods."

Planning commission member Joseph Hertzler went so far

as to recommend reducing the number of occupants from three to two.

"We are committed to these residential neighborhoods, and we are going to do everything it takes to keep them intact. Going to the four-person rule is just taking the opposite stance," he said. "I would even like to say while we are having this discussion, why don't we put the option out there of going to two people?"

Community members voiced concerns regarding an increase in population density, specifically regarding increased traffic due to more residents per unit.

"There are 40,000 cars a

week that travel along Longville Road," Williamsburg resident Sharon Baker said. "My concern is that High Street is one of the places that would be re-zoned. Considering adding a fourth car would increase traffic in adjacent neighborhoods like mine."

Another Williamsburg resident, Terrance Wehle, believes that the efforts of the planning commission attempt to solve a problem that is not necessarily their concern.

"We are looking for ways to build dormitories in the city of Williamsburg," Wehle said. "My concern is that we are trying to re-zone an entire area for a prob-

lem that is not the city's."

The planning commission recognized that the city has a diverse population. Williamsburg is a city that must balance the needs of the residents at large with a number of college students.

"For the first time, we are seeing efforts by many people to resolve the student problem," planning commission member Jim Joseph said. "We know that changing the three-person rule to the four-person rule is not going to solve that problem. We need to put an emphasis now on trying to find alternative solutions [to the problem]."

While the planning commission and residents recognized that there is a problem regarding available off-campus housing for students, students themselves believe that more can be done to fix the problem without harming the city.

"We have listened and responded accordingly," SA Undersecretary for Williamsburg Emily Gottschalk-Marconi '12 said. "The framework for a four-person rule is already in place. It isn't enough to just listen to the speakers before you. I would like to remind you that you are representing a diverse group of people."

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James Blair 223

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City administrators issue new resident guide to students

Zeidler, Rojas hope directory will increase student awareness of city government and services

By IAN BRICKEY
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Utilizing the services offered by the City of Williamsburg just became easier for students at the College of William and Mary.

In an e-mail sent Wednesday by the College's Office of Student Affairs, the city electronically distributed the 2009-2010 copy of the City of Williamsburg Resident Information Sheet: College of William and Mary Student Edition. The guide contains directory information for many of the city's government officials and details about how students can best access city services.

"The City of Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary have a long-standing relationship and continue to work together

to provide a safe and supportive environment," Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler said in the e-mail. "To assist [students] in learning more about our city, we have developed the [guide] ... We encourage you to read the guide, and keep it as a reference."

Zeidler said that the guide is edited and printed by the city each year and represents the city's attempt to educate students on its structure.

"[Students] should take from the guide that they are in a community that supports them and wants to provide them with this information about city government," Zeidler said.

The guide is edited and updated by members of the city administration, then distributed to members of the community.

"We've been doing this for about four or five years," Zeidler said. "It's revised each year by the city manager and the communication manager based on feedback from the community."

The city has often had difficulty delivering the guide to students in a timely manner. The October distribution of the 2009-2010 edition was one of the earliest releases of the guide.

"A couple of years ago, we had a problem where [the guide] wasn't issued until after the holidays," Zeidler said. "By that time, you've already lost a semester of use, so now we try to issue it as soon as we can. We would have liked it to be in earlier in October or even September. Ideally, it would be released when students get back."

Student Assembly President Sarah Rojas '10 said that the guide contains useful information that is now easily accessible for students. She also emphasized that the creation of a student-specific edition could benefit the College community.

"I think the guide is a nice gesture made by the city to welcome students back to campus every year," Rojas said in an e-mail. "It shows that students are part of the city and that city officials are here to serve them as well as full time residents."

The SA is also currently working on a similar guide for the College's off-campus students.

The release of the residential guide is close on the heels of the decision by the city's planning commission to not recommend

altering the city's three-person rule. Zeidler said that the two issues were not related.

"I think they are two separate issues," Zeidler said. "It doesn't really have anything to do with a three or four-person rule. The planning commission makes recommendations, and it's still working."

Rojas said that the timing of the guide's release was coincidental and would not affect future discussions of the three-person rule.

"The timing of the guide had nothing to do with the planning commission's recent discussions," Rojas said in an e-mail. "The guide was completed by the city several weeks before that and was waiting to be distributed to students. The timing was simply a coincidence."

Zeidler said the guide would benefit students by increasing their knowledge of city services.

"I hope it has a positive effect," Zeidler said. "Students should know that they have access to these services. That kind of information can only be positive."

Rojas said informing students about the city administration could help resolve future issues between students and the city.

"I don't see how this guide could have negative effects on town-gown relations," Rojas said in an e-mail. "While there is obviously still a long way to go addressing town-gown issues, the guide serves to inform students about the community they are now a part of, [which is] a key step in solving issues."

Bicycle thefts rise at the College

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Challis said bicycle theft is one of the most severe problems on campus.

"I don't know if it's a good or a bad thing that our biggest theft problem is bike thefts. We appear to have a communal bike program here, in that students are using each other's bikes

and then leaving [them] somewhere else."

Scott said if the Student Assembly were to get involved, it could reduce the number of bicycle thefts.

"I think having a legitimate bike rental program through the SA would help decrease theft," he said. "I feel like a large number of the thefts are committed

by people who are in a rush to get from one side of campus to the other, so they take a bike that is not locked.

They then just leave the bike in their final destination and don't return it from where they originally got it."

Scott said in addition to bike thefts on campus, bike safety is a big problem.

"A lot of people know how to ride bikes, but when they do it to get from point A to point B, they tend to disregard the traffic laws, such as riding against the flow of traffic and not stopping at stop signs."

Scott said the College's Cycling Club and Campus Police are planning to team up and hold a cycling safety program, as well as possibly selling lights and locks at a discounted price.

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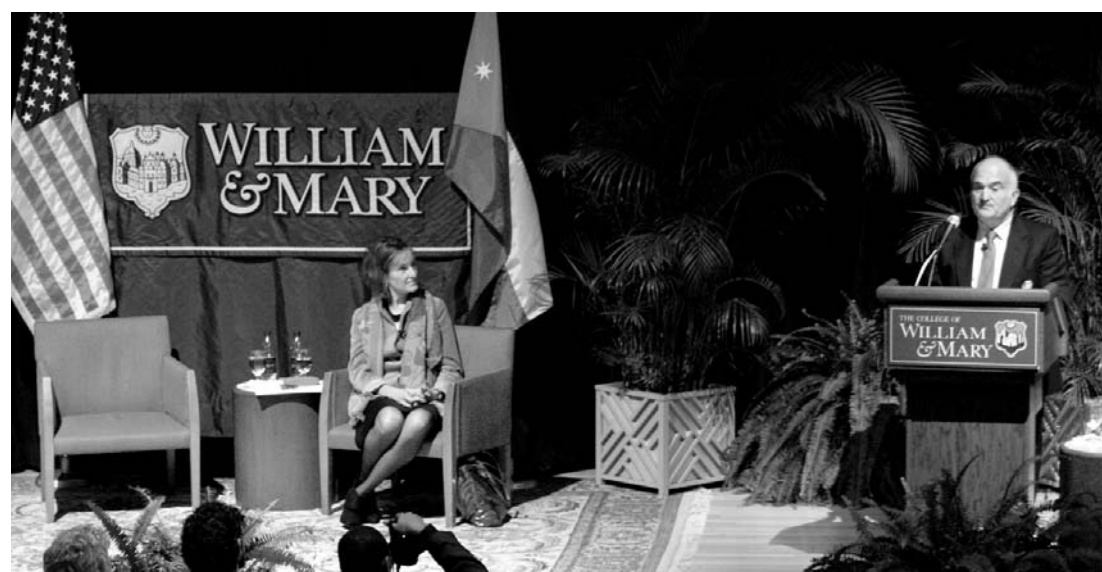
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Jordanian Prince El Hassan bin Talal speaks on the need for open dialogue and attention on humanitarian issues affecting the Muslim world and the West. Go to Flatatnews.com for more coverage of this event.

Lady GaGa and Cleve Jones speak at rally

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devoted to the celebration of LGBT identities. It also came on the heels of a promise by President Barack Obama to end the U.S. Military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy, which prohibits gays and lesbians

from serving openly.

While there were no official crowd counts, estimates put the rally's attendance in the hundreds of thousands.

Signs ranged from humorous ones such as "Zsa Zsa Gabor had nine husbands legally; I just want one" to signs held by

young children saying, "Let my mommies get married."

As the huge mass of people made their way toward the Capitol, supporters lined the road and cheered, including a group holding a sign saying, "Teabaggers for gay rights." There were a few people protesting the demands of the marchers on religious grounds.

Still, an overwhelming majority of the protestors were marching in support of gay rights.

"This was not only a march for those being oppressed by not getting the proper rights," Will Martin '11 said. "At every turn, you could find someone who was straight holding up a sign saying, 'Not gay, but an ally,' and that's what really counted."

On the lawn of the Capitol, activists such as Cleve Jones and Lady GaGa spoke, calling for equality in law.

Overall, members of the Lambda Alliance agreed that the march was a success.

"It brought the community together," Martin said. "And truly showed that we are not alone."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

College needs Norment

This week, the *Virginian-Pilot* printed a story thrusting the College of William and Mary into the national circuit, but not in the good way. The big question at hand: Is it unethical for the College to employ a state senator as a professor and a legal advisor if his position in Richmond gives him the power to oversee our budget? Some say yes, and we say no. Based on the facts at hand, we see no evidence of wrongdoing.

What we know: For about a year and a half, Sen. Tommy Norment J.D. '73 (R-3rd) has been a part-time faculty member at the College. He has been paid \$160,000 per year for teaching two two-credit classes per semester, running an internship program and serving as a legal advisor to the College. This salary is high — about the same as what a typical adjunct law professor responsible for a full load of three classes would earn. Since accepting the position he has sponsored \$20 million in earmarks for the College, none of which were signed into law.

Complicating matters further, Virginia Attorney General Bill Mims claims that his office should exclusively provide legal advice to state universities. If that were the case, then Norment's serving as legal advisor to the College would be illegal. Mims claims the College does not actually need legal advisers since it has access to the Office of the Attorney General, calling into question the legitimacy of this assignment.

The obvious concern is that a quid pro quo might exist in which Norment receives a cushy post in return for favors in the Finance Committee, where he is a powerful senior member. Virginians are particularly attuned to such arrangements now after a recent scandal at Old Dominion University in which a delegate pressed university officials for assurances that he would receive a position before securing money to endow the desired post.

But that isn't this. Before accepting his position, Norment secured a conflict of interest approval from then-Attorney General Bob McDonnell — a document which he now needs to produce for the public. Since then, he has been paid for services rendered; as a teacher and as a legal adviser, he has been a valuable voice in the halls of the College, and he is only one of many such state legislators who hold faculty positions in one of Virginia's universities. And it should be no surprise when Norment supports the College; we are, after all, a part of his constituency.

Lastly, Norment is not a normal professor, and it is a false equivalency to suggest he should be paid as if he were. He is a powerful state senator and attorney who knows Virginia law and politics inside and out, making him an invaluable resource to students interesting in careers in either of these fields. While those outside the school may see this exchange as improper, if it takes \$160,000 to get Norment on the faculty, that sounds like money well spent to College students — those who now have access to him.

We would be more sympathetic to Mims's argument if Norment were an exceptional case. In actuality, it is the College's policy of looking outward for legal advice that is rare. The practice of hiring non-OAG attorneys is long-standing at the College, and we have several other attorneys who hold such a position. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate this practice on the whole, but it would be inappropriate to limit that reconsideration to Norment. As things stand, this feels like little more than politicking on the Attorney General's behalf.

Scrutiny of public officials is always healthy and appropriate. In this case, there is nothing wrong with considering the implications of Norment's employment at the College. However, as far as we can tell, all of this looks to be nothing more than a trumped up non-story. Let's move past it.

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Forget the bums, throw out the Byrds

Andrew Follet

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



According to a recent Gallup poll, the Congressional approval rating has fallen to a whopping 21 percent. Quite frankly, I'm shocked that it's that high. Thanks to Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and the Supreme Court case of *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. vs. Thornton*, it is currently illegal for a state to deny ballot access to legislators who have already served. The case overturned a ballot measure that added the amendment to the Arkansas state constitution. This case was the final blow to the movement for term limits.

Before we can plan for change, we need to know why a change is needed. Congress has such a low approval rating because they are incredibly out of touch with the American people and are, without a doubt, the biggest shopaholics in the history of our planet.

Let's start with the Senate President pro tempore Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.), the man who is third in line for the presidency after Vice President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Byrd was born in 1917 and assumed office in 1959. This means that Byrd became a Senator before the first manned spaceflight and colored television. Byrd was the Exalted Cyclops, or leading member, of his chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. (He has since renounced the organization). Byrd's other accomplishments include being dubbed "King of Pork" by Citizens Against Government Waste, a non-profit, non-partisan, fiscal watchdog group, and leading some of the longest filibusters of all time.

Byrd is not the only bad egg. In the current Congress, 20 different legislators are currently under criminal investigation. That's a lot of felonies. However, these investigations pale in comparison to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) reported plan to pass the much

debated single-payer healthcare bill by attaching it as a rider to an unrelated bill. This would effectively allow him to get around not only the American people, but also around the lower house of Congress.

According to National Public Radio, the current public debt is approximately \$12 billion. Currently, interest paid on the national debt is the third largest expense in the federal budget. The budget currently proposed by President Barack Obama will create more debt than all previous budgets combined, which includes adjusting for inflation. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the current Congress has proposed \$1.4 trillion of new spending, which does not include healthcare spending. Can we please pay legislators not to legislate?

Now that we've identified the problem — and it is a problem — we can go about finding a solution. The obvious answer is to simply elect more representatives like Senator Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), the so-called "Doctor No Spending" of the Senate who famously pointed out the "Bridge to

Nowhere" and proposed the money be spent repairing a similar bridge destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

According to a recent Gallup poll, a whopping 93 percent of Americans support Congressional term limits, but too many members of the House

and Senate would vote against such a bill. However, the founding fathers anticipated just such an event; two thirds of the legislatures of the several states may call a constitutional convention. This means that if 34 states passed such a measure, the entire constitution could be amended without going through Congress. Moreover, once it became obvious to Congress that a convention would be called, individual legislators would begin to back it since it is one of the few issues most Americans, and more importantly, most students, agree on. If you are interested in learning more about the issue of Congressional term limits, please write to your Congressman Rob Wittman (R-Va.) at Wittman.house.gov.

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It is currently illegal for a state to deny ballot access to legislators who have already served.

The College isn't alone in struggling to stay great and public

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley's "State of the University" address, recently e-mailed to students, reads like most such addresses. It congratulates us on our successes, strokes our egos, and gently points out areas that could be improved. Toward the end, though, he becomes, in his words, "deadly serious." There is a perceptible shift in tone as he talks about our finances.

He states in no uncertain terms that "the financial model that served the College reasonably well since 1906, when William and Mary became a public school, no longer works." This financial model, of course, is the base upon which public education was built: state funding.

The idea here, which we are all familiar with, is that the state shares in the cost of running universities and, in turn, tuition is much lower than that of a private institution. Currently, this model is simply impossible for the College and many other public schools.

The University of Colorado at Boulder is a prime example of the infeasibility of a great, public school. Not many schools have been as hard hit as CU-Boulder. Colorado, like Virginia, is forced by law to balance its budget under an act called the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. Therefore, CU-Boulder saw a precipitous drop in state funding due to the recession. They now receive only about 7 percent of their budget from the state.

However, Colorado does not have the authority to set its own tuition. Consequently, they have not been able to raise tuition to offset their losses. The politicians who need to enact

a change in tuition are too afraid of their constituencies to make such a bold move. The end result is a huge shortfall in the university's budget.

As a result, CU-Boulder has had to make some hard choices. Salary reductions and hiring freezes were unavoidable. Class sizes and student-

As the cost of healthcare, correctional facilities and elementary education rise there is simply not enough money to fully fund public universities.

to-faculty ratios will suffer. The university has even begun to charge students taking classes in more costly departments substantially more money to attend. Business majors and engineering majors, for example, must pay 60 percent and 38 percent, respectively, above normal tuition.

This drives students out of these important and profitable majors or out of the school altogether.

Services at the library have been scaled back dramatically. The university requires that teachers empty their own office garbage cans and has stopped cleaning outside windows. To its credit, CU-Boulder is still a well-regarded school, but with its finances in their current state, their prestige does not seem sustainable.

It is tempting to say that these measures will be temporary and funding will increase when the economy rebounds, but this is not likely. As the cost of health care, correctional facilities, elementary and secondary education continue to grow there is simply not enough money to fund public universities at levels anywhere near those of the past. The slow decline will continue until universities such as the College or CU-Boulder will receive basically

no funding from the state.

We have to ask ourselves: At what point are we still a public university?

In name, we are likely to continue to be public; to my knowledge, there has never been a public school that became private. CU-Boulder's president declared there will be no move toward privatization; but what will a public university without state funds look like?

If we are to remain competitive, tuition must increase. As out of state tuition approaches private levels and state support falls, the increases are likely to fall on Virginians. Some public schools, such as Miami University of Ohio, have eliminated the distinction between in-state and out-of-state tuition entirely. It is too early to predict what the College will look like five or ten years down the road, but it may well be a very different place.

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The naked truth

Students sketch outside comfort zone in figure drawing class

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

Standing stark naked in front of a room of college students sounds like the kind of nightmare that leaves you anxious even after you remember you're only dreaming. With the exception of random Sunken Garden streakers or the occasional exhibitionist, it's safe to say most students avoid arriving naked in places where everyone else is clothed.

And yet there are the brave few who, every Thursday, shamelessly bare it all in front of students, professors and community members in the name of art. The College of William and Mary offers nude figure drawing, and yes, the models are students you've probably seen around campus. Each session lasts about two hours, although people are welcome to drop in and out as they please. But the drawing sessions, which cost \$2 an hour, are not as scandalous or shocking as some might assume.

"It's a very low-key environment," Jacob Armiger '10, who has experienced the session as both a model and artist, said. "At least for me, a body is a

body, so as long as you have a big enough perspective it's OK."

Anna Wagner '10, the session's coordinator since second semester of her freshman year, goes to great lengths to make sure each session is a comfortable environment for the models and artists.

"I want it to always be friendly," she said. "I like getting to know everyone who's there, so talking and joking around is always allowed."

The figure-drawing session is a valuable resource for anyone who is curious about art because of the casual environment and accessibility to live models.

"I think it benefits anyone who wants to draw because the figure is one of the most difficult things you can draw," Wagner said. "It takes more practice."

Each session usually attracts about ten to 15 people, so it's not comparable to arriving naked in a packed lecture hall. While showing up to class naked would inevitably generate weird stares or catcalls, during the sessions the model's lack of clothes is not an awkward ordeal. People attend the sessions to practice their art, and the bodies are regarded as simply another figure.

Being a naked figure is probably the most unusual part-time job you can have

on campus, but the job perks are pretty good. At \$10 an hour, it pays more than most jobs on campus and requires significantly less work.

"I usually talk to the artist or just think about stuff," Thomas Dickens '10 said about the experience. "It depends on what they're drawing, if no one is drawing my face, then I can just read."

Dickens has been modeling since his sophomore year when he decided he needed some money and figured modeling would be interesting. He says baring his body was easy to get used to.

"Some people think it's not fun to be naked in front of other people," Dickens said. "That's a complete lie, it's fun to be naked."

Dickens enjoys seeing how his body is drawn differently in each person's piece. The drawings vary from full-body sketches to sketches that "stop at your navel."

"You learn volumes about who you're sitting in front of by what they draw, and it's fun," Dickens said.

Although not everyone might regard the situation with such nonchalance, other models and artists say they are unfazed by the prospect

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SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

One of the artists at yesterday's nude figure drawing class works on her piece. The session is organized by Anna Wagner '10 every Thursday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Andrews Hall and is entirely student run.

A cappella groups take tunes on the road

By **JILLIAN FEIRSON**
The Flat Hat

From medieval troubadours to the modern day American Idol tour, traveling has long been intertwined with music. For many budding artists, going on tour offers the possibility of fame, fortune and sharing their music with the world. This fall break, six of the eleven a cappella groups at the College of William and Mary went on tours of their own. Singers from the College drove up and down the Eastern Seaboard, hitting the road in order to bond with group members while doing what they love.

Both DoubleTake and Reveille made the drive to New York on their fall tours, performing at Columbia University as well as Rutgers University in New Jersey, Haverford College in Pennsylvania and the

University of Virginia. According to Teresa Caro '11, the highlight of Reveille's tour was their performance at the U.S. Capitol for College alumni.

"It is a great opportunity just to get out your name out there and sing and for new audiences to see us," Caro said.

Caily Bridgeland '12, a member of the Accidentals, agreed. "We got to sing for people who have never really heard a cappella before, and it was cool seeing them appreciate it for the first time."

In addition to spreading DoubleTake's music, the group's fall tour also serves as a retreat and bonding experience for new members. Director Ben McVety '10 is excited about the new members this semester in the group.

"We got five newbies this year," he said. "They're all fantastic. They blend so well with

the group dynamic, and we brought them on tour. We had serious bonding time at one of our newbie's houses, talking for hours into the early morning."

The tour can serve as a culmination of both the group's efforts thus far this semester and as a learning experience to further the group's repertoire.

"It's a really great bonding experience for the group as a whole and something to work towards at the beginning of the year," Alix Bendicksen '12, a new member of DoubleTake said.

"A lot of groups do a fall retreat, but we don't, so a big part of our tour is bonding and having the girls learn new music," Accidentals member Mary Judge '11 said. "We learn one or two new songs on tour."

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COURTESY PHOTO — MARY BONNEY

A cappella group the Accidentals pose after a show on their tour during fall break. The group travelled to northern Virginia, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Bands set to rock at Matoaka

By KRISTIN BARTSCHI
The Flat Hat

Funk-gospel performers Robert Randolph and the Family Band and indie rocker Ace Enders are scheduled to perform at the annual Homecoming concert Oct. 24. This year's concert will provide a line-up that diverge from last year's more alternative bands, The Ting Tings and The Cool Kids.

According to AMP Music Committee Chair Seira Nakagawa '10, both bands were highly sought after by AMP.

"Even if people don't already know who they are, when they play, people just want to keep listening," Nakagawa said.

Robert Randolph and the Family Band, based in Orange, N.J., includes pedal steel guitarist Robert Randolph, bassist Danyel Morgan, drummer Marcus Randolph and pianist Jason Crosby. Their music has appeared on television shows

such as "Grey's Anatomy," "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Malcolm in the Middle," as well as the 2007 dance flick "Stomp the Yard."

Robert Randolph was listed in the 2003 Rolling Stone Magazine list of "Greatest Guitarists of All Time," and the band's debut album "Unclassified" was nominated for two Grammy awards that same year. Their more recent album, released in 2006, "Colorblind," sounds like the classic jams from Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Lenny Kravitz, Stevie Wonder and the Dave Matthews Band.

Robert Randolph gained recognition before touring with the band, after his start as a gospel musician in his hometown in New Jersey. However, the religious undertones can be scarcely heard beneath the funky guitar, melancholy bass and modern lyrics. By 2002, they were hired by ABC to create the network's NBA theme

song, which was used in promotional videos and early telecasts. Their radio hit "Ain't Nothing Wrong With It" has been used both in NBC commercials and Discovery Channel promos.

On stage, the members are as electric as their music. In previous concerts, fans have jumped onstage to dance — and Randolph himself is known to drop his guitar and "get down" with the crowd.

"Their music is so much fun," Nakagawa said, "It will be a great atmosphere, with the concert at Lake Matoaka and everything."

Ace Enders is a solo artist, from Hammonton, N.J., and is a former lead singer and guitarist of The Early November. He began his solo career in 2004, working on an album entitled "I Can Mess Like Nobody's Business" that same year. He opened for the Angels and Airwaves U.S. tour in 2008 and began



COURTESY PHOTO — ROCHESTERJAZZ.COM
Robert Randolph and the Family Band is set headline the College's Homecoming Concert Oct. 24. Indie rocker Ace Ender will open the show.

touring with the All-American Rejects in spring of 2009. He is also the sole owner of the record label Regular Music.

college students — they are more indie and have sound that contrasts to Robert Randolph's," Nakagawa said. "They'll be a good opening band."

"I feel like Ace Enders can appeal to

Groups measure up during travels

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Reveille member Jenn MacLure '10 enjoyed bonding with her group.

"We get to spend so much time together during long car rides and the slumber parties every night," she said. "It's like we are all one big family."

Another major component of the tours is networking with other campus' a cappella groups. When a cappella groups travel on the East Coast, they often are hosted by other groups at different universities and perform shows with them, and the system works both ways.

"Meeting other groups is also a lot of fun because we can make connections for future concerts and hear other styles of a cappella music," Reveille member Kelly Eaton '10, said.

"We loved performing with The Capital Gs at Georgetown University," Jessica Dobis '11, a member of Passing Notes, said.

DoubleTake sang at Rutgers with Deep Treble and at Columbia with Uptown Vocal. They also sang with U.Va.'s New Dominions. The Accidentals were hosted by the University of Pennsylvania's Chord on Blues.

J.T. Carter '11 of DoubleTake, said the best part of the tour was singing with friends. "I met them freshman year and we sing with them every year — so sharing that a cappella bond is great".

McVety agreed, explaining that the main reason DoubleTake competes in the ICCAs is "to make ties with other groups and see them over tour."

For the Accidentals, a fall tour is a yearly tradition. The group elects tour managers who handle the planning of the trip. Kate Drummey '10 and Judge were responsible for setting up performances, transportation and other tour duties.

"[We] got an opportunity to practice our repertoire so many times, which is great since we have our homecoming concert next weekend," Accidentals Director Hannah Suh '10 said. "We're together 24/7, though, and it was a challenge to keep everyone's voices strong for four days of gigs and rehearsals."

The Accidentals sang in northern Virginia, Philadelphia

and New Jersey. Most nights, the girls were housed by group members' families.

The Accidentals fall tour also provides the group with an opportunity to make money through honorariums, CD sales and donations. This year, the Accidentals made over \$800, which Judge said they will put toward recording their next CD.

This was only the second fall tour for Passing Notes, who performed at Georgetown and American University in Washington, D.C.

A cappella groups at the College give up the rest and relaxation of fall break to tour the coast singing, learning new music, earning money, and bonding with new members. While it can be stressful at times, tours create a stronger group that is proud of its hard work.

"Tour is a chance for us to share our music off campus to a broader community and to forge new connections," Dobis said.



COURTESY PHOTO — MARY BONNEY
The Accidentals pose in Philadelphia during their fall break tour, which took the group to various colleges on the East Coast.

Nude figure drawing classes hone artistic skill

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"At first there's always weirdness because it's an unfamiliar situation and there's nudity, but it's gotten to the point that it's not a big deal at all," Armiger said.

Armiger has been involved in the sessions since freshman year, so by now he's accustomed to the idea of drawing people in the nude.

There are five or six regulars, but attendance varies from session to session and is made up of a diverse group of people, which Wagner encourages.

"People are also intimidated because they think that you have to know how to draw, and that's not true," she said. "It's more of a place to learn to draw."

The majority of participants aren't art majors, and some have never taken an art class before. In fact, some aren't even enrolled at the College but are community members interested in testing their creativity.

For example, one somewhat regular participant is a caricature illustrator at Busch Gardens who attends the sessions to practice his figure drawing. According to Wagner, this year the sessions have grown in attendance, and many of the new participants are underclassmen who have never taken a figure drawing class before.

Although the College offers a figure-drawing course, it is difficult to get in with only nine seats available. The sessions are meant to be a casual way to practice drawing without the pressure of having to produce an A-worthy piece of art. Instead, the sessions are entirely student-run and

do not offer instruction, although participants confer with each other and are often willing to hand out advice.

Because the session is student-run, it's easier for participants to offer suggestions on what they want to get out of the class. To keep it diverse, the models pose with different props, and Wagner takes requests to help decide how the models will pose that day.

"A lot of times it's just like, 'Hey, what do you think would be funnier?'" Wagner said. "And sometimes people bring in their own props — like one guy is really into ornithology so he brings in his pigeons sometimes."

The props help the models pose in a variety of ways so that the artists get a diversity of angles and shapes

to draw.

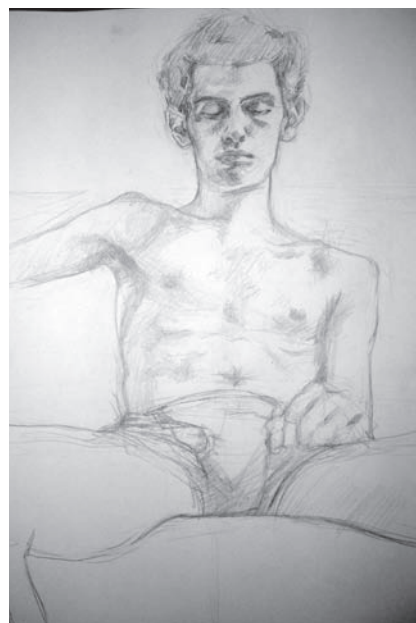
"When I modeled junior year, I was wearing a big wolf mask," he said. "And the other day, I modeled with the statue of a curly-locked infant boy."

Whether standing with pigeons or wearing a wolf mask, some people might still be intimidated by the idea of sitting in a room drawing a naked stranger. But in the end, Wagner said, the session is about having an opportunity to draw people in their most basic element.

"There is kind of an idea that you're not drawing a person, but you're drawing a figure," Armiger said. "But at the same time, you know the figure is an actual person who goes to this school."



COURTESY PHOTO — ANNA WAGNER
In this sketch, Annie Brown '10 poses. The class costs \$2 per session and is open to any level of artist.



COURTESY PHOTO — ANNA WAGNER
As shown above in the sketch of Tomas Dickens '10, participants can draw as much or as little detail of the model as they feel comfortable with.

CONFUSION CORNER

Study spots best kept secret

Kevin Mooney
CONFUSION CORNER
COLUMNIST



We're a school that takes studying a bit seriously. The students that populate Earl Gregg Swem Library until the moment it closes on a Friday night can attest to that. I've found that we, as students, have the tendency to create some fairly elaborate, almost ritualistic, study habits. Think of the people who cordon off a square of Swem using three desks as walls, or the people who can only do their homework on a blanket spread out in the sunken garden.

My freshman Orientation Aide told us that she did all of her class readings perched in a tree in the Crim Dell Meadow. Maybe it's just me, but that sounds a little counterproductive. I already tend to drag my feet on readings, but if I had the additional barrier of having to climb a tree, I think I'd give up entirely.

I have to admit, though, I have some fairly elaborate study rituals of my own. I've never been at ease doing work in my room. I know exactly where the TV remote is, and it doesn't take long for me to end up using it. I need someplace foreign and slightly uncomfortable. Swem would normally fit the bill, but I have a tendency to listen to music while studying; to occasionally drum or sing along to that music. I've found that tendency not entirely appreciated by Swem's residents, so I set off to find somewhere more secluded.

Suffice it to say, I've found a place. Everyone on campus has one, the one spot you think nobody's discovered. You treasure it like some sort of well-kept secret, as if it's Harry Potter's Room of Requirement. In reality, it's probably no more a secret than the one-dollar bag of

bread ends at The Cheese Shop, but it's fun to maintain the illusion.

For a while, it worked well. Then my iPod switched to Biggie's "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems." I'm not sure if it was the four cups of coffee I'd had or the wide variety of candies I'd recently raided from the nearby vending machine, but his lyrics just spoke to me. Surprisingly enough, I thought to myself, I also "used to have the tre' deuce and the deuce deuce in my bubblegose." What are the odds, right? I then spent roughly an hour googling lyrics and trying to sing along to various Biggie songs.

I'd quickly exhausted the repertoire of old-school rap on my iPod and, briefly confronted with the possibility of having to continue my paper, promptly began downloading more. There's just something so cathartic about being able to spout off lyrics along with a song — you're just ready to cap some bitch-ass punks.

In the end, it took me twice as long to write that International Security paper, but on the bright side I've got all three verses from "Party and Bullshit" down pat. That's a life skill right there. I imagined breaking it out at parties and an astonished member of the crowd — of course there would be a crowd — would yell, "White boy got skillz." Then I'd finish by dousing some bitches with a bottle of champagne.

Despite my brief fascination with the world of gangsta rap, I did need to finish my term paper. Either that or I'd chosen the wrong career path entirely, and would need to immediately get myself a rhyme journal and a wide variety of prison tats. Comparatively, writing my midterm seemed like the easier choice.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

College recovers in second half to beat Northeastern

The 7th ranked Tribe (5-1, 2-1 CAA) recorded a 34-14 victory at Northeastern (0-6, 0-3) Saturday. After trailing 7-6 at halftime, three second-half turnovers by the Huskies helped the Tribe to 14 unanswered points, which proved to be more than enough to preserve the victory. Sophomore running back Jonathon Grimes reached the end zone twice, while amassing a game-high 91 rushing yards on 14 carries, while junior linebacker Evan Francks tallied a career-high 11 tackles.

FIELD HOCKEY

Wagner's goal not enough to overcome no. 12 Drexel

The Tribe (5-9, 1-4 CAA) continued to struggle through conference play last weekend, losing two difficult games to Hofstra (9-6, 3-2 CAA), 3-2, and to 12th-ranked Drexel (12-2, 4-1 CAA), 2-1. Versus Hofstra, the College faced a 2-0 deficit heading into the second half, which proved too difficult to overcome. Sunday, stout play in the net by junior goalkeeper Carrie Thompson kept the Tribe in the game with their ranked opponent, but they were unable to hold on in the later stages.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hofstra beats College 4-1 with four straight goals

Sophomore forward Stephanie Gerow notched the only goal Sunday for the Tribe (9-5, 3-3 CAA) in their 4-1 defeat at Hofstra (8-4-1, 5-1 CAA). Though Gerow's goal put the College up midway through the first half, the Pride answered with three goals in less than five minutes, then added one more for insurance late in the second half. Junior goalkeeper Grace Barnard made five saves.

ATHLETE FOCUS

ADRIAN TRACY,
SENIOR, FOOTBALL



The Flat Hat caught up with All-CAA senior defensive end Adrian Tracy to discuss his hometown, favorite class at the College and his defensive line mates.

What did you think about appearing on the cover of the media guide this year? Wow. I remember freshman year we always used to get them at our locker and I thought that would be cool to one day do that. They've dedicated four or five years, so it's kind of like their own little tribute.

You're from Loudon County, Va. What is your hometown known for? I don't believe we are known for anything. At least nothing I'm aware of.

What's been your favorite class at William and Mary? I'm not going to lie, it was my anatomy lab. It was crazy. It was interesting to actually get to see inside the body; the muscles, tissues and ligaments, the heart the liver, the brain, the kidneys. That's some crazy stuff.

When you line up next to Sean Lissimore, do you ever think, 'That was a great play. Now I have to get one of my own?' I don't think I really have that with Lissimore. I think I have that more with C.J. Herbert [laughs].

MEN'S SOCCER

Second half stunner



PHILIP DELANO —THE FLAT HAT

Junior forward Alan Koger (pictured against Richmond) scored his fifth goal of the season Wednesday night. Koger's goal gave the Tribe a 2-0 lead it would later relinquish to James Madison.

James Madison scores three times in second half to defeat no. 25 Tribe 3-2

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Sports Editor

William and Mary's commanding 2-0 halftime lead over James Madison seemed to assure the no. 25 Tribe (8-4, 3-2 CAA) its seventh win in eight matches. But three unanswered second half goals by the Dukes (7-2-2, 2-1-1 CAA) stunned the home crowd at Albert-Daly Field, as the College fell to a 3-2 defeat on a frigid Wednesday night.

Head Coach Chris Norris did not foresee the sudden collapse.

"I had hoped that it had been a lesson that we had already learned, and tonight it was tough," Norris said. "We repeated some mistakes we had made at times this year, and it is disappointing. We had the game well in hand, and then basically they outworked us and scrambled and deserved to win."

The Dukes held a 7-2 advantage in second half shots and netted goals in the 54th, 64th and 82nd minutes. James Madison's physical approach was visible with 14 second half fouls and 3 yellow cards. The Dukes lead the CAA with 25 yellows this season.

"We did not match their intensity," Norris said. "If that is the way a game runs, and there is a certain amount of physicality that is allowed to happen, then you have to adjust to what is going on, and we didn't adjust to it well."

Dukes forward Patrick Innes, a late first half substitution, led all scorers on the night, netting two goals and an assist.

Freshman forward Chris Perez and junior forward Alan Koger registered the Tribe's goals.

Perez's score was the first of his collegiate career and materialized off a counterattack down the left channel in the 16th minute. Perez possessed the ball in the channel and ripped a shot just inside the 18, which was blocked by Dukes keeper Ken Manahan. Koger followed up the rebound with a shot. Sophomore midfielder Nick Abrigo collected Koger's blocked shot on the right side of the box and fired his own attempt on net that Manahan countered with a miraculous save. Luckily for Abrigo, the ball returned to his foot before he sent another attempt on net that was arching wide before Perez knocked the ball past Manahan with a diving header.

"I was just trying to stay around the goal and make sure if something did happen I was there," Perez said. "It felt good [to get my first collegiate goal], but we lost the game, so it is tough to happy about it."

Koger's goal came in a more conventional way. Off of a high cross from junior defender Jeremy Harris, Koger used his head to direct the service into the left mesh for his fifth goal of the year in the 40th minute.

With a win over James Madison, the College would have risen to the top of the CAA standings. The loss caused the Tribe to slip to fifth.

However, more immediate problems concern Norris.

"We could have done a better job of competing harder, positioning ourselves better, not allowing decisions by anybody on the field to affect us as much as we did," Norris said. "I think we did not stand up to the challenge."

The College travels to Newark, Del. Saturday to face off against another physical squad in the Delaware Blue Hens. Delaware is 5-7 on the season and has lost two straight matches.

A COSTLY DEFEAT?

Every loss counts in this year's CAA after off-season budget restrictions reduced the conference postseason tournament from six teams to four. The Tribe's loss to James Madison Wednesday night gives the College two in-conference losses to date. Five of the CAA's 12 squads have one or fewer conference defeats, which leaves the Tribe on the outside looking in. The College has two home games remaining, and four away. Hofstra and Northeastern will visit Williamsburg and boast a combined conference record of 7-2. To reach the CAA Tournament, the College will need to take advantage of its home opportunities and come away with at least two road wins. The conference tournament starts Nov. 13.

VOLLEYBALL

O'Connell leads College to fifth straight victory

College downs American 3-1 Tuesday, now 12-7

By JAMISON SHABANOWITZ
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Powered by a record-setting defensive performance, the College (12-7, 4-1 CAA) extended its winning streak to five games on Tuesday, topping American (9-10, 3-2 Patriot) 3-1 in Washington, D.C.

Against the eight-time defending Patriot League champions, the College set a program record for blocks in a four-set match, tallying 21 putbacks, 2 solo blocks and 38 block assists. Additionally, the squad's block total was the fifth-highest for any match in school history, while the block assist total was good enough for fourth all-time.

Leading the way for the Tribe was freshman middle blocker Shaylin O'Connell, who finished with 12 blocks, 10 more than her previous career-best. O'Connell's 12 blocks places her in sole possession of third place for most blocks in a four-set match in Tribe history. She also scored 7 points in the match, topping the 3.5 points she contributed against Hampton Sept. 12.

"It was really exciting, because I haven't done any blocking stuff in the way that they taught me," O'Connell said. "I've always played blocker, but they've been teaching me new techniques every day since the beginning of the year."

Sophomore middle blocker Anne Dorf and sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Kresch recorded nine blocks each to back O'Connell, while senior outside hitter Lauren Powell chipped in 13 kills and 7 digs.

The Tribe quickly took control of the match by winning the first two sets.

In the 25-16 first set, senior outside hitter Lauren Powell registered 5 of the Tribe's 11 kills. She finished the match with 13 kills.

The College continued to dominate in the second set. Kresch and senior outside hitter Bryana Carey posted 4 kills each, pushing the College to a 25-19 advantage. Kresch led the team with 14 kills and was second in blocks with 9.

After intermission, the visitors stormed back to take the set 25-17. The College led 14-13, yet the Patriots utilized an 11-2 run to surge ahead and take their only set of the night.

The Tribe regained composure and came back to take the fourth set, 25-20, with a comfortable lead throughout most of the match's final stanza.

"[American] had a lot of injuries, so they were scrambling quite a bit," Head Coach Melissa Shelton said. "They weren't as sharp as they usually are. It's tough to get focused for a mid-week, non-conference game."

The Tribe will return to conference play Friday night at 7 p.m. seeking revenge as they travel to face VCU. Last month, the Rams triumphed 3-1 over the College at Kaplan Arena. The teams are tied for second place in the CAA heading into Friday's match. The Rams have won three of their last four matches, including three shutout victories over James Madison, UNCW and Georgia State. VCU is in the midst of an eight-game home stand with the College as their fifth opponent.

"We haven't played a team this good since the last time we played them," Shelton said. "We'll see how much we have improved after tomorrow."



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Sophomore Lindsay Kresch