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Homecoming events of old, though important at the time, didn't make much sense.

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## ThePulse

Bite-size news you can use

**Talk about fresh food on campus!** Some pranksters let chickens loose in the Caf and Sadler Center dining halls Wednesday afternoon, letting the cluckers run amuck near their fallen brethren. Dining personnel caught the barnyard biddies and student bystanders referred them to the Humane Society. Authorities have not yet ruled out foul play. Check out a picture of the rogue poultry on page 2.

**Williamsburg and campus** authorities began searching the College's wooded areas yesterday for Michael Allen Grimes, 48, missing since Monday night.

**Unfortunately for alumni** hoping for a new mascot this Homecoming, the committee announced yesterday the contender's mock-ups are not yet ready. However, they did promise a new mascot by Homecoming 2010.

**Swem Library's cornerstone** was laid 45 years ago yesterday. That means some alumni returning this weekend never knew the wonder of studying in silence on the third floor at 1:45 a.m.

**College-admission-essay.com** has just released Top 10 lists of various college features. William and Mary took tenth for "most beautiful campus." Inexplicably, someplace called "William and Mary College" took seventh for gourmet cuisine schools.

**Hide your couches — Tom Cruise** is rumored to be considering buying a waterfront Hampton Roads property. In case you were wondering, the nearest Scientology meetings are in Norfolk and Richmond.

**Renowned pianist Russell Sherman** will play at the Williamsburg Library Theater Sunday night at 7:30. Cost is \$5 at the door.

Got an idea for The Pulse?  
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## Online

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### The Zerbo Zone

#### Loosen up my buttons

At this point, any SA expenditure that doesn't involve buttons or banners is a welcome break from the norm.

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### Greening Gold

#### Dispatch from the Eco-House

Sarah Sanford '11 guest posts about the College's new eco-dorm in Landrum Hall.

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## Trading tailgates for beer gardens



### Green Leafe Cafe offering beer, food in new take on homecoming

By CHRIS MCKENNA  
Flat Hat Blog Editor

The Greek Homecoming tailgate, a longstanding tradition at the College of William and Mary, will see a lot of changes Saturday.

The new plan places sororities and fraternities in Stimons Throwing Events Area, popularly known as fraternity field, north of Harrison Avenue and northeast of the units. The Green Leafe Cafe is spearheading and sponsoring the tailgate and will give those over the age of 21 wristbands that allow them to enter a beer garden, within which they can purchase beer ranging in price from \$2 to \$5.

This new solution allows hosting all the Greeks together, Council for Fraternity Affairs Social Chair Ian Fenwick '11 said.

In previous years, hundreds of student organizations have relied on a lottery to distribute the 10 tailgating spots on Harrison Avenue, behind the units.

"Whoever got a spot was lucky," Vice President of Inter-Sorority Council Janet King '10 said.

Last year, Greek organizations occupied three of those spaces. The remaining seven were left unfilled, as other groups did not attend. Other fraternities and sororities took up spots in front of William and Mary Hall, an area normally reserved for family and alumnae tailgates.

Concerned with issues of both space for families and underage drinking among fraternity and sorority members, the William and Mary Police Department said it would not allow a similar situation this year.

The CFA and ISC looked for many

viable solutions to the problem, including a plan that would allow Greek organizations to buy tailgating spaces, but the Student Assembly and Athletics Department, which regulates the use of Harrison Avenue, were unwilling to assume the potential risks.

The CFA and ISC could not agree on a plan until a manager from the Green Leafe approached Associate Director of Student Activities Anne Arseneau '89.

"We didn't have to do that, but it was the only option for everyone," CFA President David Cooper '10 said.

ISC and CFA chairs, along with Green Leafe managers, discussed the new proposal extensively, Cooper said.

"There was a bit of frustration about the options available," Cooper said. "But this was really the best option."

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## Transgender homecoming queen a first

*Vasold says crown has been positively received*

By FELICIA TSUNG  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Jessee Vasold '11 made history at the College of William and Mary Wednesday when he was announced as the school's first transgender homecoming queen, representing the Class of 2011.

Vasold identifies himself as gender-queer and prefers to be referred to with gender neutral pronouns: "ze" in place of he or she and "zir" rather than him or her. He has also created a Facebook account for his female identity, Kathy Middlesex.

His friends suggested that he run for homecoming queen. Even though he thought that he had a good chance at being elected, Vasold was still surprised to hear that he had won.

"We figured it would be something different for the school to go through, something that hasn't happened too often," Vasold said. "I was kind of surprised that I won because I knew the other girls running. I know that they're really friendly; they're wonderful people, so I was unsure."

This year marks the return of direct voting by students. Last year, there was no platform to host voting, so the homecoming kings and queens were chosen by class officers out of student-submitted nominations.

The alumni website was used this year to choose the homecoming court. The alumni office had no oversight over the nominations for the court, which was a purely student initiative.

"I thought it was much better done this

See QUEEN page 5



Middlesex

## No increase in noise violations

*SA hopes to amend clause prohibiting gatherings of 10*

By MAGGIE REEB  
Flat Hat News Editor

Since going into effect Aug. 23, the City of Williamsburg's new noise ordinance has not caused a significant increase in the number of noise ordinance violations issued to students. Despite this, students who have been issued noise ordinance summonses have faced an increased penalty than in the past, and some fear the ordinance will be used as a tool to unfairly target students.



Rojas '10

"The [Williamsburg Police Department] is not the body that renders judgment; the court does," Student Assembly Chief

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## Planning commission open to third option

*New proposal would allow 4-person apartments in B-3 district*

By SAM SUTTON  
Flat Hat Managing Editor

The Williamsburg Planning Commission won't be making any changes to the three-person rule, for now.

The proposal referred to the planning commission by the Williamsburg City Council, which would increase the allowed occupancy of rental units from three to four unrelated individuals, has been all but ruled out. However, a third option seemed to be picking up steam in Wednesday's meeting.

The alternative proposal being considered by the planning commission, known as "option three," would allow a four-person limit in the city's B-3 General Business District, which occupies the stretch of Richmond Road from Brooks Street to Ironbound Road.

"We're all on board," Students for a Better Williamsburg member Jeff Dailey '10 said of the proposal.

Student Assembly Undersecretary for Public Affairs David Witkowsky '11 could not be reached for comment.

However, the four planning commission members in attendance at the work session seemed

reluctant to recommend the B-3 option to the city council until it could be studied further, especially with commission members Doug

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Satellite image of the area affected under "option three." The grey area represents parts of B-3.

# NEWS INSIGHT

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### Corrections

In the Oct. 20 article "Student-run PAC impacting city politics," Students for a Better Williamsburg was mistakenly credited with having raised \$1,307. They have raised \$3,500.

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 76°  
Low 66°

Saturday



High 81°  
Low 51°

Sunday



High 67°  
Low 48°

Source: weather.com

### A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT  
Two chickens were released Wednesday, one in the Commons Cafeteria and the other in the SC dining hall.

### News in Brief

#### Phi Beta Kappa elects College professor to senate

Modern language and literature professor George Greenia was elected to the senate of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. The election occurred Oct. 3 at the organization's 42nd Triennial Council.

Greenia founded the program of medieval and renaissance studies at the College of William and Mary and serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals, including *La Corónica*.

Greenia became a member of PBK in 1975 upon his graduation from Marquette University in Wisconsin.

#### New development planned in James City County

Developers are planning a new mixed-use housing and shopping development at Williamsburg Crossing in James City County.

The development would include 240 apartments in eight buildings of two or three stories in height. Three other buildings would house two-story townhouses built over retail and office space.

The development would also feature at least five small parks, walking or cycling trails and new street intersections.

#### College to host forum on the future of healthcare

A forum on the future of Medicare will be held Oct. 28 in the College of William and Mary's admissions office auditorium.

The forum will feature a panel of faculty and healthcare experts discussing the impact healthcare reform will have on Medicare.

The event begins at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

#### College to host forum on the future of healthcare

A screening of the film, "Inside Islam" will be held in Andrews Hall at the College of William and Mary Oct. 27 at 8:30 p.m.

The film uses post-Sept. 11 Gallup polls to analyze relations between the West and Islam. After the film, Middle East analyst John Musselman '03 will speak. The event is free and open to the public.

— by Ian Brickey

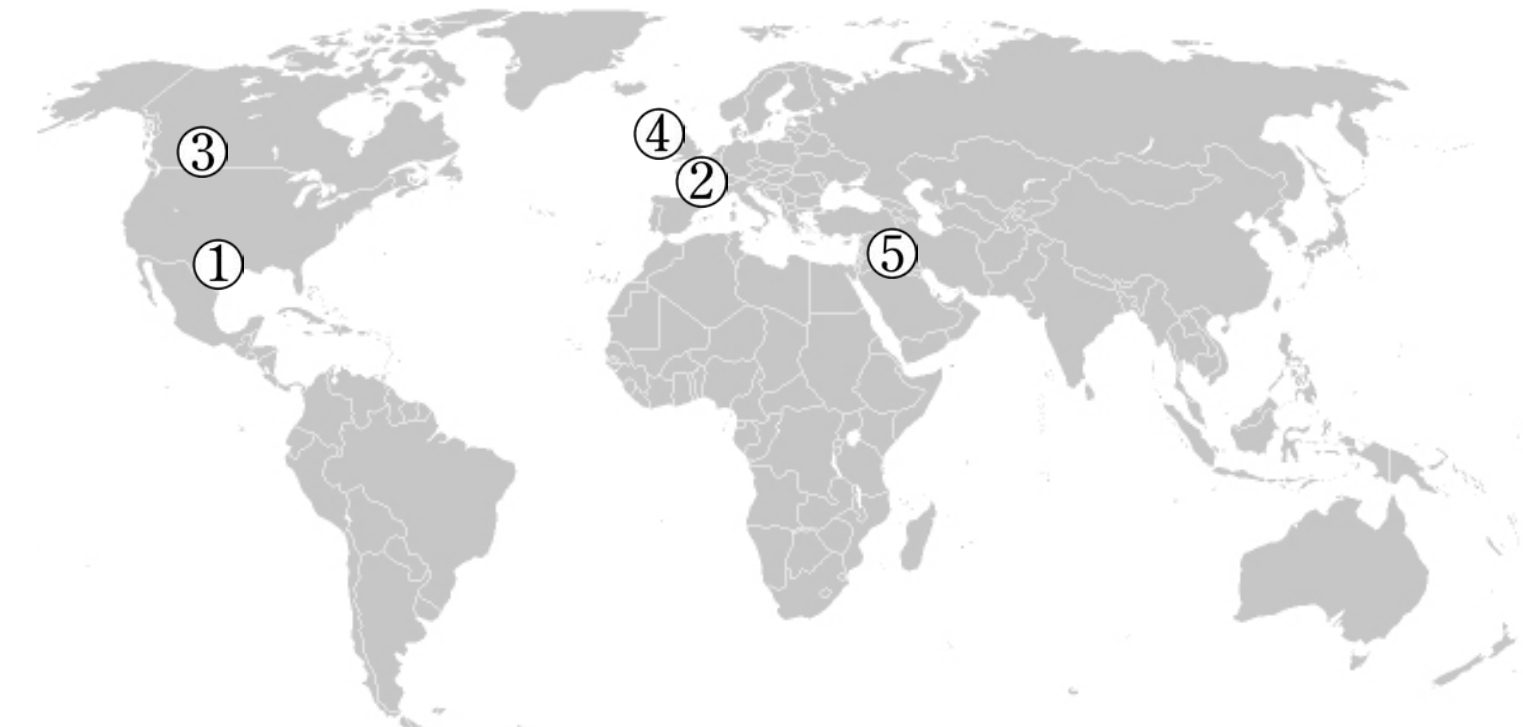
### BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Walter Cronkite's papers will be donated to the University of Texas-Austin and exhibited in May 2010. The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History's archives will store the documents. It already contains many of Cronkite's notebooks from his 1968 tour of Vietnam. Cronkite wrote for UT's newspaper before dropping out in 1935.

2 The president of the University of Toulon and two aides were suspended due to an alleged bribery scandal. An investigation by the French Education Ministry revealed irregularities in the acceptance of Chinese students. Chinese officials allegedly approached university staff offering bribes to guarantee admission and graduation for Chinese students.

3 In an effort to curtail the spread of the H1N1 flu virus, the dean of medicine at the University of Calgary, Dr. Tom Feasby, is encouraging students to "fist-bump" rather than shake hands. Feasby said that "the pound" is more hygienic than the traditional handshake because germs on the palms are not spread during fist bumping.

4 Declining enrollment in foreign language classes has led colleges in the U.K. to greatly lower language standards. According to a report from University College London, schools have been forced to buy English translations of foreign works and provide remedial courses to increase the number of students studying French, German and Italian.



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Ian Brickey

## 5 Gang violence forces Iraqi university to close

### Student group at Mustansiriya University accused of assaulting faculty

By IAN BRICKEY

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The future of one of Iraq's most prestigious universities may be in the hands of local gangs.

Mustansiriya University in Baghdad was temporarily closed last week due to escalating violence allegedly caused by an aggressive student-organized gang.

"Political parties are causing some of the problems," Iraqi Minister of Higher Education Abed Thiab al-Ajili said to The New York Times. "I'm facing a difficult task dealing with these problems with the parties, but I am fighting."

The group, called the Students League, has been accused of raping, torturing and murdering students, professors and administrators. Many students and faculty sought unsuccessfully to ban the group from the school's campus.

The decision to close the university came last week after Abdullah al-Bayati, a professor at the school, was assaulted and beaten by the group.

After the attack, Bayati visited Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's office in Baghdad, still wearing his bloodstained and torn clothes.

Maliki, a Mustansiriya alum-

nus, ordered that the school close the next day.

Maliki advisor Ali al-Mousawi said that prior to Bayati's incident, there had been insufficient evidence to ban the group from the school.

"There were suspicions about many student groups, but there was no proof until the case of Dr. Bayati," Mousawi said to The New York Times. "It was a confirmed incident with evidence, so the prime minister made the decision."

The Students League may be a splinter group of the armed factions that caused much of the

sectarian violence throughout Iraq in 2007.

During the unrest in Baghdad, militias of Shia engineering, literature and law students, joined by faculty members and campus guards, seized partial control of the school's campus.

To limit the threat to Mustansiriya students, faculty and staff, a 12-foot blast wall was constructed around the perimeter of the school.

Since the beginning of the violence in 2007, a total of 335 students and staff members have been injured or killed in bombings on campus.

### STREET BEAT

## What is your favorite part of Homecoming?



"Seeing the alumni."

Michelle Barber '12



"Seeing graduated sorority sisters."

Amanda Guiliano '11



"Tailgating."

Julianna Sicklesteel '11



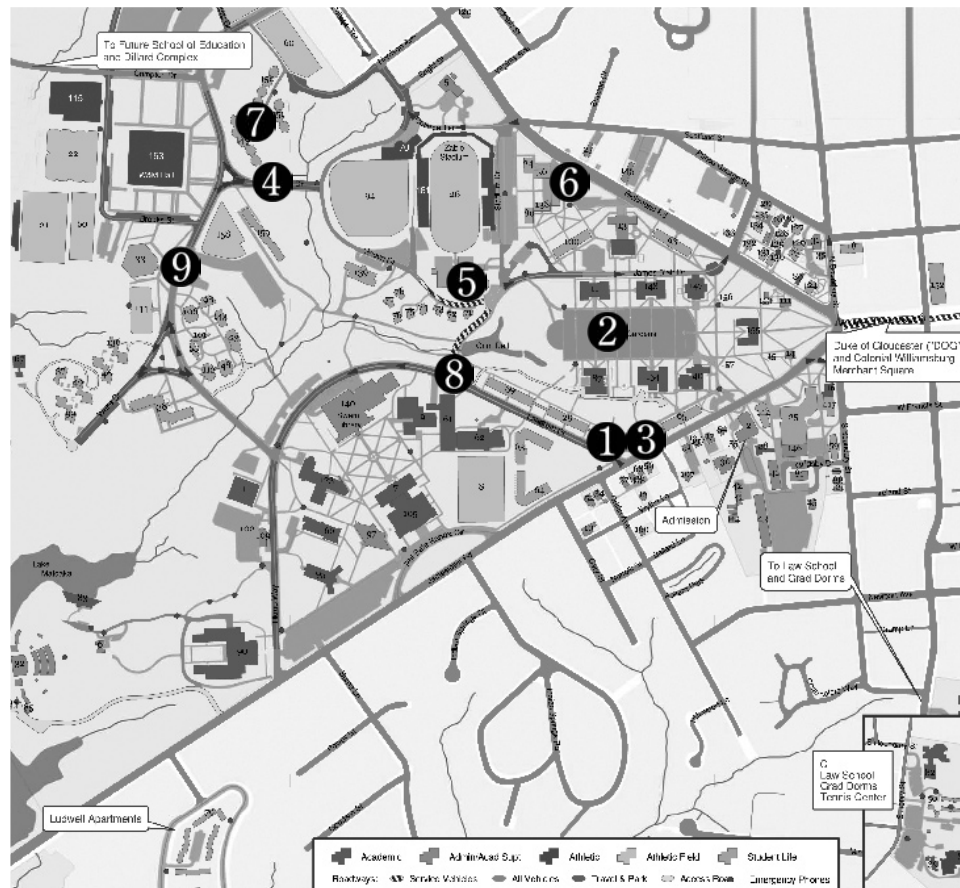
"Seeing all of my families and sorority sisters."

Rose Dzedzic '12

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

### CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

## October 13 to October 19



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WMEDU

- 1 **Wednesday, Oct. 14** — An individual reported a stolen bike from outside Barrett Hall. The estimated value was \$200.
- 2 **Thursday, Oct. 15** — An individual reported a stolen ID in the Sunken Garden. The estimated value was \$10.
- 3 **Friday, Oct. 16** — An individual reported a vandalized fire extinguisher at Barrett Hall. The estimated value is \$30.
- 4 — An individual reported a robbery on Yates Drive. The estimated value was \$140.
- 5 — An individual was arrested for trespassing at the Sadler Center.
- 6 **Saturday, Oct. 17** — An individual was arrested for underage possession of alcohol at 300 Bryan Hall Rd.
- 7 **Monday, Oct. 19** — An individual reported a stolen pizza bag and pizza outside the Units. The estimated value was \$125.
- 8 — An individual reported a stolen bicycle at 540 Landrum Dr. The estimated value was \$500.
- 9 — An individual reported a stolen laptop at 700 Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$1000.

— compiled by Ian Brickey

A DICTATOR ON TRIAL



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT  
Michael Newton, a professor at Vanderbilt Law School and one of two American lawyers who prepared prosecutors in former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's tribunal, spoke at the William and Mary Law School Thursday. Newton discussed his role in establishing the tribunal and its legal jurisdiction.

# Referendum sparks controversy

By MILES HILDER  
Flat Hat Editor-in-Chief

The real power of a student referendum will soon be put to the test.

The referendum, voted on in last month's Student Assembly election, asked students if they believed the College of William and Mary Honor Council's nominating committee should reach a unanimous decision before denying an applicant the right to run in an Honor Council election. 69.14 percent of the ballots cast said yes. 1,254 students voted.

Despite the referendum's passage, changes to the Honor Council's bylaws must be introduced and voted on by the council itself. A vote by the Honor Council on whether or not to adopt the referendum will occur Sunday.

Currently, a candidate's application to run in an Honor Council election can be denied if four of the five nominating committee members vote against the candidate. This committee is composed of Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs Dave Gilbert, a rotating professor, two non-returning Honor Council members and a rotating representative of the student body. According to Sen. Erik Houser '10, the referendum was designed to protect the opinions of the committee's

at-large student representative.

"The at-large student does not get their voice heard because if they are the dissenting vote in a case, then it doesn't matter because the other four voted over them," Houser said.

The upcoming Honor Council vote pushed the SA policy committee to consider passing a resolution during its Thursday meeting that would urge the Honor Council to take into account the referendum's strong student support. The discussion angered Will Perkins '11, the Honor Council's representative to the SA.

"The new [resolution] for the Honor Council is like beating a dead horse," Perkins said to the policy committee. "The changes from the referendum will absolutely fail because of the way this was handled."

Perkins's words have led to the belief among some SA representatives that a vote by the Honor Council not to implement the referendum is a foregone conclusion.

"The Honor Council is holding student lives in their hands; to exclude student opinion is ridiculous," SA Vice President Ryan Ruzic JD '11 said. "This referendum is a vehicle by which the student will be enforced. I can't imagine the Honor Council's reasoning not to pass this bill into their bylaws."

Honor Council Chair Bailey Thomson '10 sees the matter differently. Thomson said the council takes student opinion into account, but she still felt the referendum was proposed and added to the ballot before a proper campus-wide discussion on the matter could occur.

Thomson also called into question the benefits of making the nominating committee's vote unanimous.

"It's not always going to be the at-large student against the other four," she said. "Forcing unanimity means that the one person in disagreement, whoever they are, can essentially control the entire committee with their vote."

Instead of unanimity, Thomson said the council would be in favor of considering an amendment to add a sixth member — preferably another at-large member of the student body — to the nominating committee. Acceptance of a candidate, therefore, would require approval from five of six members. She said this compromise has yet to be discussed with the SA, although a meeting is going to be set up in the near future.

"Six people on the committee would be better than five," Ruzic said when asked if he would support this change. "If they don't make it unanimous, I hope they include another student."

# City zoning changes would allow increase in multi-family dwellings

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Pons, Sean Driscoll and Joe Hertzler not in attendance.

"I don't think we should rush into Option Three," commission member Jim Joseph said. "We are willing to look at Option Three as a separate project."

The planning commission has until Nov. 27 to issue a recommendation to the city council on any proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

In several meetings held over the past few weeks, it has become apparent that the commission will not recommend the changes to the three-person rule

sought by the SA and SBW.

Increasing the level of occupancy allowance in B-3 would have a limited short-term effect on the city's rental properties. The proposal limits the increase to multi-family dwellings, such as apartments. Currently, there are only 14 apartments in B-3.

"The four-person possibility in that district would be more aimed [toward] redevelopment," Zoning Commissioner Reed Nester said. "There could be some development ... of the Williamsburg Shopping Center."

Nester also listed the vacant lot at the corner of Richmond Road and Mount Vernon Avenue,

the lot beside Walgreens on Lafayette Street and the old Governor's Inn as other areas that could be developed.

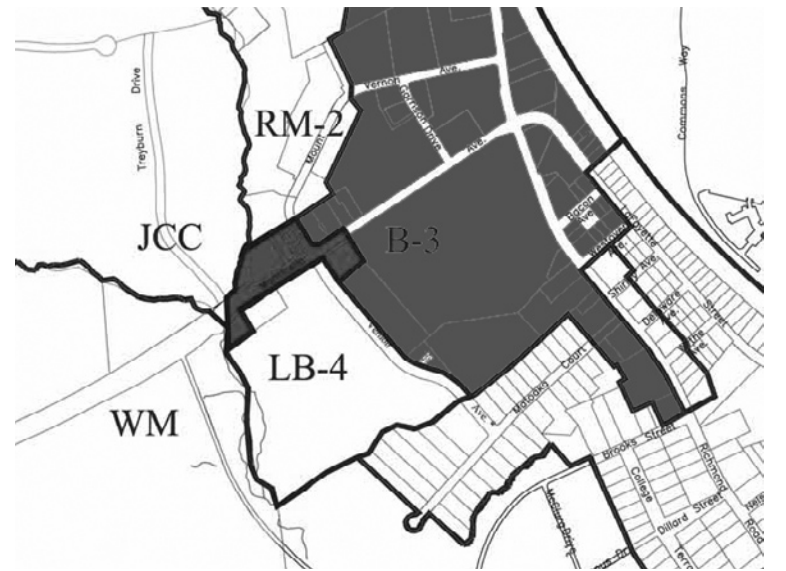
Because B-3 is a General Business District, any future development would require a Special Use Permit approved by the city council. Developments would also have to dedicate at least one-third of floor space toward commercial usage. Generally, this is reserved for the ground floor, with apartments occupying the floors above.

The College of William and Mary's plans to develop property off of Richmond Road was touted as an example of what the plan-

ning commission would consider for B-3. The plan includes 12,000 square feet for commercial space and 14 apartments that would accommodate 56 students.

The planning commission will have to approve a text amendment to the code in to accommodate the College's housing expansion. Currently, a density limit prohibits more than 14 people from living on one acre, and 10 from living on one lot. The College needs approval for 10 people per lot to proceed.

The planning commission will be holding a public hearing on Nov. 18 to continue its discussion of the zoning ordinance.



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The four-person limit would be allowed in homes located in the shaded area.

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# Busch Gardens Williamsburg sold to private equity firm

## Blackstone Group purchases 10 properties including Sea World, Water Country USA

By MEGHAN BOHN  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Anheuser-Busch InBev has made the decision to sell its 10 theme parks across the country, including Busch Gardens Williamsburg, to private equity firm The Blackstone Group for \$2.3 billion.

The world's largest brewer announced the sale of the Busch Entertainment Corporation Oct. 7.

Before the sale, Busch's family entertainment division was considered the second largest entertainment park operator in the U.S. With 26,000 employees and an estimated 23 million people visiting Busch Entertainment properties each year, Busch was the sixth largest theme park operator in the world.

Properties of Busch Entertainment included Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Tampa, the Sea World parks Sesame Place and Discovery Cove parks as well

as Adventure Island, Aquatica and Water Country USA water parks.

A potential sale of Busch Entertainment Corp. was rumored since the Belgian brewer InBev bought Anheuser-Busch in 2008. The company began discussions of a sale with Blackstone in Sept. 2009. Busch Entertainment is one of the nonessential assets being sold in order to finance the \$52 billion takeover.

The Blackstone Group plans on maintaining Busch Entertainment's current management and no jobs will be lost.

"We're very committed to growth, to maintaining the quality of the parks, the investments of the park," Busch Entertainment CEO Jim Atchison told The Associated Press.

A sponsorship agreement has been reached that will allow for the parks to keep their current names and promotions. Anheuser-Busch InBev will have the right to up to \$400 million of the

Blackstone Group's initial returns from the parks.

The most significant change to Busch Gardens Williamsburg will be the removal of the Clydesdale stables, an iconic symbol for the beer brand.

David Miller, an analyst with Caris & Co., told The Washington Post that Blackstone will probably try to get visitors to spend more at the parks by charging money for extras like taking pictures with characters.

The Blackstone Group declined to detail its plans for the newly acquired properties.

Michael Chae, senior managing director at Blackstone, commented on the recent addition to the firm's portfolio in a statement to the Associated Press.

"We are delighted to be investing in a company with such iconic brands, irreplaceable assets and strong growth prospects," he said.



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT  
Entrance to Busch Gardens Williamsburg. The park, among others, was sold Oct. 7.

# Penn professor discusses social networking

## Internet usage in public leads to less social interaction

By JESSICA KAHLBERG  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Keith Hampton, assistant professor in the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, gave a presentation entitled "New Technologies and the Structure of Community in Private, Public, and Parochial Spaces" to College of William and Mary students in Blow Hall Oct. 20.

He began by explaining that the main purpose of his research was to look at how social networks in three realms of social interaction contribute to the public sphere through the private, parochial and public realms.

Hampton said that in the social realm he looked at the "social life of wireless urban space." He observed seven different public parks, plazas and markets in major cities, most of which revolved around the usage of mobile phones.

More recently, however, there has been an increase in internet usage by means of wireless internet.

He found that the mean age of public wireless internet users was 31.4 years, that males out-

numbered females three to one, that 68 percent of users were unmarried and that New York had the most users compared to other cities in the United States and Canada.

"For some reason, Canadians tend to do odd things — like talk to each other," Hampton said.

Hampton found through surveys that 43 percent of wireless internet users were reading online news, 29 percent were using a social networking website and 8 percent were actively blogging.

Hampton said those using the internet in public areas were less approachable and less attentive than those using public space for non-internet activities.

"Public spaces are no longer a public realm," he said.

According to Hampton, even though there is less social interaction with strangers, people are continuing their relationships with existing kin through online activities.

Hampton's idea of the "parochial realm" consists of places like neighborhoods and workplaces, which are more diverse than homes, but more familiar than the public.

He found that people who

have access to an internet connection tend to recognize three times as many neighbors as those without a connection.

However, he also noted that in his "eNeighborhood" study, it made a greater difference for people who already had strong ties with neighbors.

"Internet may expand the gap between social capital 'have' and 'have nots,'" Hampton said.

For the private realm, which is comprised of strong ties, and a small subset of people's full social network, Hampton looked at studies explaining the "rise of social isolation, decline in network size and loss of diversity in core discussion networks."

His study, which was completed last year and will be released in a few weeks, did not actually find a negative relationship between internet, mobile phone use and core social networks.

America especially had a low number of close-network members when compared to other countries.

"This is a uniquely American issue," he said.

Hampton concluded by summarizing the trend of decreased

in exposure to diverse ideas and opinions in the public sphere and the increase in the size and diversity of ties in parochial and private realms.

Hampton said he plans to look more into social interaction in public spaces in the future to see if people are interacting less because of new technologies.

"Students at the University of Pennsylvania are well-known to put a phone to their ear, implying that they don't want any type of social interaction, when they're not actually talking to anyone," Hampton said.

Kevin Carey '11 said the speech helped him understand previously unknown positive impacts of technology.

"It was very provocative," Carey said. "I've always felt cell phones and laptops would harm the public space in terms of social interaction, but this showed me some of the benefits technology can bring to social space."

Nihan Kaya '10 said the speech made her realize the different ways in which technology affects us.

"We're all aware of it, but because it's always around us, we sometimes get lost," Kaya said.

# Policy may be reviewed

## Two houses receive most citations

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of Staff Charles Crimmins said. "So even if the number of summonses has not increased significantly, an important inquiry is what effect those summonses have had in court."

The first violation of a noise ordinance is a class 2 misdemeanor, which could result in up to 6 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

Any subsequent noise violation within 12 months results in a class 1 misdemeanor, which carries a punishment of up to a year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500.

The new ordinance has been viewed overwhelmingly unfavorably within the William and Mary student community.

"There seem to be two perceptions on campus: [The first is] that the noise ordinance can be used as an abusive tool by the residents, and [the second is] that police officers are patrolling Williamsburg with noise measuring meters in search of College [of William and Mary] students," Crimmins said.

Crimmins recently met with the Chief of William and Mary Police Donald Challis earlier this week to discuss the perceived prejudice against students.

"[Chief Challis] assured me that [targeting students] was not happening," Crimmins said. "He emphasized that many of the summonses that the WPD have issued have been to ... repeat offenders."

SA President Sarah Rojas '10 also emphasized that the majority of students who have received noise violations live in the same two houses.

"Most of the actual [summonses] have come from two houses, only two houses," Rojas said. "I don't know if these num-

bers are one-hundred percent correct — I know seven of the police's visits have been to one house, which is a fair chunk of the overall complaints that have happened."

She also added that the SA is taking action to make the ordinance more student-friendly, mainly by working to have the city revise a portion of the "Specific Prohibitions" section of the ordinance. As it stands, Section 72-12, which details specific prohibitions, any "unabated" noise originating from a gathering of 10 or more people for over 30 minutes in any setting that is not completely enclosed in a building at any time of day is a noise violation. Rojas said she wants to change the ordinance to outlaw this type of gathering during the city's quiet hours, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"That's one of the things that the Student Assembly is really trying to push through," Rojas said. "And we think that that'll be a good change for students, because ultimately it's hard to say, you know what, three in the morning, students can be as loud as they want with as many people as they want, but you know, there are hours where we aren't students — it's a college town — and being completely reasonable, at earlier hours in the night, there should be less of a restriction at later hours of the night."

Mayor Zeidler has alluded that the Williamsburg City Council may be reviewing the noise ordinance to make similar changes.

The City Council is holding a work session Monday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Stryker Building, and the noise ordinance is expected to be on the agenda.

Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer Adam Lerner also contributed in this article.

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# Provost, SA talk College's future

By JACK POLLOCK  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College of William and Mary Provost Michael R. Halleran met with the Student Assembly Tuesday to discuss the new strategic plan for the College.

"The question that we want to define and build on is what does it mean to be a liberal arts university in the 21st century," he said. "To be a liberal arts university is somewhat of a challenge because you are trying to have the best of both worlds and to do that in a public university environment is rare."

SA members questioned Halleran about the impact of state budget cuts on the College. Allocations to higher education have declined by 32 percent in the last 18 months.

The possibility of a tuition hike as well as a change in the in-state to out-of-state ratio also dominated the conversation.

While Halleran does not foresee a shift in the student demographic ratio, he said that tuition is expected to rise in the coming years.

"Increased tuition seems to be necessary if you want to retain the quality of the experience," he said. "That is where there has to be a difference, but you have to balance that with affordability."

Halleran's meeting with the SA is part of a year-long conversation he hopes to have with students, faculty and alumni concerning the state of the College.

Other administrators, including College President Taylor Reveley, are expected to attend SA meetings throughout the year in an ongoing effort to improve communication with the student body.

The SA passed one bill, the Swem Snack Act sponsored by Sen. Ben Brown '11, which allocates up to \$150 for the purchase of a micro-

wave for Mews Café. The microwave will be installed and maintained by Dining Services.

"There is student interest in a microwave so hopefully we can get something that is both reasonable yet a quality item that we can put in Swem," Sen. Stef Felitto '12 said.

A few bills were amended as well, including the Homecoming Act proposed by Sen. Jill Olszewski '12. The act called for the distribution of 5,000 "Welcome Home" buttons to be distributed to alumni during Homecoming weekend.

After reviewing the proposal, SA President Sarah Rojas '10 decided to cut the proposed number of buttons in half, thereby reducing costs from \$1,000 to \$500.

"Now we know where each button is going and that each one will actually be used," Rojas said. "They won't just be sitting around, so we won't have wasteful spending."

Sen. Imad Matini '11 introduced the Continued Seasonal Influenza Prevention Act due to the overwhelming positive response to the partly-SA sponsored flu shot day on Sept. 9.

During the first wave of vaccinations, the Student Health Center could only provide 300 of the 810 students who were immunized with free shots from the SA.

The additional bill looks to ensure more students are vaccinated free of charge.

"There are still plenty of students who did not get flu shots so I have been in contact with the Office of Student Health and they are asking if we could help them out with another drive on Oct. 28," Matini said. "What is good about this goal is that it is going to include grad students as well."

The new act grants \$3,500 to subsidize 175 vaccinations that will be administered at the Sadler Center and Law School Complex.

In administrative matters, Michael Young '11 was confirmed as Secretary of Student Rights.

# Dean of Libraries to retire

By MAGGIE REEB  
Flat Hat News Editor

Dean of University Libraries Connie Kearns McCarthy announced earlier this week that she will retire in June 2010.

"Connie McCarthy has served William & Mary splendidly over the past dozen years as dean of our university library system," College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley said in a press release. "Under her leadership, our Earl Gregg Swem Library has advanced on all fronts, including a massive transformation of its physical being. As a resource for research, teaching, study and community, Swem Library is truly a gem. So is Connie. She will be missed enormously."

McCarthy came to the College 12 years ago and has helped Swem achieve great successes. Earlier this year, Swem was ranked seventh in the Princeton Review's "Best College Library" category.

The College's library also had a record-breaking fundraising year, raising more than \$5 million. Five years ago, Swem underwent major renovation and expansion, through which more than 100,000 feet were added to the building.

Outside of Swem, McCarthy has served as the

director of the summer study abroad program in Galway, Ireland. She has also been involved in the Women's Network and the Christopher Wren Organization.

McCarthy received an undergraduate degree from Dominican University and a master's degree from the Catholic University of America in library science.

Her first job was as a cataloger in the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C. She later worked in the George Washington University Library for over 15 years, leaving the University as the acting university librarian.

McCarthy subsequently spent 10 years at Duke University, where she eventually became the associate university librarian.

College Provost Michael Halleran will appoint a committee including faculty, staff and students to find McCarthy's replacement.

"We all owe Connie McCarthy a great debt," Halleran said. "From a successful building expansion, to growth in technology, to providing our students, faculty and staff with a library that plays a vital role in the educational experience, she has contributed mightily to William & Mary during her tenure."

# Homecoming queen active for GLBT

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year because students actually could vote for who they wanted instead of having five or six class officers select who they think should be the winner," Junior Class President Mike Tsidulko said.

According to Tsidulko, there is no rule against men or women running for opposite roles. Students who made nominations were simply asked to describe how the candidate they nominated best exemplified Tribe pride.

"In general, most descriptions were about what activities they were involved in on campus or spiritedness at sporting events or any other kind of campus activity," Senior Class President Alyssa Wallace said.

Those students nominated

with a description were put on the ballot.

"It basically came down to nominations," Wallace said. "Jessee was nominated, Jessee's peers voted and Jessee won. That's really all there is to it."

Around campus, the reaction has been positive.

"I've only had people congratulating me. I know that one of my friends was in a conversation with someone who didn't think that it was fair that I was able to run, because I'm not female-bodied," Vasold said. "But it generated a really good conversation, so they were able to talk about a lot of different things."

For Vasold, the election of the College's first transgender homecoming queen is a significant step forward for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and

Transgender community on campus.

"It's definitely amazing that the students are in a really good position, in a really good spot on how they think about things," he said. "I think that it would be a good time to show student support on these issues."

Vasold has played a significant role in the campus's GLBT community.

He is currently the Student Assembly Undersecretary of Diversity Initiatives for GLBT Affairs. Last year, he served as co-president of the Lambda Alliance, the College's GLBT advocacy group.

"I think students are really appreciative of just being able to have him at William and Mary," Tsidulko said. "I think it's a mark of how progressive our values are here."

# Leafe "only option" for greek's homecoming

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The Greek executive boards met with fraternity and sorority chapter presidents to discuss the plan, which was then decided on — sorority presidents voted in favor of the Green Leafe's proposal 10 to one and fraternity presidents approved it 12 to three.

"There are people who are very excited, and there are people who are very apprehensive," ISC President Tildi Sharp '10 said.

Despite the number of votes in favor of the new plan, some were hesitant to accept the Green Leafe's bid.

"Nobody would have had it as their first option," Fenwick said. "[Some saw it as] another way the school is trying to shut down a fun time ... they saw it as the only option."

To ensure participation, those who voted in favor of the plan must attend the event, or risk a \$200 fine.

Originally, food was planned to be catered exclusively by the Green Leafe. After discussion with ISC and CFA members, attendees will be permitted to bring sealed, non-alcoholic drinks, food and grills.

As the event is being hosted by a third-party organization, fraternity and sorority members,

even if they are over 21, cannot bring their own alcohol.

Even with the Green Leafe taking precautions to prevent underage drinking, it still is a concern for some.

"If they're not drinking in public, they're drinking in their dorms," Fenwick said, calling this option "dangerous."

The Greek tailgate starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m., and although the event is targeted at members of fraternities or sororities, all students and alumni may attend.

"Most people are excited to see how things work out ... in a safe, controlled environment," King said.

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# A History of Homecoming

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The Flat Hat has been covering Homecoming for as long as alumni have returned to their Alma Mater. Below are some excerpts from decades past.

## 1926: The First Homecoming

To those old grads who have not visited the city or the college for many years, the changes noticeable will be of a remarkable nature, for the history of the past ten years at William and Mary has been almost unbelievable. A colonial wall now surrounds the campus, colonial walks lead in all directions, a handsome dormitory is now in use together with one of the best gymnasiums in the southland. ... The ancient college, like the Phoenix, has risen in new form and the college of yesterday is linked to the college of today by the magnificent new buildings which stand among the oldest collegiate halls in America.



## 1937: Blow Hall Hosts Southern Belles

On Friday night the formal dance was held in Blow gym with Dean Hudson and his orchestra playing. The gym was decorated to represent an old Southern plantation with big white columns on both sides of the floor. In the corners were pine trees and hanging from the ceiling were long branches to represent the tall trees that overshadowed the great plantation. The orchestras were situated at the far end of the floor on a platform made into a veranda of the house. Just over the roof of the veranda was a beautiful large yellow full moon. This served to take the dancers' minds off the driving rain that came down all evening to stop fortunately by two thirty at the close of the dance.



## 1945: War Disrupts the Official Homecoming

Climaxing weeks of effort on the part of the student body to effect an appropriate homecoming celebration, the official homecoming game took on a festive air Saturday with the crowning of the football queen and the first appearance of the recently formed William and Mary band. The alumni who returned to Williamsburg for the informal homecoming gave a slight indication of the throngs who in past years packed the town for the annual homecoming celebration.



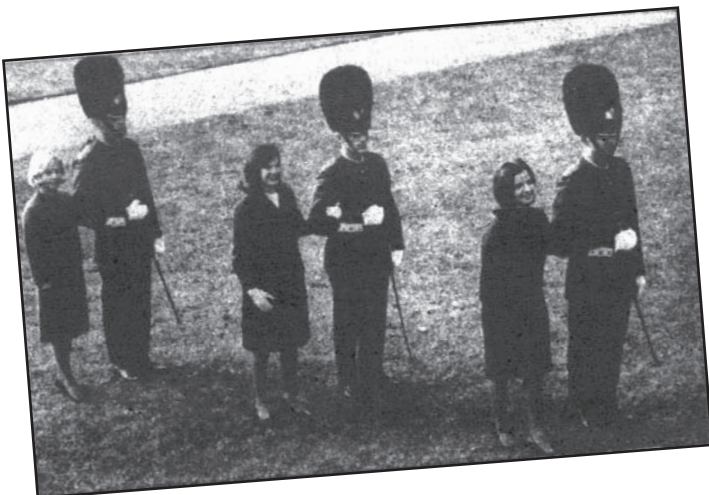
## 1955: Jo Napolino, Homecoming Queen

Feminine beauty, personality and charm are all attributes possessed by Jo Napolino, the 1955 Homecoming Queen. A majority of student elected her Queen Wednesday from a slate of 10 senior candidates, who had been previously selected by student balloting. As reigning Queen, Jo was first presented at Friday night's formal dance by Hike Abdella, president of the student body. She was again honored at the VMI football game; she graced the Homecoming parade. Truly, it was an exciting week end. "I think it was one of the greatest things that has ever happened to me," she exclaimed, "I will never forget the feeling it gave me."



## 1965: Snake-Line Across Campus

At 5 o'clock this afternoon there will be a presentation of the Queen's Guard during sunset Ceremonies held in the Sunken Garden. Following the sunset parade, a pep rally will begin at 6:15 p.m. on Jockey Corner. Students will form a snake-line and dance across campus to the athletic field behind Cary Stadium.



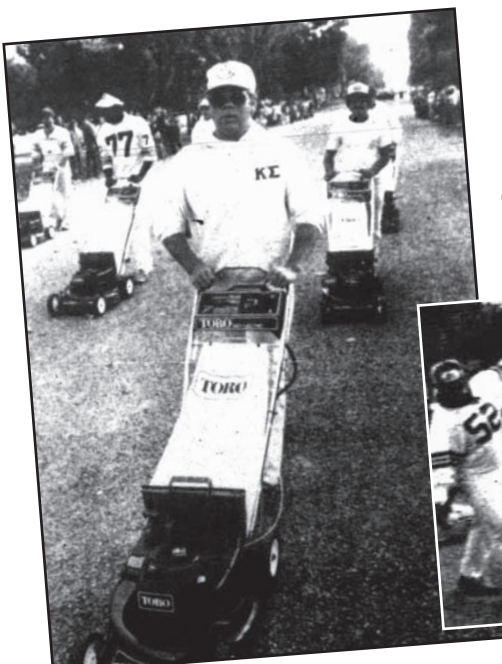
## 1976: Queen Prefers Crawfish to Crinoline

Mo Lawlor does much do disprove the "Homecoming Queen" image of the '50's. In fact, she admits "I can't cook," indicating that she would much rather buy a box of cookies and decorate them than try to bake some. She is more at home with crayfish in the biology lab than with a crown.



## 1983: Mowing Down the Competition

This past weekend the Lawn Mower Precision Drill Team was again part of William and Mary's homecoming parade. This time, in accordance with the Homecoming theme to commemorate the opening of the Muscarelle, they marched as "The Art of Precision Lawn Mower Drill Teams."



## 1995: The Dedication of T-Hall (aka McGlothlin-Street Hall)

The College began its official Homecoming program, with the theme of "Raising the Roof," yesterday with student performances and the Homecoming Dance last night in Trinkle Hall. Other activities this weekend include a dedication of Tercentenary Hall today at 2pm, the Academic Festival at various times today, the Homecoming Parade on Saturday at 9:30am, and the Homecoming football game against Villanova on Saturday at Zable Stadium.



## 2006: NCAA Plucks Feathers from College Logo

The College student organization Young Americans for Freedom bought and distributed 25,000 feathers during the Tribe's homecoming football game at Zable Stadium Saturday. The feather distribution was a protest of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's ruling that the two feathers in the College's logo create an "offensive environment" and must be phased out by the 2007 athletic season.



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## Deeds for Governor

Next week Virginians will go to the polls to elect a new governor, and the stakes are high. Currently, Virginia's transportation system is an underfunded mess, and the state's status as a national leader in higher-education is under threat. After reviewing the issues at stake, The Flat Hat has found that Virginia Sen. Creigh Deeds will be the better choice as the candidate with the better plan to lead us through these uncertain times.

The criteria for our consideration and endorsement reflect our being a part of the community of the College of William and Mary. As such, higher education is our utmost concern. But, as we have found, both men are virtually indistinguishable here, so we considered social and fiscal issues in order to tip the balance.

On higher education, the two candidates both offer a wide range of shoot-for-the-moon proposals that neither can afford. They seem to agree that every dollar spent on education is a dollar well invested. To this end, both men promise to more than double the number of degrees Virginia's institutions award over the next 10 to 15 years and to increase the percentage of Virginia residents who earn college degrees.

Deeds also promises to create a new rainy-day fund specifically for higher education that would grow in proportion to the general rainy-day fund. We agree such a fund is sorely needed because lawmakers generally cut funding during the bad times and then fail to return it once prosperity returns. Staving off the cuts in the first place could protect funding into the future.

But these are just campaign promises. Neither man has a convincing proposal for funding these proposals. Until an economic recovery makes them possible, we will call these proposals what they are: pipe dreams.

It is worth noting that earlier in the campaign Deeds flirted with supporting adjusting the ratio of in-state and out-of-state students in favor of admitting more Virginians into Virginia's universities. Bob McDonnell, on the other hand, has been solidly for this point. While Deeds appears to have since refined his position, our eyebrows are still raised. It is absolutely imperative that this ratio either stays the same or inches toward parity; anything else will only further undermine the fiscal security of Virginia's schools.

On transportation, Deeds has clearly articulated a sane policy for dealing with our largest problems, while McDonnell has left us asking for more. The most difficult problem that the next governor will face will be our massive deficit in transportation funding. Deeds has staked out some difficult political terrain by announcing his intention to raise taxes, while McDonnell has stubbornly and unrealistically insisted on a "no new tax" policy that, frankly, will not work. While Deeds' position may ultimately keep him out of the Governor's Mansion, it is at least more honest than McDonnell's pandering.

The last straw is McDonnell's regressive stances on social issues. Excluding from consideration his reactionary and offensive thesis — he was, after all, young when he wrote it — McDonnell has consistently voted against social equality and women's rights in Virginia. While Deeds does not have a perfect record here, he at least opposed the constitutional ban on gay marriage and supports benefits for same-sex couples.

For these reasons and more, we encourage Virginia voters to support Creigh Deeds in this election. Virginia cannot abide another governor who will decimate vital state services like education and transportation to buy his way into office.

## Congratulations, good zir

The Class of 2011 announced that Jessee Vasold '11 will be the College of William and Mary's first genderqueer homecoming queen. To this, we know exactly what we want to say, but how to say it? We would like to give "zir" — a gender-neutral alternative to him or her — our most earnest congratulations, and the same is due to the open-minded student body that elected Vasold. It's nice to have a surprise this homecoming that is at once heart-warming and phonologically fun.

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

## One free swerve is one too many

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FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



When it comes to drunk driving, it seems Virginia police officers have taken a cue from the military: Unless it's blatant, don't ask, don't tell.

In light of a recent Virginia Supreme Court ruling — which Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts described police as granting "drunk drivers one 'free swerve,'" drivers under the influence are free from any legal pull-overs by police officers unless a traffic violation is undoubtedly committed. Anonymous tips — even from programs such as the "Drunk Busters Hotline" — were deemed useless based on a potential lack of veracity and the possible fear of unconstitutionality of the situation. With the threat of being charged with unwarranted search and seizure, Virginia police officers are now required to ignore any claims from tipsters concerning potentially intoxicated motorists.

Roberts attempted to heighten the concern for public safety by openly stating his disapproval of the ruling and calling for an appeal. Unfortunately, Roberts's peers refused to hear the case based on a U.S. Supreme Court precedent involving an anonymous tip accusing a man of carrying a gun. The application of this ruling will, without a doubt, serve as a get-out-of-jail-free card for any drunk wishing to take a joy ride through the heavily populated streets of Virginia's cities. In terms of drunk driving and the likely injury or death of an unfortunate person, warning signs are not necessary.

In a society where morality and the overwhelming concern for doing what's right seem to take precedence over personal liberty and individuality, one would think that attempting to identify a potentially fatal driver and saving the lives of others would be praised.

The issue of morality over constitutionality has

been factored into innumerable legal cases. Although incredibly cliché but pertinent, the legality of abortion is only an extreme issue because of the argument between the perceived moral wrong doing of killing another human being and taking away an important personal liberty. The same argument of morality and indecency plausibly pertains to the case at hand. If a drunk driver is on the loose, it is at least decent to report this less significant crime before a more dangerous event occurs.

In the final ruling from the Supreme Court of Virginia, the severity of drunk driving is unsafely diminished to a mere issue of constitutionality and a supposed deficit of veritable information; the line between morality and constitutionality has frequently been crossed. Evidently, the morals of both the U.S. and Virginia justices are questionable.

The aura of unconstitutionality seems to encompass the legal practices of justices. With a legal system already tainted by the wraths of religious radicals and conservative figureheads and blemished by extremely literal interpretations of the Constitution, one would think that wholesome morality and spiritual decency would trump all other things. Seemingly, the lives of pedestrians and innocent bystanders are not as valuable as the

"correct" interpretation of the Constitution.

According to a statistic so fittingly given by Roberts, close to 13,000 people die in alcohol-related car crashes a year. That's approximately one fatality every 40 minutes. With the emergence of Virginia's new ruling, the danger imposed by drunk driving increases and the acerbity of the crime decreases. Good Samaritans are left helpless, and all other people are put in danger. Morality wages into an astounding number of social laws and practices.

Rather than worrying about the spirituality of cells and their unethical disposal, maybe keeping drunks off the road would be a better idea. This is a time to cross the line between morality and constitutionality.

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**Virginia police officers are now required to ignore any claims from tipsters concerning potentially intoxicated motorists.**

## The less attention paid to the history of homecoming, the better

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FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Time-honored traditions are an important facet of life at every university. Usually each school has its own mysterious and quirky rituals that bind classmates together in ceremony. However, the one tradition that seems to be a part of every university is homecoming. If you think about it too much, you will begin to feel that this event doesn't really make much sense. It is hard to find a unifying theme in the hodgepodge of football, alumni, parades, floats, dances, kings and queens, tailgates, picnics and performances, all of which characterize a homecoming. How is it that this almost universal tradition came about in the first place?

As with most traditions, many different groups claim responsibility. One of the first homecoming-like traditions came from Dartmouth College. In 1888, after a baseball victory Dartmouth students built a massive bonfire on campus that,

in the words of student newspaper The Dartmouth, "disturbed the slumbers of a peaceful town, destroyed some property, made the boys feel that they were men, and, in fact, did no one any good."

A few years later the administration commandeered the event and billed it as a celebration of prestigious alumni and school spirit — no doubt negating most of the rebellious fun of it in the process.

The first instance of homecoming we would recognize today can be traced back to big, mid-western schools in the early 20th century. Baylor University held a celebration centered around a football game against Texas Christian University in 1909, though it did not become an annual homecoming event until 1915.

The event featured a parade and alumni reunions drawing several thousand to the school. The following year, two seniors at the University of Illinois came up with the idea of a homecoming to encourage their football team to beat their longtime rivals.

However, official recognition for the first homecoming event is generally given to the University of Missouri —

possibly for no other reason than that Trivial Pursuit and "Jeopardy" decided on it. The Missouri Homecoming of 1911 is the template that most other universities have used to construct their celebrations. The Missouri Homecoming brought more than 10,000 alumni and fans to the campus and the school still boasts the largest homecoming in the country.

Why the concept of homecoming came about, when it did, and why it took the form that it did are questions that no one can answer. Perhaps it was the age of the automobile that allowed alumni the luxury of easily going back to their school and also permitted the construction of large parade floats. Maybe it was the growing popularity of football, a sport that became a college tradition around the same time, or maybe it was just pure chance. Whatever the case, the concept of homecoming quickly took root in colleges around the country.

The College of William and Mary held its first homecoming in 1926. It included a football game against George Washington University, which the Tribe won, and a cross country meet with the University of Richmond and George

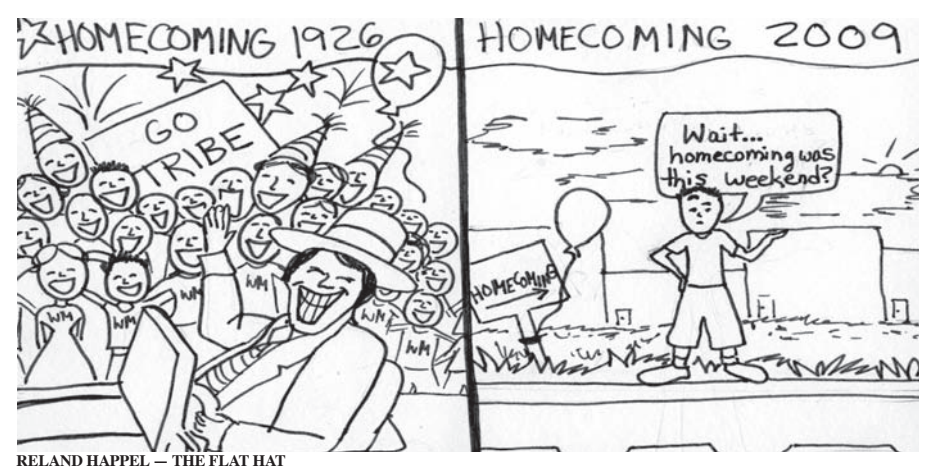
Washington, which the Tribe also won. The event was billed as a complete success and homecoming became a part of the tradition of the College. Each year it seems more and more activities were added to the schedule, and it became a very large event bringing hundreds of alumni back to Williamsburg.

Over time, though, homecoming has lost some of its grandeur and novelty. The celebrations back in the '40s and '50s seemed to be a much bigger deal than they are today. The parades were long and the floats impressive: In

1941, Phi Kappa Tau's float featured a realistic small plane, which represented that year's rival, the Virginia Military Institute, crashing in a forest. An earnest Flat Hat reporter even went so far as to compare the importance of the College's homecoming to the Great Chicago Fire.

This weekend I doubt anyone will view our homecoming activities with much seriousness. Hopefully we will all simply relax, have fun, and not think too much about a tradition that doesn't always make much sense.

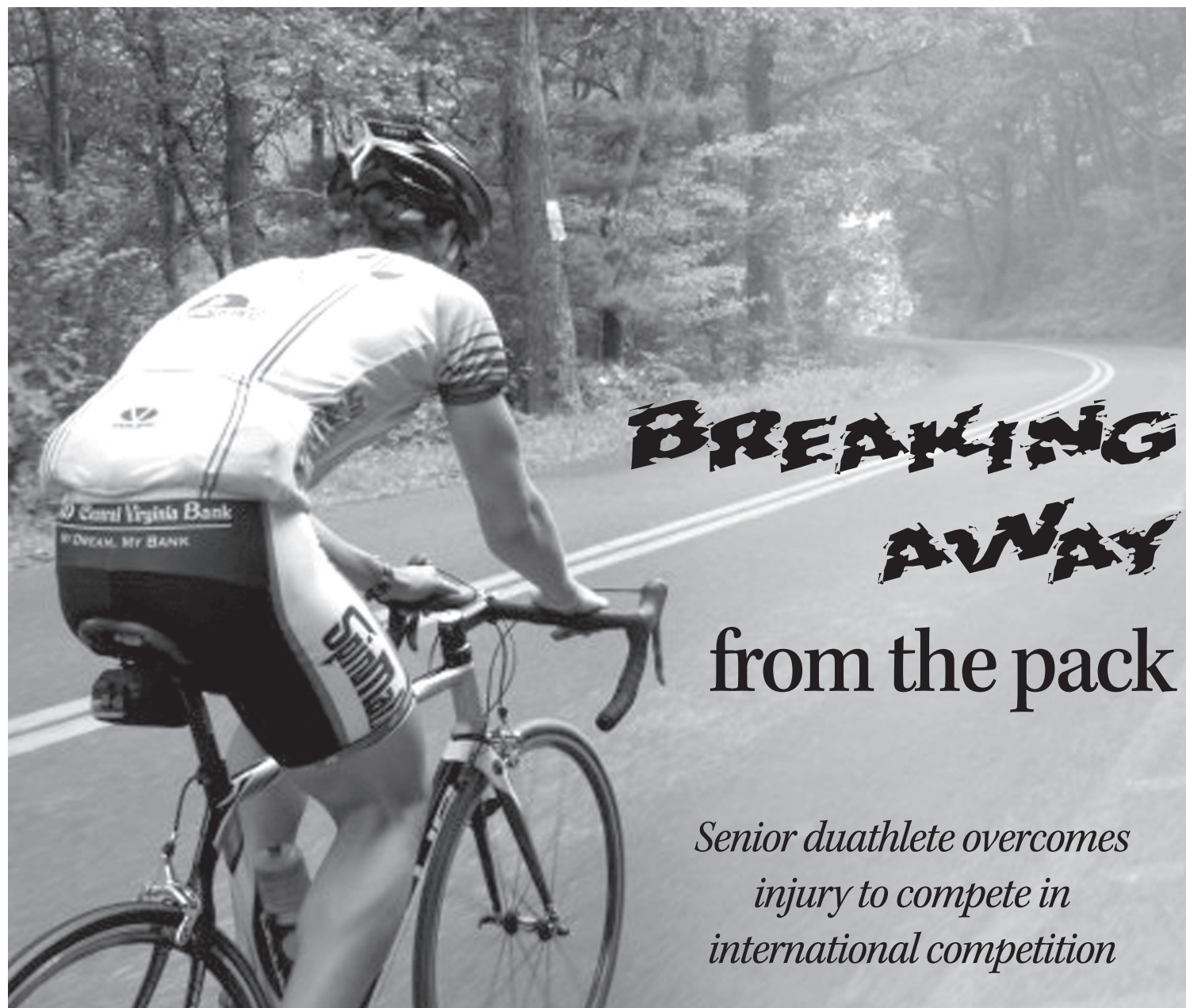
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Cory Scott '10 competes in various duathlons nationally and internationally. He is currently president of the cycling and triathlon clubs at the College of William and Mary and has raced since high school. He recently placed 19th in the International Triathlon Union World Duathlon Championships.

By GENICE PHILIPS  
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For Cory Scott '10, competition is his life. Confident, talented and an avid cyclist, placing 19th in a world championship duathlon was a goal Scott thought he could not only accomplish but also surpass. This past month, the International Triathlon Union World Duathlon Championships took place in Concord, N.C. Approximately 600 people competed in the 10k run-40k bike-5k run event for \$25,000 in prize money. The top 15 for men and women who placed received prize money, and for Scott, coming so close to winning was not enough.

"I have to admit it was depressing to have a World medal in easy grasp, and then watch it float away as people pass you," he said. "Had I not cramped, I would have finished in the top 10."

Since high school, Scott's athleticism and competitive drive have been exemplified by his love for racing. He ran cross country and track and is currently the president of the cycling and triathlon clubs at the College of William and Mary. Adam Harris '11, a member of the cycling club, describes Scott's strong leadership skills and passion for cycling.

"Cory has a very competitive spirit and can push through many levels of pain in order to win," Harris said. "He has a true love of sport and a genuine interest

combined with an easy-going demeanor and outgoing personality to give younger riders a strong, confident leader to look up to."

Scott's event at the ITU World Duathlon Championship marked his first time competing on an international level. In July 2007, he competed in the ITU Long Course Duathlon World Championships qualifier that took place in Cambridge, Md. He placed fourth overall and earned a slot in the World Championships in October with Team USA. At the World Championships, he placed fourth overall and second on the American team, and won a gold medal for his age group, 20 to 24.

"In total, 500 athletes from 25 countries participated," Scott said. "I figured I had a little bit of talent so I would keep at it."

This time around, Scott decided to participate in the short course duathlon, which consists of running nine miles and then biking 25. The event is significantly less strenuous than the 13 miles of running and 40-plus miles of cycling of the long course duathlon. After focusing on his cycling throughout the summer, Scott injured his knee when he began to run again at the end of the summer.

"If I take a step back and look at my summer training as a whole, I probably only trained for World Championships in three weeks," Scott said. "After a week, I injured my knee and wasn't able to run for weeks. My biking wasn't affected though,

so I was still able to work out."

With the moral support of his mother — whom he says is his biggest fan — and the confidence needed to finish the race, Scott became one of the youngest competitors to place within the top 20. For Scott, however this was just a starting place.

"I think I just like winning so much, that every time I lose, I work harder," Scott said. "I'm never satisfied in a race unless I am the best, and even then I am not completely satisfied. There is always something inside, telling me I can go faster, and it seems to be a never-ending battle with myself, which I guess, keeps me going."

Scott wants to continue with his success in cycling and possibly become a professional cyclist.

"I'm trying to work out my life right now and decide if I want to make a shot at going pro in cycling, or continue down the multisport road — or triathlon or duathlon — and get my pro card in those," he said.



## CONFUSION CORNER

### Childhood nostalgia solves college issues

Kevin Mooney  
CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



There's something about this time of year — late October, early November — that just encourages all of my ambition to die out. At the beginning of the year, you're committed to starting fresh, showing initiative, really working on that grade point average. But then, all of a sudden, I start skipping that 9 a.m. class more and more. I let a few of those "mandatory reading assignments" slide. Suddenly a B-average doesn't look too bad at all. Class work, extra-curriculars, what have you — all motivation for anything aside from sleep and the occasional weekend party just drain right out of me.

I've found only a select few ways of dealing with this phenomenon. It is impossible to reverse this lack of motivation, of course for, it's incurable until exams can finally put the fear of death into you.

The first is called "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas." You may have met before. It's that game you played all throughout junior year of high school, often choosing it over memorizing passages from "The Odyssey." Well, it's junior year again, and CJ Johnson needs some help fighting those Ballas. And while you're at it, why not retry all those old PlayStation 2 games you've got sitting in the back of your closet? If you don't have them anymore, no problem; that's why God invented the internet. By the end of the month, everyone — and I mean everyone — I know will have discovered a downloadable version of the original Pokémon game online, and will be halfway to getting their Thunder Badge.

That blast of nostalgia having been exhausted, you hit YouTube for another dose. Aqua, Salt-N-Peppa, Eiffel 65 — anything you can get your hands on. You may even stoop so low as to find an old copy of NOW 7 with that Smash Mouth song you know all the lyrics to.

Anything to remind you of those old days where all you had to worry about were pop quizzes in Mrs. Stephenson's class and whether or not Wendy Thompson was wearing a bra the day before.

Soon you're going back even further. You're organizing touch football and stickball games out in the street. Maybe even a game of capture the flag, because hey, when's the last time you played that, huh? You start arguing about the rules, since none of you can really remember them, with a passion you haven't felt since arguing the merits of the various Power Ranger Zoids.

It's no coincidence that random phrases scrawled in multicolored chalk start to appear on the sidewalks around campus. It's just another step towards our inevitable regression. "I heart my Big" they'll write, or "Free concert tonight," or even something as seemingly random as "PEPPERONI" in wide bubble letters across the pavement. I wouldn't be surprised if somewhere on a deserted strip of sidewalk, 20-something-year-old college students are furtively, but gleefully, playing hopscotch and four square.

But I've bested them all. Having advanced through the various stages of late-October nostalgia, I've finally found it in its purest form, the Platonic ideal of regression: I've started volunteering at the local elementary school. Now, under the guise of volunteering, I get to play with Play-Doh. I get to help put together an alphabet puzzle in the shape of a turtle. I even get to sound out the letter "P"

The best thing is just getting lost in the wonderful oblivion that is a kindergartner's mind. To them, doesn't matter if you're reading the alphabet book with pictures, or the number book with numerals in the shape of animals — their enthusiasm is undeterred. Each of them is so delightfully enraptured in whatever task — practicing their penmanship on both upper and lowercase letters, explaining to the class their show-and-tell item of exactly one solitary froggy slipper — that it almost makes you want to go back and attack next week's physics problem set with the same vigor. But later of course. You've got a finger painting to finish first.

Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist. If you have some free time, pass him a note between classes written in gel pen.

## Stompfest steps up homecoming beat

By RACHEL QUIÑONES  
The Flat Hat

Ask anyone these days if they have recently seen a competitive dancing show on television, and I think most will answer in the affirmative. With the likes of "America's Best Dance Crew," "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing With the Stars" on television, it's hard not to occasionally see a dance show when you're flipping through the channels.

All of these shows have a certain draw — each show has something that makes people want to watch. Some say the combination of rhythm, music, costumes and crazy moves is hypnotic. Others are amazed at what others can do with their bodies. What people don't always think about is the time and dedication required to reach this level of skill. The College of William and Mary has its very own version of these two shows now, an annual competition known as Stompfest.

When Adreanne Stephenson '11 volunteered to be one of two Step-Mistresses for Delta Sigma Theta, one of the College's historically black sororities, step team this year, she thought it would be a fun and new experience she didn't anticipate that it would also be a challenging and demanding position.

"At first I was like, oh my gosh,

why did I do this?" Stephenson said. "In addition to our normal practices, I would also have to meet with the other Step-Mistress. I've been devoting around 20 hours each week since the middle of September."

However, Stephenson said it has all been worth it. With the teaching portion out of the way, the intense practices this week have just been to fine-tune the team's routine.

"It has been a great learning experience," Stephenson said. "This will help me for next year because I would like to be a Step-Mistress again."

Stephenson and LaShena Southerland '10 started choreographing Delta Sigma Theta's step routine for this year's Homecoming Stompfest at the beginning of September. Together with six other step teams, they will compete this Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Sadler Center Commonwealth Auditorium.

Stompfest, sponsored by the William and Mary Black Student Organization, has become a yearly staple showcasing the talents of various step teams. This year, seven step teams are participating in the event including the College of William and Mary's chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha. It will also include step teams from other Virginia schools, including Zeta Phi Beta from Virginia Tech and

Sigma Gamma Rho from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"Stepping is an integral component in the legacies of all historically black Greek collegiate fraternities and sororities and because of this, we take an immense amount of pride into every stomp, clap and yell," Alpha Phi Alpha President William Morris III '11, said.

Morris also had Stephenson's appreciation of the extreme dedication of the steppers.

"We all take this show very seriously, and we have put a great amount of passion and dedication into practices that often have stretched late into the night and early into the morning three to six times a week," he said. "I am extremely proud of all of my brothers for their effort in maintaining all of the extensive work our chapter does on and off campus while simultaneously keeping up our taxing schedule of step."

Each team's performance is between 12 and 15 minutes long and has a particular theme. Blair Smith '11 and Dannon Wilson '10, both members of Delta Sigma Theta, explained that each team's theme is a secret, adding an element of surprise to each routine.

"No, I don't want our theme in The Flat Hat tomorrow morning," Stephenson said.

A \$1,000 prize will be given to both



COURTESY PHOTO — WILL MORRIS

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity perform in the 2008 Ms. Black and Gold pageant. The fraternity will also be competing in this Saturday's Stompfest competition.

the best sorority and best fraternity, so members see secrecy as a way to protect their originality.

Ashley Bush '10, co-president of the Black Student Organization, has a positive attitude about this year's event.

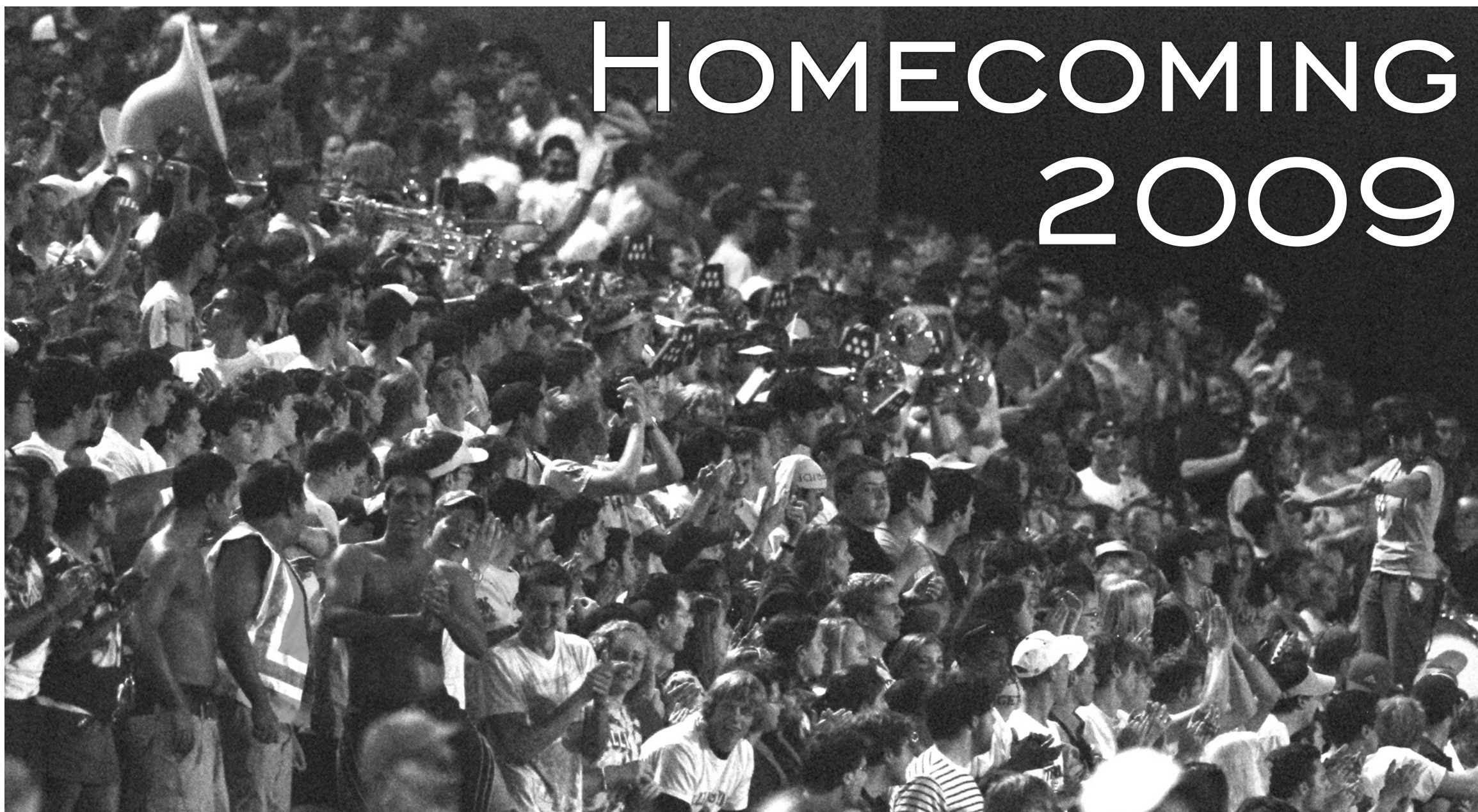
"This is my second show that I am hosting, and I personally think it is going to be one of the best," she said. "I must say I can't wait."

Tickets have already gone on sale at the Center for Student Diversity. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for Greeks and will also be on sale Saturday before the show at 6 p.m.

The high energy of the show will continue in Tidewater with an after-party featuring DJ Skip. Tickets for the after-party are \$5 before 11 p.m. and \$7 for general admission. Greeks may purchase \$3 before 11 p.m. and \$5 after. The after-party is meant to be a time to mingle with performers from the show and will serve as a release for the dedicated performers after many weeks of preparation.

"This Saturday night in the Commonwealth will be a night to remember," Morris said. "I hope all the frats [and sororities] bring their A-game because we are about to shut it down."





# HOMECOMING 2009

FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT

Students demonstrate their Tribe Pride at last year's homecoming football game against the University of Rhode Island. This year's game is sold out, but those without tickets can watch from the big screen TV in the Sadler Center.

**FRIDAY, 6 TO 8 P.M.  
HOMECOMING PEP RALLY:**

The football team and the always-exciting President Taylor Reveley will be hyping everyone up for Saturday's game. The pep rally, which will feature a massive bonfire, will help the Tribe get pumped to beat James Madison University for the first time since 2004. Hopefully no students will get fired up literally, just mildly heated.

**FRIDAY, 6 P.M. BANNER  
COMPETITION:**

Organizations of all types will compete for cash and, more importantly, pride in the banner competition at the pep rally, which will be judged based on originality, quality and audience appreciation. Get out and get ready to cheer for your favorite organization.

**It's Homecoming weekend: the one time a year at the College of William and Mary when every member of the Tribe — past and present — feels the true meaning of Tribe Pride. You've got your green and gold on, now here's a few events to check out this weekend to find your inner school spirit.**

— by Jill Found

**FRIDAY TO SATURDAY, 8 P.M.  
DANCEVENT:**

For those with no fear of black leotards, Orchesis, the College of William and Mary's modern dance company, featuring faculty, students, and guest artists, will dazzle viewers at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial hall with works by faculty members at this fall's DANCEVENT. Stop by to see dancers twist and tangle their bodies in a number of beautiful and creative manners.

**10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ALL GREEK  
TAILGATE, SATURDAY:**

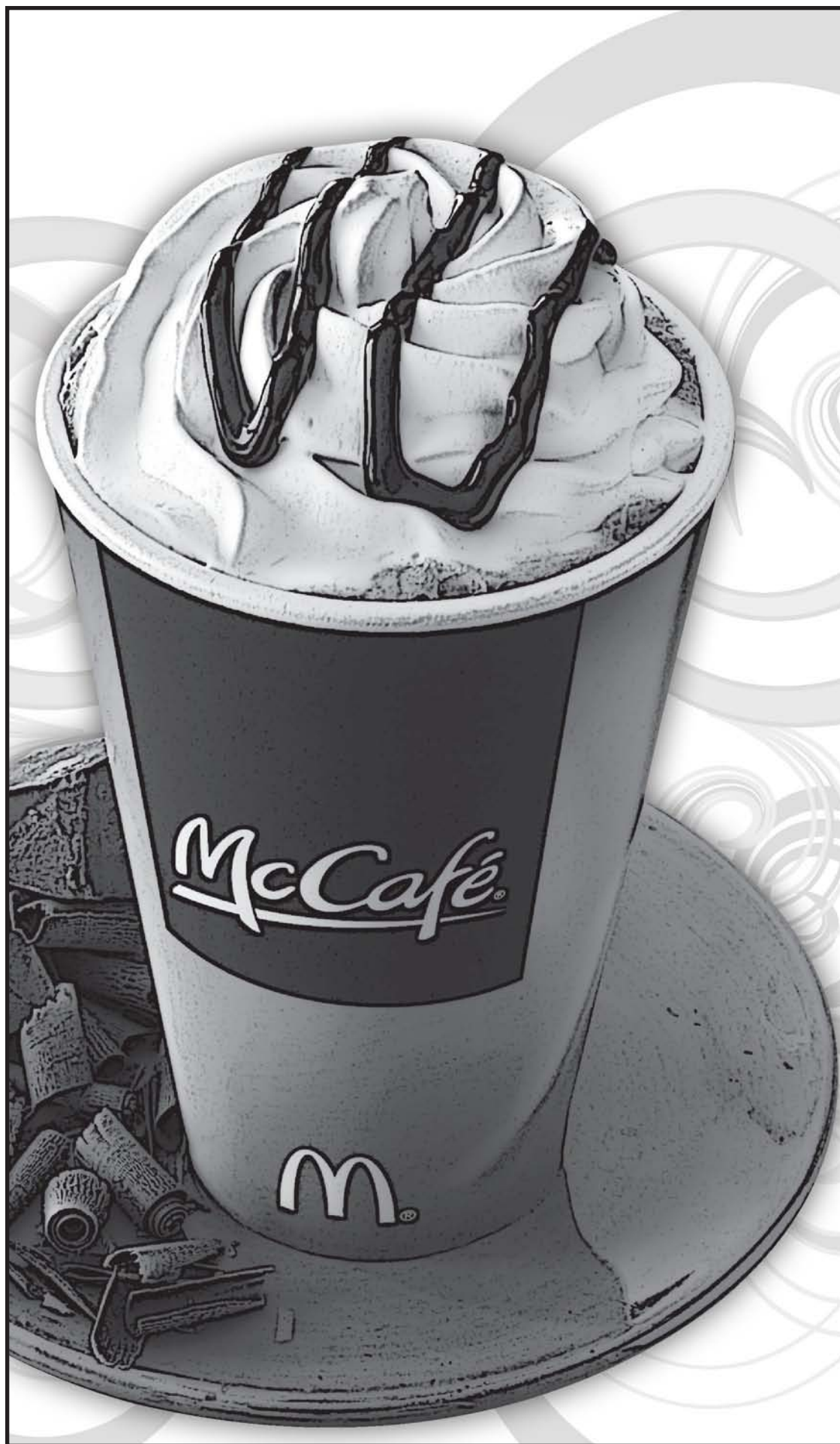
As a sign that change may not always be for the better, the Green Leaf Cafe will host the All-Greek Tailgate at Stimons Throwing Events Area popularly known as Frat Field on Harrison Avenue. In a new effort to curb underage drinking, no outside alcohol will be allowed. Instead alcohol will be provided by the Leafe, in a beer garden accessible only to those over 21.

**SATURDAY, 12 P.M.**

**HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME:** Those who had the foresight to get a ticket before they were all gone can enjoy the Tribe take on the James Madison University Dukes for a key conference game. The sad souls who failed to snag tickets can watch the game on the big screen on the second floor of the Sadler Center or in Lodge 1.

**SATURDAY, 8 P.M. HOMECOMING  
CONCERT:**

Take a trek out to Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre to hear Robert Randolph and the Family Band, known for putting on killer concerts and getting down to funk and soul jams. The live concert will also feature considerably less-funky opener indie rocker Ace Enders.



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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

## Grey races to second CAA Runner of Week award

Junior Jon Grey was named CAA Runner of the Week Wednesday after placing fifth overall in the NCAA Pre-Nationals last weekend. The Oklahoma transfer paced the ninth-ranked Tribe to a fourth-place finish with a time of 23:54.3. Grey's run set a record for the highest finish at Pre-Nationals by a member of the Tribe. The junior also had the third-best time for any College runner at that meet to date, despite muddy conditions.

## FIELD HOCKEY

## Drew named to NFHCA Senior All-Star Game

Senior midfielder Wesley Drew was one of 38 seniors nationwide named Wednesday to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's Senior All-Star Game. The Virginia Beach, Va. native has netted three goals and six assists this season. Drew ranks sixth all-time with 17 assists with three regular season games left in her career.

## GOLF

## Men conclude fall slate, women 9th at Lady Pirate

Both the men's and women's golf teams finished intercollegiate tournaments Tuesday. The men were at Georgetown where they compiled a two-day total of 618 (+51) for a tenth-place finish. Highlighting the Tribe's performance was junior Brandon Parker and sophomore Scott Saal, who each tied for ninth. The women were at East Carolina's Lady Pirate Intercollegiate and placed ninth with a two-day score of 909 (+57). Senior Morgan Stepanek secured her fourth straight top-20 finish, placing 15th with a 54-hole score of 223 (+10).

## ATHLETE FOCUS

DEREK GYGAX  
SENIOR, GYMNASTICS



The Flat Hat caught up with senior captain Derek Gygax and talked about Halloween, homecoming and moustaches.

**Do you have any plans for Halloween?:** My roommate, John Scott is tall, and I'm 5'5", so we were thinking of dressing up as Mario and Luigi, but reverse the roles. I'll be the tall one for once. The rest of the gym team is going out as the Mighty Ducks, so if Mario and Luigi falls through, that's my backup plan.

**What does being a captain mean to you?:** It means a lot to me. Being able to help out and be in a leadership role and to be able to work with [Head Coach] Cliff Gauthier on taking the team where he wants it to go is pretty cool.

**What is your favorite thing about homecoming?:** I love seeing all the alums come back. Being a senior, there are three years of graduates that I have competed with and it's always fun when they return to campus.

**What is one thing people don't know about Coach Gauthier?:** Nobody knows his age, it's kind of a joke on the team. He also shaved his moustache for the first time in like 50 years and looks way different this year.

## FOOTBALL



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## Payback time

## Tribe aims to end five-game losing streak to Dukes, move closer to playoff bid

By MATT POMS  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

William and Mary's decorated senior class has accrued 20 wins, three All-Conference honorees and one major upset over a BCS team. But its football resume suffers from one glaring omission. Over the past five years, the College

Saturday, on Homecoming, will likely mark the final opportunity for the football class of 2010 to end that losing streak.

"We know it's a big game," senior safety David Caldwell said. "Just knowing that we're not going to play this team again, you want to leave your mark and play the best you can."

The noon kickoff will find the two squads in a reversal of their usual positions. The College has not faced the Dukes as the favored team since its final contest of the 2004 season, a national semifinal which saw the no. 6 Tribe fall to no. 8 James Madison 48-34.

Now, the College is ranked fifth in the country, entering with a 6-1 record. James Madison is 2-4, losers of three straight and unranked for the first time in four years.

The Dukes lost starting quarterback Drew Dudzik to injury for the season during a loss to no. 1 Richmond Oct. 10, and have suffered several key injuries on the defensive side of the ball.

But, while James Madison is down, the College is not taking the Dukes lightly.

"They're a very good team that's played very well against us," Head Coach Jimmy

Laycock said. "You look at them on tape and you understand that they're good players. They were within a couple yards of beating Richmond a couple weeks ago."

After entering the season ranked eighth in the nation, James Madison has suffered from a run of bad luck and a brutal schedule. The squad took ACC opponent Maryland to overtime in its season opener before losing, and held a fourth quarter lead on Richmond, ultimately falling 21-17.

Additional losses to Hofstra and no. 4 Villanova have all but eliminated the Dukes from the hunt for a postseason bid.

James Madison will also arrive in Williamsburg without the primary weapon in its last several defeats of the Tribe, quarterback Rodney Landers, who graduated last spring.

In the past two seasons, Landers averaged 308.5 total yards against the Tribe, as the Dukes rushed for 672 yards in the two games.

"That's the big thing, we haven't been able to slow them down," Laycock said. "You look at the last few years with Rodney Landers at quarterback, we just weren't able to stop him. And then they would sometimes overpower us up front and

force us into long yardage situations."

This season, the Tribe leads the conference in rushing defense, ceding only 64.8 yards per game.

The Dukes will also have to deal with a much more balanced Tribe offense. Last year, James Madison took away the run at the game's outset, forcing the College to throw early and often on the way to a 48-24 defeat.

The Tribe now leads the CAA in passing offense, but also ranks fourth in rushing, preventing opponents from focusing on only one of the units.

"What you want to do is be in a situation where you can dictate the action, and I think that allows us to do that better," Laycock said. "It's been big, because that kind of [balance] determines how fast we can go."

That factor, coupled with the results of past years, has the Tribe motivated to finally put an end to their losing streak.

"Anytime you take a loss like that you put in a little extra preparation, so that way the game will have a different ending this year," Caldwell said. "It's a rivalry. I'm pretty sure both teams will come out ready to go."

## KEYS TO THE GAME



No. 5 William and Mary vs. James Madison



WHEN: Saturday, 12 p.m.  
TELEVISION: Comcast Sportsnet

## DEFEND THE LINE

Led by end Arthur Moats, James Madison's defensive line is one of the best in the conference, with 13 sacks. The College's offensive front has improved markedly as the season has progressed, and they will need to be in fine form. Keeping quarterback R.J. Archer upright will be a priority.

## WIN THE TURNOVER BATTLE

James Madison is 2-4 and without a CAA win. But that record is deceiving, and a minus four turnover ratio is partially why. JMU has actually outscored and outgained its opponents thus far, but turnovers have killed them. If the Tribe can keep that up Saturday, they'll be just fine.

## STOP THE RUN

The Dukes have run for 672 yards in their past two games versus the College. Last season, graduated quarterback Rodney Landers was the main culprit, gouging the Tribe defense for big gains. Landers is gone, but JMU will try to establish the run early. The College must have an answer.

## MEN'S SOCCER

## College fights to draw with UNC-Wilmington

## Orozco nets dramatic equalizer in 83rd minute

By CHRIS WEIDMAN  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Held out of the starting lineup for only the second match of his career, junior Nick Orozco was an improbable hero Wednesday night. However, after a late substitution into the midfield against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (8-2-3, 4-0-2 CAA), Orozco registered a dramatic 83rd-minute equalizer. Following a scoreless overtime, William and Mary (9-4-1, 4-2-1 CAA) finished the game knotted at 1-1 with the top defensive team in the CAA.

"To go into Wilmington and get a draw against them late, normally we would be pretty happy with that as a result," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "However, I felt like we played very well at times on the night and showed that ... we were the better team. And so to not get a win having had a lot of advantage in terms of possession and chances,

particularly in the second half, was a little disappointing."

Orozco's strike materialized off a cross from junior forward Ryan Snyder to the foot of redshirt freshman midfielder Caleb Thomas. As Thomas faced away from the Seahawk net, he played a quick pass to Orozco on the right side who wrapped the ball around two defenders and skimmed a 20-yard goal off the far post.

Orozco had been removed from the starting lineup Oct. 17 against Delaware and was replaced by junior defender Derek Buckley in an attempt to reorganize an inconsistent backline.

"It felt good to get a goal," Orozco said. "It's been frustrating. We've had a few blunders defensively this year, which have been a result of us not coming out and going after the team. Derek Buckley is very athletic, and with him in the lineup we hope to overcome that."

Indy Smith scored on UNCW's

first shot of the night in the 19th minute. Off a throw-in, the ball eluded three Tribe defenders before Smith converted on a quick strike to the near post — an attempt Norris termed a "hopeful stab."

"We have given up some soft goals recently," Norris said. "For us to be where we want to be at the end of the year, it is something we will have to turn around."

With the Seahawks utilizing only one forward and dropping everyone else back, it was difficult for the College to sustain deep pressure for much of the game. A halftime adjustment by Norris that split the central midfielders allowed greater fluidity between the backline and the forwards and facilitated 13 second half shots.

"[UNCW] defended deep and made it difficult for us," Norris said. "For a while it looked like it would be one of those nights where we did a lot of good things, and were just not able to overcome the soft goal we conceded."



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior midfielder Nick Orozco netted his first goal of the year.