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While the movement to open Miller Hall to all majors at night is popular — a Facebook group had 891 members as of Monday — a similar movement to increase access to the Swem Library roof for studying has been gaining steam as well.

Some commenters seem to take the group seriously, but most seem to be in on the joke. "I for one know that even the third floor is much too loud for me," Amanda Derringer '11 wrote on the group's wall.

Former College President Paul Verkuil '61 has been nominated by President Barack Obama to head the Administrative Conference of the United States, a federal agency that makes recommendations on how to improve administrative procedures.

William and Mary ranked 93rd among universities this fall, according Global Language Monitor, a research group that ranks schools based on appearances in global media.

A paper coauthored by psychology professor Jeanine Stefanucci in the journal Psychological Science concluded that right-handed people perceive their right arm and hand to be larger than their left, but left-handed people perceive their arms and hands to be equally sized.

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Learning the ropes in the SA



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Houser joined the SA on a campaign promise to present any bill drafted by students to the senate. So far, only one has been proposed by students.

By BERTEL KING JR. Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Sen. Erik Houser '10 joined the Student Assembly back in April after running his campaign on being a regular student unfamiliar with student government.

"I was a complete SA outsider, so it was interesting, once I was elected, to go in and see how everything was done," Houser said. "I honestly didn't know what to expect. I didn't know anything about the Student Assembly at all. I guess what I found is that it is a group of people that, for the most part, really do care about the student body and effectively spending the money in the consolidated reserve."

During his campaign, Houser pledged that he would put forth any student-submitted request to the SA. The only caveat was that it must benefit the student body. President of the Class of 2010 Aylssa Wallace '10 sent out an e-mail to the student body which contained Houser's solicitation for requests.

"There weren't a bunch of respons-

es," Houser said. "The best idea I've had was from a senior, and that was to open [Earl Gregg Swem Library] for 24 hours during finals."

Houser has spoken to William and Mary Chief of Police Don Challis and the Dean of College Libraries Connie Kearns McCarthy in relation to this effort.

"I am very confident that a solution will be found, and that this will happen this year during finals," Houser said.

Another request from a student is far less likely to be implemented anytime soon.

"One request was for an additional terrace to supplement the Sadler Center terrace," he said. "Whether it's by Swem or in the Bryan Complex, I'll be working on that for the rest of the year. That's still in the planning stages. Nothing is even close to being certain on that yet."

Not all of Houser's efforts originated as student requests. He has also sponsored several SA bills and taken part in several movements on campus.

"I created the 'Open Miller Hall for Everyone' facebook group," Houser

said. "It's a group of senators and others trying to advocate for this issue."

According to Houser, most academic buildings remain open throughout the night for all students to use. Alan B. Miller Hall, however, closes to all non-business majors at 10 p.m.

"With every student paying \$150 a semester, I believe it's important that everyone gets equal access, since they pay equal money," Houser said. "We lock very few halls on campus, and I believe it is unwise for the administration to lock Miller Hall to everyone else."

Given that Houser had no prior student government experience, he had no idea what to expect.

"The biggest surprise to me was on how some senators are really reluctant to spend our money," Houser said. "I find it hard to believe that they speak out against spending bills that don't fit into their philosophy on how we should spend the money. I believe it's silly to have a philosophy with the budget we have. We should be focusing on

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Honor Council approves SA compromise

At-large student member to be added to committee

By MAGGIE REEB Flat Hat News Editor

The amendment to change the composition of the nominating committee of the College of William and Mary's Honor Council was passed unanimously by the council Sunday.

The amendment added an additional at-large student to the committee, increasing its composition from five to six. Students will now need the approval of five out of six members to be officially nominated.

The structure of the Honor Council's nominating committee has been the source of considerable controversy over the past few weeks.

The council had previously rejected an amendment presented in the form of a Student Assembly Referendum to change the vote needed to bar a student from running for the Honor Council.

The referendum called for a unanimous rather than a four out of five vote to prevent a student's name from appearing on the ballot for Honor Council.

After the Honor Council shot down the referendum, members of both the council and the SA met and discussed the current compromise.

After the most recent amendment had been summarized, the council moved quickly to a vote. Only two members of the council spoke during the pre-voting discussion.

"[The amendment] is a good chance and a compromise to make a student voice equal to a council voice," Will Perkins '11 said.

Honor Council Chair Bailey Thomson '10 expressed her happiness that the issue had been resolved.

"I know we have talked about this a lot," she said. "I am glad it passed. I do think this is a good step."

Several members of the SA were present for the vote.

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Manning '12

Law school alum discusses Obama

Kennedy-Shaffer first staffer to publish book on the campaign

By CHELSEA SISSON The Flat Hat

Not many are able to say they worked on President Barack Obama's campaign or published a book about it. But Alan Kennedy-Shaffer J.D. '09 managed to do both, all the while being a College of William and Mary law student on the side.

Sunday, Kennedy-Shaffer came to Earl Gregg Swem Library to field questions about his book, "The Obama Revolution."

Kennedy-Shaffer's book, the first to be written by a campaign worker for Obama, focuses on his first-hand experience and uses scholarly analysis to examine the campaign.

Kennedy-Shaffer began Sunday's discussion by referencing Obama's speech from the 2004 Democratic Convention, which occurred before he was on the political radar. Kennedy-Shaffer said Obama had one powerful quote that explained the whole point of his campaign.

"Even as we speak, there are those who are prepared to divide us," Obama said in the speech. "Do we participate in a politics of cynicism or a politics of hope?"

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From Robert Boyle to Andy Warhol

The Muscarelle Museum of Art provides hidden treasures for students

By CHELSEA LIU The Flat Hat

The next time you have the urge to visit a world-class art museum, look a little closer to home.

The Muscarelle Museum of Art, which opened in 1983, contains more than 4,500 works of eastern and western art in its galleries, ranging from antiques to modern art.

Some pieces even have special connections to Virginia's colonial history.

"The historic portraits are nationally significant," Muscarelle Director Aaron de Groft '88 said. "We have portraits of members of the great Virginia families, including the Rev. James Blair. A couple pieces of silver were given by some of the first governors of the colonies."

According to de Groft, the museum's first piece of art was a portrait of the noted English scientist Robert Boyle, who donated the land on which the Brafferton, the nation's first school for Native American children and the current-day offices of the College of William and Mary's president and provost was built.

The Muscarelle also hosts numerous traveling art exhibits and commu-

nity events throughout the year.

"We have a fantastic Andy Warhol show beginning Friday," de Groft said. "The Arc program is a community program that happens once a month, [and we] hosted a School of Education reception."

In an effort to increase attendance and improve its community profile, the museum has quadrupled its number of hosted events, according to de Groft.

"We've thrown the doors open,"

de Groft said. "We have a big exhibition this spring. ... We're showing a collection of Michelangelo drawings, the only American venue for this [exhibition]. The whole idea is to make our exhibits and programs commensurate to the prestige of our great university."

According to de Groft, the services offered by the Muscarelle make it seem more like a research center or

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The Muscarelle Museum of Art contains over 4,500 works of antique and modern art.

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High 70°  
Low 55°

Wednesday



High 60°  
Low 45°

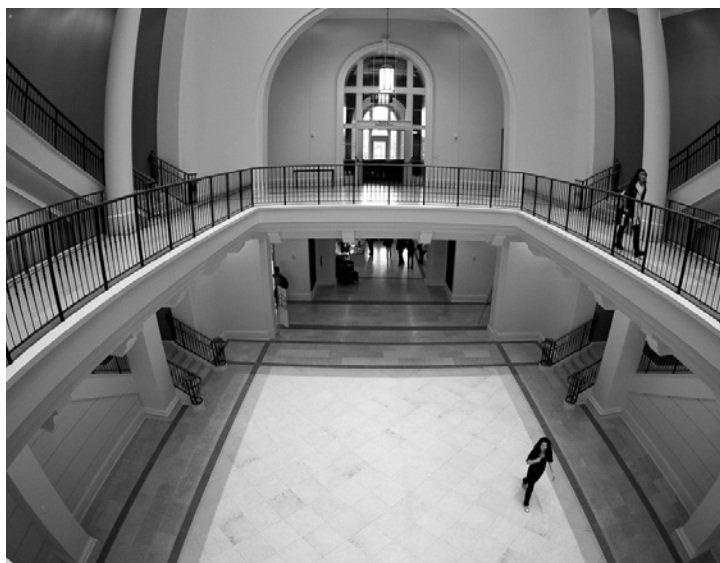
Thursday



High 58°  
Low 45°

Source: weather.com

### A THOUSAND WORDS



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### News in Brief

#### VIMS study indicates disappearing coastal wetlands

A recent study published in the Oct. 27 issue of *Environmental Research Letters* and co-authored by Virginia Institute of Marine Science professor Carl Hershner claims that over 50 percent of coastal marshes and wetlands along the eastern seaboard will disappear by the year 2100.

Hershner, director of the Center for Coastal Resources Management at VIMS, says that the wetlands will drown because of their inability to migrate with rising sea levels.

Almost 60 percent of coastal land will be developed by then, with only nine percent of land three feet above sea level set aside for conservation and wetlands protection.

The study calls for a revision in government policies regarding the regulation and construction of bulkheads in order to preserve the coastal wetlands.

#### Preston named National Humanities Center Fellow

College music professor Katherine Preston has been named one of 33 National Humanities Center fellows.

Chosen from an international pool of 475 applicants, she will conduct research at the National Humanities Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. as the William J. Bouwsma Fellow in Musicology.

"These fellowships generally go to scholars who have completed or nearly completed research on a major project," Preston told *Ideation* magazine.

She will use her time at the center to work on her current project, a book on the role of women in English opera in America during the late 19th century.

Preston is the fourth professor at the College to receive this distinction since the program began 32 years ago.

#### Alum nominated to West Marine board of directors

Barbara L. Rambo '74 is expected to be named to the board of directors of West Marine, a boating supply company, following current board member William U. Westerfield's decision to step down at the end of the year.

Rambo is currently a director of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the PG&E Corporation. She served as CEO of Nitech Corporation and OpenClose Technologies, and was group executive vice-president of Bank of America.

— compiled by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

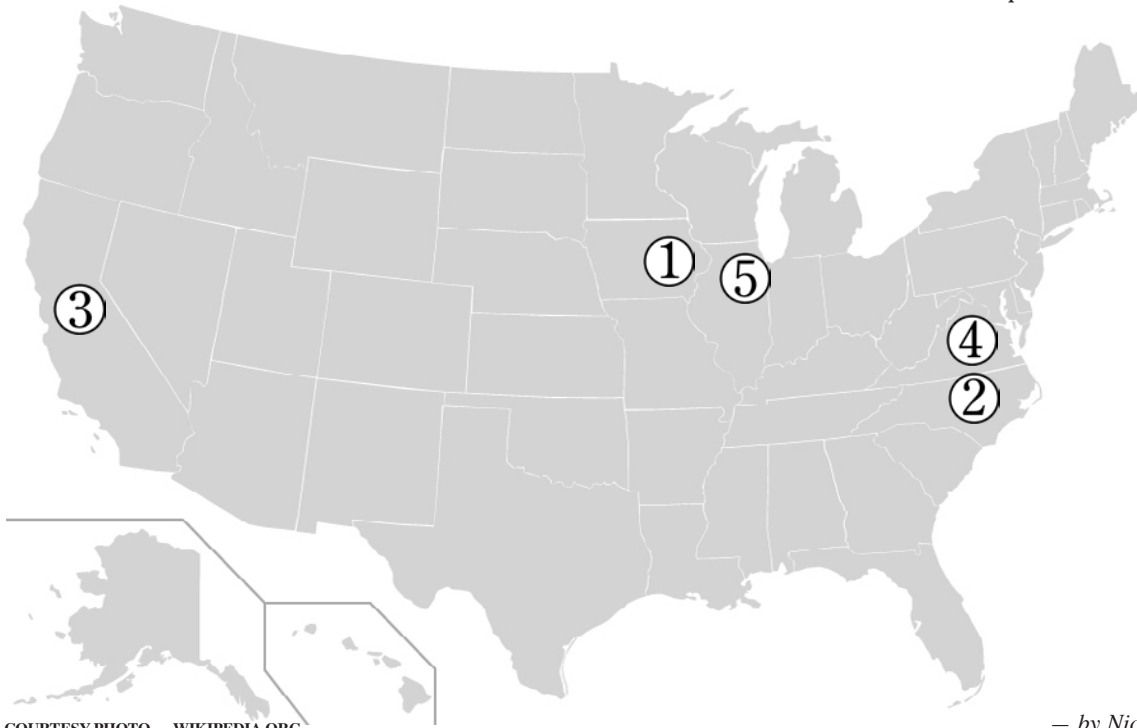
### BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 The University of Iowa is partnering with two cab companies to provide students with another option for getting home safely. University Cab Cash, along with Iowa City-based Yellow Cab are working with the university to create a pre-loaded and re-loadable debit card system that would allow students to pay for safe travel.

2 A Duke University sex toy study is stirring up controversy. The "sexually explicit" study, which targets female students, will involve asking participants questions based on their sexual attitudes and behaviors. Upon completion of the study, the women will have the opportunity to purchase the sex toys at a discounted rate.

3 A student at California State University-Sacramento has been charged with the murder of his roommate. The student, Quran Mohammed Jones, who allegedly killed one of his roommates with a baseball bat, has also been charged with assault after brandishing a knife at police officers who responded to the incident.

4 Gov. Timothy Kaine will return to teaching at the University of Richmond following the end of his term as governor in January. Kaine will take a position at the University of Richmond's School of Law and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Kaine taught at the university for six years prior to beginning his political career.



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— by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

## 5 Northwestern journalism students under investigation State prosecutors in 1978 murder case question student's motives

By NICHOLAS  
DUCHARME-BARTH  
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Journalism students at Northwestern University are under scrutiny for an investigation they conducted into a 1978 murder as part of a class project.

Students in professor David Protes's journalism class believe that they have conclusive evidence that the state of Illinois put an innocent man in jail for the 1978 murder of a security guard.

However, when the case was reopened at the request of Northwestern's legal clinic, the students found themselves under investigation. The prosecution suggested that the students may have been pressured to prove the convicted man's innocence in order to receive good grades.

"Why are we talking about our grades when

we should be talking about whether there's an innocent man in prison?" Evan Benn, a student in Protes's class subpoenaed by the prosecution, said to The Associated Press.

The Cook County, Ill. prosecution subpoenaed all of the students' notes, documents and records for any compensation of expenses that they received during the investigation.

"It's been framed as a witch hunt or a fishing expedition, and it's not," Sally Daly, spokeswoman for Cook County prosecutor Anita Alvarez, said to the AP.

The prosecution is trying to ascertain whether or not the students conducting the investigation would personally benefit from proving the convicted man's innocence, which could have skewed their findings.

"It goes to the interest and the bias of the students," Daly said. "Did they receive a better grade in the class? Was there incentive for these students to develop additional information?"

Northwestern University and Protes are challenging these claims. But while this is not the first time that they have conducted such a project, it is the first time they are being investigated. Protes is responsible for founding the Medill Innocence Project, which has helped obtain the release 11 innocent men from prison and death row.

"It is worrisome that the response of the justice system is not to interview the witnesses but to investigate the investigators," said Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, to the AP.

According to Protes, his students have received A's in his class despite unearthing evidence that solidified guilt in previous investigation and would have no incentive to change their findings in order to get better grades.

"Students are rewarded for advancing the cause of truth, regardless of where the facts lead them," Protes said.

### STREET BEAT

#### Do you think Miller Hall should be opened at night to all majors?



"Yes, it should be treated like any other academic building, especially because it is the most technologically advanced building on campus."

Corey Flatt '11



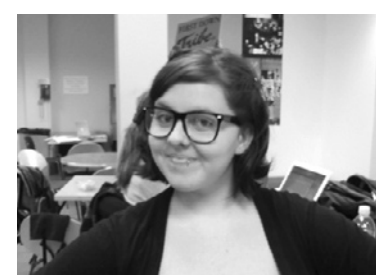
"I am against opening buildings that have expensive steal-able things like Miller, the ISC, and McGlothlin-Street to non-majors."

Walter Hickey '12



"No because I have other opportunities to meet business majors late at night."

Anna Glist '12



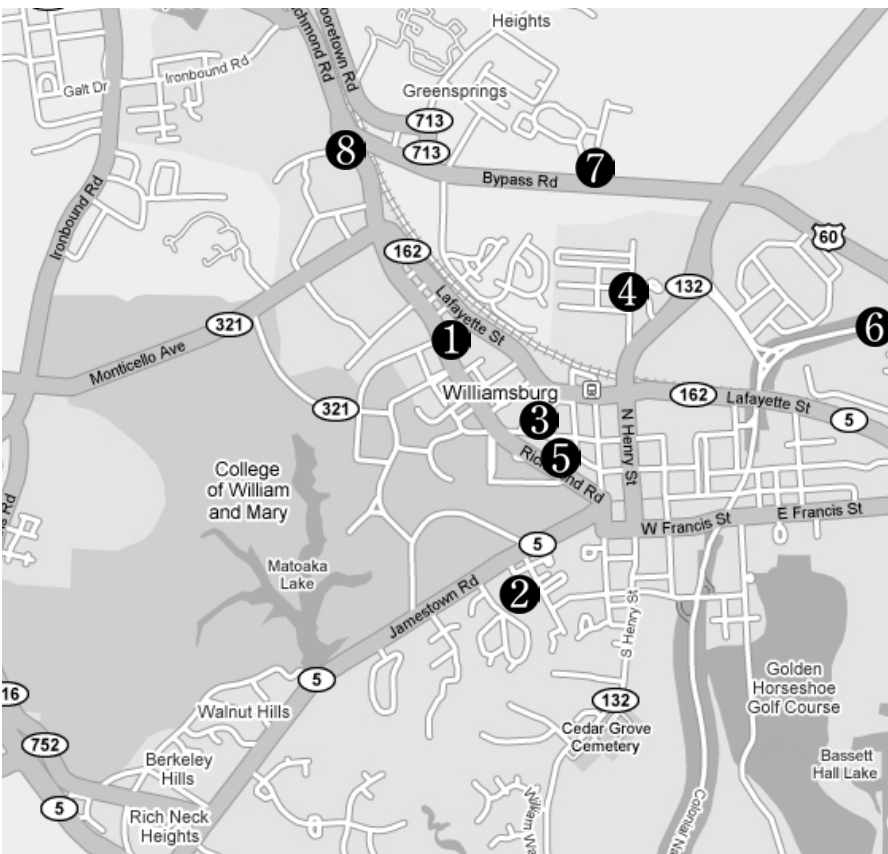
"Yes each student is paying \$150 in addition to our tuition which is financing the newly constructed Miller Hall. Every student is being credited with this charge."

Audrey Rose Ford '10

— photos and interviews by Danielle Kervahn

### CITY POLICE BEAT

#### November 4 to November 9



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

- 1 **Wednesday, Nov. 4** — An individual reported a stolen stop sign from the 1200 block of Richmond Rd.
- 2 — An individual was arrested for allegedly possessing stolen property at the 300 block of Cary St.
- 3 **Thursday, Nov. 5** — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public at the 700 block of Scotland St.
- 4 — An individual was arrested at a traffic stop for allegedly driving under the influence at the 700 Block of North Henry St.
- 5 **Friday, Nov. 6** — An individual was arrested for alleged disorderly conduct at the 300 block of Richmond Rd.
- 1 — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public at the 1200 block of Richmond Rd.
- 6 — An individual was arrested at a traffic stop for allegedly driving under the influence at the 800 block of Capitol Landing Rd.
- 7 **Sunday, Nov. 8** — An individual was arrested at a traffic stop for allegedly driving with a suspended license at the 100 block of Bypass Rd.
- 8 **Monday, Nov. 9** — An individual was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence at the 1400 block of Richmond Rd.

— compiled by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

# Houser wants renewed focus on student issues

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spending as much of the money as we can." Houser did not suggest that spending money was an easy endeavor. "I don't know how to spend the money of the Student Assembly yet," Houser said. "It's difficult to come up with ideas to try and spend the money, and I'm willing to take any ideas to help me do that."

that distributed know-your-rights cards to all College of William and Mary students. Houser supported the bill, but believes the cards are, ultimately, never effective. Instead, he feels the student body should direct its energy to issues that directly affect students. "I feel the best way for the Student Assembly to actually help the student body is to worry less about internal matters and focus on spending our bank account as much

as possible and as effectively as possible." Houser spoke highly of the SA and the future ahead. "Without any prior knowledge to speak of, I have been happy with the way things have been going this year," Houser said. "I like that we have been spending a lot of money and taking an active role in advocating for student beliefs. I believe [Sarah Rojas '10] has done a great job in the area of student rights."

# Muscarelle attendance increases as budget falls

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academic hall than a museum. "The Muscarelle is really a laboratory for William and Mary students, especially for those who major in art," he said. "It's a place for experimental learning." Students at the College have also found opportunities to become involved in the museum's operation. "We have many, students working on projects, internships and doing research," de Groft said. "They are our biggest donor, and we have to be important in the lives of students."

visitors in the past few years, totaling approximately 61,000 guests in 2009, 65 percent of whom were students at the College. The growing number of visitors has not kept the it from struggling financially at times. "The museum almost closed in 2001 when [former College President Timothy Sullivan's] administration cut the budget by 90 percent," de Groft said. "We reached a low point [for funding] of \$75,000 from College allocations around 2004 to 2005 ... This year we have experienced the cuts that everyone else has."

rently comes from three sources. The museum's single largest benefactor is the College itself, which provided approximately \$480,000 in funding in 2009. The second largest source of funds comes from earned revenue and private donations, totaling approximately \$450,000 in 2009. The Muscarelle's endowment provides the third source of income, totaling about \$256,000 annually. "The College has had to cut," de Groft said. "They have increased earned revenue. [However], our endowment grew, [and] the spend ratio grew but stayed flat because of the economy."

long-term plans for building a new arts center has many at the museum excited. "The new arts complex is the big initiative to which we are [proceeding]," de Groft said. "It would be a series of four buildings and would actually be cheaper than some of the ones we are currently building [on campus]." While the new arts center remains a distant project, de Groft said that the Muscarelle will continue to raise appreciation of the arts in the College community. "We serve the College," de Groft said. "They are our biggest donor, and we have to be important in the lives of students."

# Selection process may be added to bylaws

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"I am really happy that [the amendment] passed, and I think that it shows that our organizations can work together," SA Senator Betty Jeanne Manning '12 said to the council after the vote. SA Vice President Ryan Ruzic J.D. '11 said he felt the same. "I think its great that they at least did something," Ruzic said. "Something that comes out of adding another at-large student to the committee is that the additional at-large student can allow someone to stay on the ballot." While the compromise passed, the SA and the council must now determine how the at-large students will be nominated to the committee. The council bylaws do not

describe how the students should be chosen, but traditionally the decision has been left up to the SA. With the current changes to the committee, both the SA and the council have the opportunity to make changes to their codes. The council may add the selection process to their bylaws, and the SA could change how the body chooses the at-large students. Thomson proposes that the SA executive nominate one student and have the SA senate nominate the other student as an option. However, Thomson remains adamant that the SA will make the final selection of the at-large students. The Honor Council's next meeting will be Sunday at 9:15 p.m. It is open to the public.

# Kennedy-Shaffer says GOP opposition will fail

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Kennedy-Shaffer said strong rhetoric like this guided Obama's campaign and contributed significantly to the public persona that has made Obama not only a politician, but also a celebrity. During his talk, Kennedy-Shaffer went through his own personal story of involvement. It began with writing political articles for a student-run newspaper in Harrisonburg, Pa. called Scoop 08. This spiked his interest in the Obama campaign and encouraged him to take a more active role. "I had a day job of a legal intern, and a night job of going door to door registering voters," Kennedy-Shaffer said.

He was then hired to come down to Virginia to campaign in 11 Virginia counties, including the Gloucester and Middlesex regions. One personal story involved acting as a spy to take notes on a Republican convention. He referred to the lavish atmosphere of the Republican National Convention as a "smoke-filled back room [with] about 100 people, but with enough food for 500." "I felt the Republican Party in these areas had lost their way," he said. Kennedy-Shaffer pointed out the changes on which Obama has started, like health care reform, his good relations with the press and his improved international relations. "I think we are seeing progress, but not to

the extent I would like," he said. He also said he believed the press was being unfair in judging Obama because change takes time. The last thing Kennedy-Shaffer touched on was the Republican Party. "I think that the Republicans' opposition to every Obama policy is a gamble," he said. With the Obama campaign, a lot of change was seen. Groups that tend to have low voting rates flooded the polls, expressing their voices for the first time. Obama gave people hope, and his words promised a better tomorrow. "Is the Obama Revolution truly a revolution, or something more temporary?" Kennedy-Shaffer said. That seems to be the question.

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BY VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

## Are we casualties of political correctness?

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FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



It seems the over emphasis on political correctness and the omnipresent fear of desensitizing and offending the mass population have taken a toll on every aspect of society today. At a recent religious service for the victims of the Fort Hood shootings, the chaplain presiding over the ceremony urged the audience not only to pray for the killed and wounded, but also to help Nidal Malik Hasan, the infamous shooter, find Jesus.

A psychiatrist and devout Muslim, Hasan was stationed at Fort Hood and expected to be deployed to Afghanistan. Yet he openly deplored the U.S. Army for its lack of religious acceptance and spiritual tolerance. In an online blog post, he compared suicide bombers to soldiers who jumped on top of a grenade to save another. Yet he was never approached concerning the post for fear that it would be perceived as religious discrimination. This desire to be politically correct ultimately cost 13 soldiers their lives.

The indelible issue of political correctness and the widespread need to please everyone emotionally surrounds society. This need for diplomacy and inclusivity is deeply reflected in the education of the College of William and Mary students.

During the dreaded week of freshmen and transfer orientation, incoming students are subjected to superfluous lectures on diversity and campus-wide acceptance. These lectures insult our common sense

by discouraging stereotypes without offering any true advancement in human interaction. They merely encourage the hypersensitivity regarding racial terminology in everyday discourse. As attendees of one of the nation's most elite universities and as some of the brightest and most well-educated students in the country, acceptance of all should already be incorporated in our values, rendering these copious diversity seminars unnecessary.

The study of liberal arts demands that acceptance and equality are basic commodities to be enjoyed by all. As members of a highly-ranked national institution, one would think that students at the College would be educated enough not to question diversity or another's way of life. These extensive seminars about diversity and acceptance, however, seem to negate all evidence that points to a class

of self-taught individuals, pointing instead to one of generational hatred and close-mindedness.

The diversity seminars of orientation are so tedious and condescending that one would assume the majority of students

have never encountered a black or gay person before. Especially in the 21st century — with the election of the first black president and the swearing in of the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice — all forms of tolerance should be expected and an issue of no discussion.

As grown, seemingly mature adults, students at the College — and any other top-tier university — should be inherently tolerant and significantly less sensitive to blatant differences of personality and beliefs. Personal insecurities must be overcome and the dire need to convert must become virtually nonexistent.

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**Superfluous lectures on diversity insult our common sense without offering any advancement in human interaction.**

### STAFF EDITORIAL

## Muscarella offers muse

The College of William and Mary. Between its academic rigor, natural beauty and other countless offerings, it is a great place at which to call oneself a student. This week we would like to take an opportunity to recognize one of the College's great cultural assets: the Muscarelle Museum of Art.

The genesis of the Muscarelle was 40 years ago when a visitor pointed out that a Georgia O'Keefe painting was hanging unprotected on a campus wall. Then-President Thomas A. Graves wondered what other works of art the College had strewn about campus, and he commenced a survey to find out. What he found — a collection that spans hundreds of years — became the foundation for what would be the Muscarelle's permanent collection when the museum opened officially in 1983.

Since its inception, the Muscarelle has grown into a powerhouse. Under the guidance of Glenn Lowry — the museum's first director who is currently the director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York — the collection has grown to include pieces by Albert Hoffman, Picasso and Matisse.

In addition, the Muscarelle frequently hosts must-see exhibitions. Within recent memory, PostSecret and Clyde Butcher, who many see as the photographic heir to Ansell Adams's throne, have graced the campus. And in celebration of the museum's 25th anniversary, an exhibition of Medici paintings straight from the Uffizi Museum in Florence, Italy garnered national recognition for both the museum and the College.

Going forward, the College has made clear its plans for the future of the museum. In the new arts complex that is currently underway, the Muscarelle will be expanded in space and stature, giving it the opportunity to do more of what it has been doing so well for all of these years.

In the meantime, students should be sure to take the time to take advantage of this excellent campus resource. It is right around the corner, and all of its offerings are free — to us, at least.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Miller Hall is not a priority

To the Editor:

Alan B. Miller Hall is no different than the Integrated Science Center or McGlothlin-Street Hall. Each building has highly specialized laboratories and team study rooms. Each building is closed to non-majors after 10 p.m. This is not unique to the College of William and Mary. Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Florida and many other elite universities subscribe to this policy.

For professors that remain after hours, the building ought to be locked for safety. Leaving the building unlocked would allow unrestricted access 24 hours a day. For students, there are many alternatives. Mews cafe, Barrett Hall computer lab and dorm study lounges have been intentionally set aside by the College to provide late-working students a safe and quiet place to work.

The argument that I pay for it therefore I should be able to use it, is unfounded. Students are not complaining about the \$111 they pay every year for the ISC, nor the \$28 for improvements to athletic facilities — some exclusively used by varsity sports.

In reality, people are fighting over access to Miller due to its lavish interior

furnishings and superior technology.

First, any student is welcome to use Miller during regular hours. Second, Miller is a private and public joint venture for which Mason School of Business donors provided two-thirds of the funding. State-funded buildings are not allowed to use public money for ornate decorations. The school of business should not be punished for successfully campaigning for over 20 years to build this facility. These articles are an insult to Dean Lawrence Pulley and his dedication to our school.

The time expended on attacking the administration over its new building policies could be better spent. The "Open Miller Hall for Everyone" Facebook group administrators, Stef Felitto '12, Justin Duke '13, Horacio Carreño-García '10, Curt Mills '13, Ross Gillingham '10, Erik Houser '10 and Steven Nelson '10, are all members of the Student Assembly, except Carreño-García.

So, to The Flat Hat and our Student Assembly: work on being useful for a change. Make fewer battles and launch bigger wars. There are serious parking, housing, class-size and professor-pay issues that need to be resolved.

— Alex Pouille '11

## Students can't afford to miss the chances we have to create change

Harrison Roday  
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



According to exit polls, youth voter turnout in Virginia's election last week was a paltry 10 percent. Why?

People come up with long lists of excuses for why they don't vote, ranging from time constraints to the temperature outside to the time it takes to get to the polling place. But I think these excuses simply mask the one that few are willing to say out loud: People simply don't think their votes and actions can have an actual impact of their environment.

Why can't we see the effect our elected officials have on our lives, our academic institution and our nation's future? I cannot answer this question. What I can do, however, is attempt to convey my profound belief that elections do matter, and civic actions and votes count. Public policy affects you everyday. It's easy to see

how national elections affect you; take a mandate on health insurance, for example. It's not hard to connect the dots and see that your vote for congressman may ultimately decide whether or not you are required to have a health insurance policy.

It's even easier to see the connections on the state level. Whether you are a smoker who can only light up in certain places, or just a student suffering from the latest budget cut at the College of William and Mary — Virginia now only pays for 14 percent of our annual operating costs — every seat in the House of Delegates has acute effects on your life. Take the issue of transportation, for example, which seems far removed from our cozy corner of Williamsburg.

Millions of dollars in tax revenue come from northern Virginia, and that revenue helps pay for our education. If our infrastructure in northern Virginia becomes dilapidated, businesses will leave, and the quality of life for all Virginians will go down. Just because all politics

are local does not mean a statewide issue can't affect your life.

State policy matters. Your actions — getting educated on the issues, voting, imploring your friends and colleagues to do both — matter. Still, do you care? Are you willing to put in the small amount of time it would take to be informed, and encourage your friends to be informed?

People pay lip service to activism all the time. But at the end of the day, action is up to you. Are you going to be lazy and complacent, and then complain about how your government doesn't work for you down the road? Or are you going to spend the negligible amount of time it takes to get informed about the candidates and issues, pick a candidate and vote?

It's true, I'm a little behind the curve on this one. It's Nov. 3, post-election. But voting and learning about political issues is a lifetime process. Discussion about the 2010 midterms is already beginning, and your vote will matter. If you didn't vote on Nov. 3, it's a shame you

missed this terrific opportunity to shape the world you will be living in for the next few years — looking at you, freshmen.

Don't despair — you can make up for it. There's plenty of time to learn about the issues for next year's

congressional election. Your work begins today: Learn about the issues and the candidates so that next year you can influence the course of the United States.

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# VARIETY

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## the ideal spring break

*With the temperature dropping and finals looming, what better way to beat the gloom than a sunny spring break daydream? Start making that dream a reality with these ideas and tips for where to go, what to do, and how to pay*

### Visit a new city, from Seattle to Savannah

By EMILY MASON  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

**1** As we head into winter and finals, it's only natural to start thinking about spring break and the opportunities it presents for untapped entertainment. For those of you not in the mood for Florida, here's a list of some unconventional destinations.

**Savannah, Ga.:** Pack your flip-flops for this rather unusual spring break destination. It may not be at the top of your list, but Savannah is definitely worth considering. Well known for its Spanish moss and temperate climate, it is a good place for the explorer in you. For those

interested in history, look no further: Savannah is full of historical sites including cemeteries and Civil War-era houses, many of which are open for tours. If that doesn't interest you, check out the infamous Club One, a drag club home to Lady Chablis, best known for her appearance in the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," and Pinkie Masters Bar, the site of numerous presidential visits from Jimmy Carter.

**Chicago, Ill.:** For those who don't mind the cold and the wind Chicago is the destination. An architectural gem, Chicago boasts buildings designed by some of the world's most famous architects; half of the fun is just looking up while walking down the street. Explore the famous Magnificent Mile, which boasts some fantastic shopping and the John Hancock building. There is also Millennium Park, the site

of unusual art installations like the spaceship-like metal sculpture known as "The Bean," the Pritzker Pavilion, a massive concert venue designed by Frank Gehry and the Crown fountain an interactive display complete with massive images of the faces of over 1,000 Chicagoans. For those who want to stay indoors, there are always the museums: The Art Institute (free on Tuesdays) contains work from masters all over the world, the Shedd aquarium offers a beluga show and the Field Museum houses everything from rocks and fossils to the DNA Discovery Center. Bring your warm clothes and a positive attitude, and you're sure to have a great time.

**Seattle, Wash.:** For anyone who doesn't mind rain, Seattle is the place to go. Among other things, this



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### Give back to community on service trips

By KYRA ZEMANICK  
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In recent years, college students have increasingly spent the week of spring break not indulging in personal pleasures, but volunteering for a variety of causes all over the world. The College of William and Mary's Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship has been a part of this new tradition, with its Branch Out programs transporting students to projects regionally, nationally and internationally.

However, other service opportunities are available for those students who wish to volunteer outside of the College's programs, especially since deadlines for international trips have already passed. Whether one is interested in working with children, saving endangered animals or building a house from scratch, there are plenty of programs to suit any interest. Spring break can be an opportunity to serve a community, locally or globally.

#### Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

Part of the nationally-recognized, non-profit organization, the Collegiate Challenge has taken students all over the United States into an alternative break program for the last 20 years. During the College's spring break, week-long programs are offered all over the country with local Habitat for Humanity groups. Cost: \$125. Online registration at Habitat.org.

#### United Planet

With its "Short Term Quests," United Planet offers programs around the world with a variety of initiatives such as social work, tutoring English,

working in an orphanage, and helping the elderly. Programs are offered in countries such as Cambodia, Ghana, Guatemala, Jordan and Nepal, allowing students to enjoy foreign cultures by staying with host families while helping the local communities. Cost: \$725. Online registration at Unitedplanet.org.

#### i-to-i

With a large diversity of programs in countries around the world, i-to-i has promoted life-changing travel by providing service trips to students for the last 15 years. Service opportunities range from environmental protection, to building communities. Costs vary depending on the location and the duration of the trip. See i-to-i.com for more information.

#### United Way Alternative Spring Break Sponsored by Deloitte

United Way is sponsoring an alternative spring break program for students interested in rebuilding Biloxi, Miss attacked by Hurricane Katrina. Other programs involving Student United Way groups will travel to locations in New Orleans, the Pacific Northwest and urban cities. Online application at Liveunited.org.

#### Global Citizens Network

Global Citizens Network seeks to unite volunteers with indigenous communities in foreign countries and the United States. Planned programs during the College's spring break include two-week trips to Mexico, Thailand and Guatemala. Interested volunteers are encouraged to create their own service trips with the aid of GCN. Costs vary. Online application at Globalcitizens.org.

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### Spend spring break on a student budget

By JILLIAN FEIRSON  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

With winter break just around the corner and spring break on the horizon, visions of vacation grandeur may be dancing through your head. However, in light of the current economic slump the possibility of travel may seem slim. But don't let your dreams of sunny beaches and urban adventures grow dim. There are still plenty of deals out there to make your ultimate vacation a reality without breaking the bank.

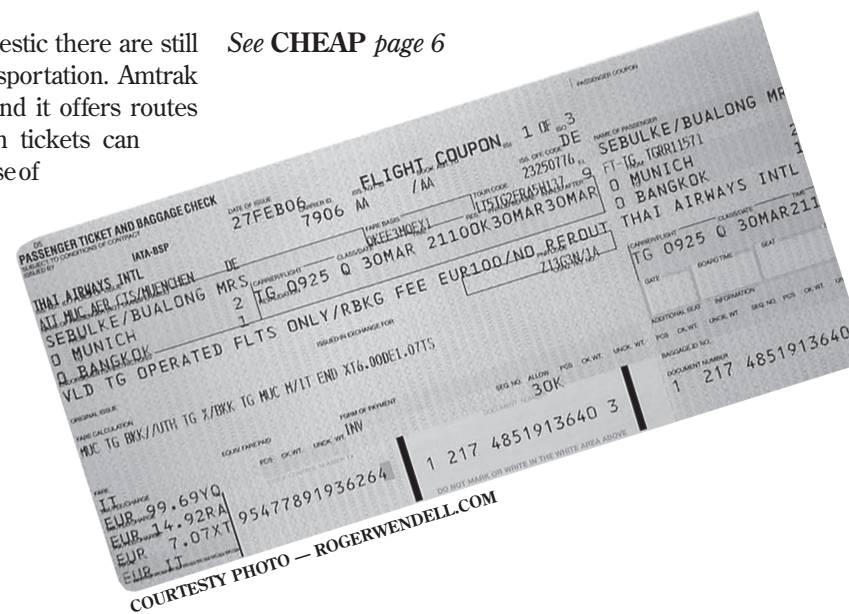
Typically, the most expensive part of travel is the cost of transportation, but there are myriad resources out there to find a cheap lift to your destination. For low-priced airline tickets, Orbitz.com, Travelocity.com and Expedia.com seem to be the go-to sites, but I prefer Kayak.com and Cheapoair.com. If you stalk these sites like you stalk Banner during registration

you are sure to find a good deal. Anne Jensen '11 uses Expedia and Orbitz because they offer cheap, easy-to-find tickets at comparable prices. Nonetheless, as a student your first stop should always be Studentuniverse.com. Student Universe offers deeply discounted tickets to students on major Airlines, both domestic and international. And if a European adventure is in your near future you should check out Ryanair.com, Easyjet.com and Vueling.com, which run specials on flights for 10 Euros or less.

If your travel plans are domestic there are still plenty of ways to save on transportation. Amtrak is often a convenient option, and it offers routes all over the country, although tickets can become pricey. With the purchase of a \$20 Student Advantage card, however, you can save 15 percent on all Amtrak and Greyhound tickets; and yet, I find the Chinatown bus to be the ultimate deal in regional

transit. Companies such as Megabus, Apexbus and New Century Travel — known as the Chinatown bus lines — typically leave from urban areas and offer inexpensive transport to major destinations up and down the east coast, including Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York City and Boston. While these bus lines sometimes get a bad rap for their cramped quarters and sketchy pick-up points, they offer tickets as low as \$1. From personal experience, they also provide

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## WARHOL IN WILLIAMSBURG



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

"Deeply Superficial: Andy Warhol's Voyeurism" opened Friday at the Muscarelle Museum of Art and features hundreds of photographs, silkscreens and short film portraits of notable pop culture figures such as Dennis Hopper and Bob Dylan. In conjunction with the show, the museum will host several lectures about various facets of Warhol's work.

## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

## Pulling back the mystery sheets

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Understanding your body is essential to a mature sexuality. But this isn't always as easy as exploring your happy place. Some things require research. That's where I come in; I'm here to help you discover the intricacies of your nether regions. It is my job, to troll the internet looking at porn rather than do my homework. Woe is me.

I thought I would focus on two questions I've received, one for each sex. First, how do I deal with an uncircumcised penis? Second, what is female ejaculation? Both of these questions may pop up unexpectedly, so it's a good idea to know the basics about them beforehand.

Regarding the first question, a little more than half of American men are uncircumcised. This means that their foreskin did not receive a snipping when they were babies. The result? A warm little turtleneck. An uncircumcised penis, when erect, looks just the same as a circumcised penis, so you may not notice that your partner is au natural. But when he's soft, there will be an extra flap of skin around the top that hides the head. Many people never get to touch one of these raw, uncut beauties. Gaze in wonder at the natural male sex organ.

Then proceed with tenderness.

This hood contains thousands and thousands of nerve endings that circumcised men don't have. If you are used to a circumcised penis your touch is likely to be too rough for your uncircumcised partner. Blowjobs are the big issue. Retract the foreskin carefully, and treat your man lovingly. Do not suck too hard

or throw in any little nibbles.

Other than that, let loose; a penis is a penis is a penis. No need to be scared away because this penis happens to have an accessory.

As to the second question, what's the deal with female ejaculation? Squirting, as it is known colloquially, is a controversial topic. Scientists haven't quite figured out the mechanism for this process. How odd — women aren't lining up to participate in a science experiment that involves them orgasming on command.

Here's what we know: Less than half of women report ejaculating during sex, or manual or oral stimulation. The fluid is expelled before or during orgasm from the paraurethral ducts. Some naysayers claim the fluid has the same composition as urine. Ergo, female ejaculation equals incontinence.

Although Redtube.com may make it seem easy, many women find it difficult to achieve this feat. Some worry they will urinate on their partners. Urine play is not a commonly accepted fetish, so this is undesirable — but some research suggests it can be as

pleasurable as ejaculation.

If you want to attempt this, keep a few things in mind. To avoid the fear of urination, empty your bladder before attempting. Massage your clitoris as usual during manual stimulation. Then add pressure to your G-spot, which can be found by sticking your fingers 1 to 2 inches into the vagina and pressing against the wall facing your stomach.

Use your hands to reach orgasm, focusing on the G-spot. Then, go with the flow. At this point you have put pressure on your paraurethral glands, and the fluid should be built up and ready to burst. Viola, female ejaculation.

Do not freak out if you can't do it. The majority of women have not experienced ejaculation, and my guess is that they still have fun during sex.

I hope I've supplied you with a few fun facts, and who knows? You might find some of this information useful in the future.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She just wants to make sure you're prepared if an uncircumcised penis or ejaculating female might jump you on campus late at night.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

## Spring city destinations

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city offers the world-famous Space Needle and the world-famous Starbucks. There is hardly a shortage of coffee in this city and while you're buying your latte, check out the unique lengths that some of the coffee houses will go to in order to sell their stuff, such as bikini-clad baristas. Don't forget the music scene: Artists ranging from Sir-Mix-a-Lot to Nirvana got their start here. Seattle also has numerous art museums and parks. The Woodland Park Zoo boasts over 300 different species and the Seattle Art Museum has over 25,000 pieces in its collection. Pack an umbrella, however; Seattle averages six cloudy or partly cloudy days per week.

**New Orleans, La.:** New Orleans practically speaks for itself. World-famous food and entertainment meet in this unique American city. Check out the French Quarter, wander down Bourbon Street, grab some beignets at the 24-hour Cajun French Cafe du Monde, and don't forget to check out the famous zydeco music. If you are so inclined, head to City Park, with its distinctive ancient oak trees and botanical gardens. If this doesn't get you, New Orleans boasts an exciting night life and, perhaps best of all, cheap food such as gumbo and muffuletta sandwiches. Who could ask for more?

**San Francisco, Calif.:** Perhaps one of the most distinctive American cities, San Francisco is certainly a great destination for those looking for, well, anything. With a massive Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender scene, there is no shortage of street fairs, bars and entertainment. The Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf are always worth exploring, and the city's Chinatown is one of the oldest and largest in the country. San Francisco has been called a walkable city by many, as long as you don't mind the hills.

## Savy travel-spending tips

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adequate service. When you arrive at your destination, don't shy away from public transportation. Always choose the metro over a cab; it will be more affordable and give you a better feel for the local culture.

Finding affordable lodging can be the next major obstacle to a successful trip. When it comes to a locating a place at which to crash you must keep an open mind. When searching for an inexpensive place to stay, Hostelworld.com is a great site to use. Although typically associated with European travel, there are hostels in almost every major city across the United States. The great thing about Hostelworld is that it allows you to select between hostels — which typically offer communal lodging — and budget hotels, which are a bit safer if you are traveling solo. Airbnb.com allows you to book rooms with locals at a relatively low price.

After you have arrived at your destination and found a place to rest your head, food is the next item on your list of necessities. A great way to save money is to eat at a restaurant for one meal a day, then turn to neighborhood farmers markets, street vendors or local grocery stores to satisfy your hunger. Not only will this help you stay on budget, it will also allow you to experience more local culture and cuisine.

The most important thing to remember when planning a vacation with limited resources is to keep an open mind. While you may not be able to stay at a luxury suite in Grand Cayman, you can explore an exciting new place and experience an unfamiliar culture on any budget.

## THAT GIRL

## Pantazes makes extensive senior year bucket list

By LAUREN BILLINGSLEY  
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

*Kristen Pantazes gives off an air of confidence and enthusiasm, and before long, I can tell she has a great talent for bringing out the fun in life while not neglecting the important stuff. She's double majoring in sociology and government to "find ways to help understand the social world and its influences on policy and governance." For the time being, she's been busy sharing her gifts with the College of William and Mary as a tour guide, an Orientation Aide, an Honor Council member, a member of a social sorority, a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, a member of an a cappella group and an important part of the College's summer admissions staff.*

**What was the highlight of your weekend?**

Hands down, it was the giant leaf fight I had at 1 a.m. with this phenomenal group of people. We were walking across campus from Jamestown [Hall] and came across a huge leaf pile between McGlothlin-Street and Washington [Halls], and all of the sudden there were leaves and people flying everywhere. Literally, we played in the leaves for a solid 20 to 30 minutes, and it was just so much fun, even though we felt a little bit like five-year-olds.

**You're wearing gold leggings and some sort of green cape in your Facebook profile picture. What's the story on that?**

That was actually one of my two Halloween costumes from last weekend. I am currently taking an Age of Dinosaurs class in the

geology department, and I was assigned to a group project on stegosauruses a few weeks ago. After going through that whole project, I thought it would be really funny to dress up as a stegosaurus for Halloween, so I actually went to the fabric store down Richmond Road and bought fabric and supplies, and then I created this green cape with back plates and a tail that included spikes. Throw in some gold leggings, gold fabric and some shades for good measure, and you totally have a fun costume.

**What's an embarrassing moment at the College you've had?**

When I was at the football game this weekend I totally had this flashback of the homecoming game from sophomore year that I'm pretty sure I intentionally blocked from my memory. I usually dress up in crazy William and Mary gear for games, and I was a little late for this game, so I was trying to run up the steps of the student section to go cheer with my friends. However, I took one step into this puddle on the first step of one of the aisles and totally wiped out in front of hundreds of my peers while wearing green and gold tie dye and knee socks, face paint, feathers in my hair, necklaces and ribbons, green shorts and William and Mary Converse sneakers. I almost felt so cool. Almost.

**Tell me about being in Common Ground.**

Common Ground [the College's Christian Women's a cappella group] has really been a group that has anchored my time here at the College. I auditioned my first semester freshman year, and ever since getting it, the girls have really become my family — the ones I go to with problems and who I know understand me on every level.

**I hear you also have mad beat boxing skills as well?**

On a less serious note, it's also gotten me into vocal percussion aka beatboxing, something that is downright awesome. Coming into the group, there was no way I would have thought I could percuss, but one of the older girls in the group took me under her wing and would literally sit with me for hours, teaching me all the different sounds and variations. I occasionally walk around campus percussing to myself — weird, I know, but it's just so much fun. I was surprised that it is really not that hard to do.

**What myths would you like to dispel about the College if you were able?**

Somehow on my tours I always have students and parents asking, "Is William and Mary really the place where fun goes to die?"



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

Kristen Pantazes '10 upholds her favorite aspect of the College as a member of the Honor Council.

Being an out-of-state student, I never heard that rumor before coming here, and so the first time someone mentioned this to me freshman year, I could hardly believe it. Apparently that's a rumor that floats around the state of Virginia, but I honestly think it's kind of ridiculous. I mean, to be sure, Williamsburg isn't your hotbed of crazy nightlife off campus, but one of the things I love most about our school is that there really is something going on all the time.

**Favorite author?**

Definitely C. S. Lewis, although Jane Austen put up a good effort there, too. Lewis just has this remarkable ability to speak to me through his writings, to make things that are ethereal so easy to understand and relate to. His writings have taught me a lot about this world and people in general, and I hope someday I can be so well-spoken — or written, as it were — as well as have such a great sense of humor.

**Do you have any unfulfilled goals you'd like to see out before you graduate?**

I am actually working on compiling a bucket list for my senior year, making this list of things that I want to accomplish before I embark out into that proverbial real world. It's getting pretty extensive, which I'm excited about, and it includes everything from having a CW day of visiting all the attractions to hosting a dinner party to befriending the students in my freshman dorm to completing the triathlon all in one night, just to name a few. I just really love this place and want to make sure that I'm treasuring my last few months here — incredibly sappy, I know, but still true.

When I ask Kristen where she sees herself a few years after graduation, she tells me her primary goal is to be happy, whatever she's doing. In whatever environment, you can be sure Kristen will stick by her motto: "Everything happens for a reason, so have faith and a smile."



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

Pantazes beatboxes for her a cappella group, Common Ground.

# INSIDE SPORTS

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## What's on TV

**NBA**  
Cavaliers vs. Magic  
— 8:00 p.m. Wednesday on ESPN

**NHL**  
Penguins vs. Bruins  
— 7:00 p.m. Tuesday on Versus



## Sound bytes

"I [will] definitely stay in Atlanta in the offseason. So if Mike Smith wants to see me, he can find me."  
— Washington Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall on his sideline altercation with Falcons head coach Mike Smith.



## By the numbers

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Number of minutes Memphis Grizzlies guard Allen Iverson has averaged this season so far. A.I. wants more playing time and is considering retirement.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### TENNIS

#### Men, women close fall seasons with victories

Both the men's and women's tennis teams concluded their fall season Sunday with the women recording three singles victories on the last day of the Kitty Harrison Invitational and the men hosting the fourth annual Tribe Invitational. Women's junior Lauren Sabacinski defeated 73rd-ranked Jennifer Stevens from Virginia 7-6 (5), 6-3 on the tournament's final day. Men's senior Keziel Juneau was named to the Tribe Invitational All-Tournament team.

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

#### Tribe women sweep CAA meet, men fall to ODU

Women's swimming and diving swept the CAA Pod Meet, defeating James Madison, Northeastern and host Old Dominion over the weekend. Senior Katie Radloff led the way, collecting nine wins to set the school record for career dual meet victories. Sophomores Molly Emery and Hailey Hewitt also recorded three individual victories each. The men's team traveled to Old Dominion, falling to the Monarchs 194-156 in a dual meet. Sophomore Stephen Fay finished first in the 500-m free.

### FIELD HOCKEY

#### Drew, Zamesnik make All-CAA, Caro is top rookie

Senior Wesley Drew headlined the members of the Tribe named to all-conference teams Friday, as the midfielder was named to the first-team All-CAA team for the second year in a row. Drew, who is the eighth William and Mary player to earn first-team All-CAA honors in back-to-back years, finished the season with three goals and five assists. Sophomore forward Leah Zamesnik earned second-team all conference honors while freshman Maria Caro earned CAA all-rookie team accolades.

## ATHLETE FOCUS

SEBASTIEN VIDAL,  
JUNIOR, TENNIS



The Flat Hat caught up with junior Sebastien Vidal to discuss his native Guatemala and his reaction to Andre Agassi's recent revelation of drug use.

**What do you expect to come out of your junior year?** Great things. I hope we can come away with CAAs this year. I've played a lot over the summer in Davis Cup action again this year, so I stay loose.

**What's something you miss from your native Guatemala?** Just the way people interact with others is something that I miss while I am here at school.

**What do you think about Andre Agassi's confession about using crystal meth?** I'm shocked just like everyone else is at the fact it was something as serious as meth, though I'm not surprised he was on something during his peak.

# Tribe secures first shutout in four seasons



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT  
Sophomore cornerback Terrell Wells makes a goal line interception to preserve the shutout.

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some time to get comfortable, he eventually regained his rhythm with a series of long completions to senior tight end Rob Varno. The senior then capped a long, methodical, 18-play drive with an 8-yard touchdown scramble to provide the first touchdown of the contest.

Following a Towson three-and-out, the Tribe again marched down the field. Grimes pounded in a two-yard score to give the College a 17-0 advantage heading into halftime.

After the break, the Tribe offense continued to institute a healthy mix of running and passing plays. In the third quarter, senior wideout Eric Robertson put the Tribe up 24-0 with a 25-yard touchdown reception, his first career score. In the final period, junior tailback Courtland Marriner provided another seven points from a two-yard run with one minute remaining.

While the College offense slowed its pace in the second half, the defense refused to yield. Just as Towson put together its first meaningful offensive drive of the day, Wells robbed the Tigers by intercepting quarterback Tommy Chroniger at the goal line, sealing the shutout.

"The thing I like most about this team, is we come off a win like this, and in the locker room, not everybody is going crazy," Archer said. "We could have done better in some areas. I think we can build on this going forward."

The win kept the College squarely in the thick of the congested FCS playoff picture, with two weekends remaining in the regular season.

"I think that it's very good that we are playing big games in November," Laycock said. "It's what you always strive to do; when November rolls around, you always want the games to count for something. It's exciting to be in the hunt."

## Playoff seedings remain undecided

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time in his 30-year career to cap the season. But there certainly is still plenty of work to do before then.

With two games remaining in the regular season, a wide-open CAA title race — which will lead to critical postseason seeding — is up for grabs. The Tribe hosts no. 8 New Hampshire Saturday before traveling to no. 4 Richmond a week later.

At stake is a CAA that has four teams currently tied at 8-1. Two more wins would secure the College one of four postseason FCS seeds, guaranteeing critical home games in at least the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"Going into the two biggest games of the year, we're where we need to be," junior linebacker Wes Steinman said. "We're going to have our work cut out for us. We're going to have to go out and execute and play error-free for sure."

Currently sitting at 8-1, the College is even with Richmond, Villanova and New Hampshire, each with two games remaining. Richmond has a 6-1 conference mark, while the other three are at 5-1.

Villanova beat Richmond, but lost to New Hampshire. The College suffered an Oct. 3 defeat to Villanova, but can amend that in their final two games. New Hampshire still has to face Maine — a playoff squad a season ago — and the Tribe, while the Spiders host the College in their final contest. Villanova faces a dangerous no. 23 Delaware squad in the final week.

Sound convoluted? It is.

Any one of the four teams can take home the CAA title after what promises to be a wild two weeks. All are virtual locks for the postseason, but the home field advantage guaranteed from winning the CAA championship can make or break a postseason run.

To compound the situation, all four squads are ranked in the top-10 nationally, with three — the no. 5 Tribe, no. 3 Villanova and Richmond — in the top five.

The final two weeks of the College's season will have a big impact on their postseason chances.

Win two games, and likely enter the postseason as the top team in the country and the no. 1 playoff seed. Win one, and hope for a first-round home game. Lose both, and get ready to hit the road in late November.

No matter what happens, we'll find out a lot about this Tribe team over the next two weeks.

"It's tempting [to think about], but we've got to take this thing day by day as we've done the whole season," sophomore linebacker Jake Trantin said. "We can't change now."

## Tribe ready for tourney

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"I felt like we weren't that sharp to start with, and I thought, 'this is going to be the worst thing possible for us,'" Norris said of his team's early lead. "It was going to be easy for us to overlook Drexel. And I think they were all trying to stay focused, but when we got the early goal we definitely took our foot off the gas a little bit, and we felt like it was going to be easy, and it wasn't. Drexel played very well, and for the first half they were the better team."

The Dragons evened the score in the 29th minute off a 25-yard blast from Nathan Page. The score remained level at 1-1

for the next 49 minutes before Baako's second goal of the year.

Hoxie added his CAA-leading 10th goal of the season in the 84th minute to seal the 3-1 margin. The senior also leads the CAA in assists with 10.

Next up for the College is the CAA Tournament, which will be held at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington for the second consecutive year. The Tribe's opening opponent Friday night is Northeastern.

### CAA PLAYOFF SEEDS

1. UNCW — 12-2-4, 8-0-3
2. William & Mary — 13-4-1, 8-2-1
3. Northeastern — 9-7-1, 8-2-1
4. Old Dominion — 11-4-2, 6-3-2

## College one win from postseason

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The second set looked much like the first for the Tribe, who was able to take advantage of JMU mistakes en route to a 25-13 win.

In the third set, the College encountered some resistance from the trailing Dukes, who did not lead in the match until the final set. But the energized Tribe finished off the Dukes 25-21 after a kill from Bray capped a match-point rally, giving the match to the College 3-0.

"There was a much different feel in the locker room," Head Coach Melissa Shelton said, comparing Saturday's win to the George Mason match from the night before. "We were more relaxed, and all of our nervousness was out."

McCarney agreed.

"Everyone was taking care of what needed to be done," she said.

The Tribe will hit the road to face UNC-Wilmington and Georgia State this weekend attempting to lock up a CAA tournament bid.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# College coasts into CAA tourney with victory over Drexel

*Unbeaten streak extended to six games on strength of Baako game-winner*

By CHRIS WEIDMAN  
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With only last-place Drexel positioned between William and Mary and its already secured no. 2 seed in the CAA Tournament, the typical 'trap' game unfolded. The Dragons (5-12-1, 1-9-1 CAA) entered the match having given up the most goals in the conference while netting the third fewest. But the Tribe (13-4-1, 8-2-1 CAA) overlooked its opponents lowly credentials, pressing through a shaky first half before notching two second half goals en route to a 3-1 regular season finale victory in Philadelphia Friday night.

"I thought it was a very average [performance]," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "But

the good thing is that this is a team that still has enough fire power and experience to win a game when we aren't at the top of our game ... and that is a good position to be in."

Junior midfielder Nat Baako gave the College a 2-1 lead in the 78th minute. Baako's goal materialized off the strong individual performance of freshman midfielder Chris Perez, who drew Drexel keeper Alex Reber out of the net before sliding the ball to Baako for the finishing touch.

The victory extends the College's current unbeaten streak to six matches, as the squad has gone 5-0-1 in that span.

The Tribe struggled through a sloppy first half in which Drexel held an 11-8 shot advantage. Specifically, Drexel's 4-3-3 caused personnel is-

suues for the College throughout much of the opening frame.

"They played with three in the middle and were very active and mobile," Norris said. "It wasn't anything that we hadn't seen. Our guys just didn't solve problems very well. We didn't communicate, and as a result, they were able to have a lot of possession."

Senior midfielder Price Thomas gave the Tribe the early lead in the eighth minute off of a feed from senior forward Andrew Hoxie. After Hoxie slipped the ball through Drexel's defense, Thomas rolled a low shot past Reber for his seventh goal of the season.

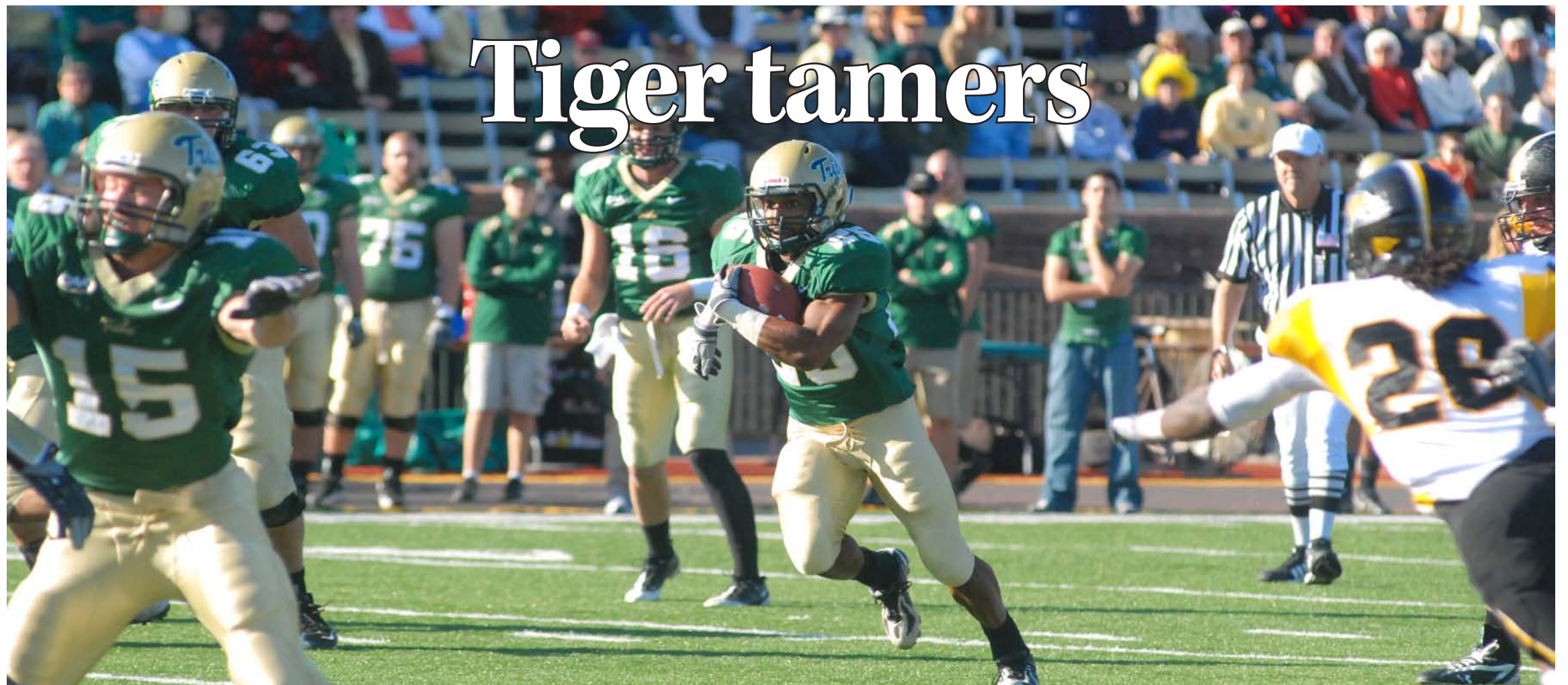


PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Junior midfielder Nat Baako scored the winning goal against Drexel.

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## FOOTBALL



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Junior tailback Courtland Marriner sprints for several of his 65 yards Saturday against Towson. Marriner added a late touchdown as the College racked up 147 total rushing yards, while holding the Tigers to 72.

# Tiger tamers

*Tribe shuts out Towson 31-0, now 5-1 in CAA, 8-1 overall*

By MIKE BARNES  
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With games against no. 9 New Hampshire and no. 1 Richmond looming, it would be understandable for the no. 5 Tribe to have overlooked its Saturday matchup with the struggling Towson University (2-7, 1-5 CAA).

Instead, William and Mary took care of business, blanking the Tigers 31-0 to enter its crucial late-season stretch with a 5-1 conference record and 8-1 overall. With the win, the Tribe extended its winning streak to four games, its best start since 1986.

The College cruised to victory by virtue of a solid offensive performance and an imposing defensive line. The Tribe, however, offense failed to dominate, despite posting 31 points.

"We made some mistakes; it wasn't as pretty as we would like it to be, but at this stage of the season, you take them any way you can get them," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "Getting our eighth win was very significant, and getting a shut-out was very significant."

Senior defensive end C.J. Herbert and the Tribe defensive line dominated the line of scrimmage and shut down the Towson offense, allowing just 72 yards on the ground. The College held the Tigers to only 19 yards in the third quarter, effectively sealing the game's outcome.

"We were just trying to shut down whatever they came at us with," junior linebacker Wes Steinman said. "We take a lot of pride in the fact that we shut down the run. We always try to make them one-dimensional, and if we can succeed at that, we can do pretty well."

The secondary also had a standout day, with sophomore linebacker Jake Trantin and sophomore cornerback Terrell Wells each contributing an interception.

The College's offense got off to a slow start with several miscues and missed opportunities but quickly recovered behind the strong play of sophomore tailback Jonathan Grimes, who finished the day with 91 yards on 21 carries.

Although senior quarterback R.J. Archer took

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### BY THE NUMBERS

#### GAME STATS

##### RUSHING YARDS

Tribe — 147  
Towson — 72

##### PASSING YARDS

Tribe — 249  
Towson — 129

##### TIME OF POSSESSION

Tribe — 32:22  
Towson — 27:38

#### INDIVIDUAL STATS

##### PASSING

R.J. Archer — 14 of 26, 201 yards, 1 TD

##### RUSHING

Jonathan Grimes — 21 carries, 93 yards, 1 TD

Courtland Marriner — 9 carries, 65 yards, 1 TD

##### RECEIVING

Rob Varno — 4 catches, 70 yards

Eric Robertson — 2 catches, 48 yards, 1 TD

Chase Hill — 4 catches, 48 yards

### COMMENTARY

## *Eighth win puts Tribe in postseason*

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FLAT HAT SPORTS EDITOR



The game might not have been pretty at times, but the end result certainly was. After 60 minutes of football Saturday, the Tribe secured a sloppy, but comfortable, 31-0 victory over Towson, clinching its eighth win of the season and a likely postseason bid.

"You play in this league and get eight wins, I don't see how they keep you out of the playoffs," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "But I'm certainly not content right now. We're not folding it up, that's for sure."

Barring any unlikely circumstances, Laycock will be heading to the postseason for the eighth

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Tribe still in running for CAAs with home split

*College beats Dukes with 3-0 shutout victory Saturday, falls to Patriots 3-1 Friday*

By TRAVIS TRIGGS  
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With only a handful of regular season matches remaining for William and Mary, the Tribe squared off against George Mason and James Madison at Kaplan Arena over the weekend. In contention for one of four coveted CAA tournament spots, the pair of games marked a crucial opportunity for the College to strengthen its playoff positioning.

The result was a split, as the College fell to GMU 3-1 Friday night before downing JMU 3-0 Saturday. The victory kept the Tribe in position to qualify for the CAA Tournament with one more needed win to clinch a berth for the third year in a row.

Against George Mason Friday night, the

Tribe fell behind 14-7 early in the first set due to four consecutive attacking errors and a number of service errors. The College battled back with nine kills from sophomore hitter Lindsay Kresch — who finished with 16 kills and 13 digs — to eventually tie the set at 21-21 and secure a set point at 25-24. But the Tribe could not finish, handing the first set to the Patriots 28-26.

Helped by eight kills from junior hitter Erin Skipper, the Tribe took the second set 25-23.

But after intermission, the Tribe could not find its form. Despite taking a 13-12 lead midway into the third set, the Tribe fell victim to a 13-3 Patriot run, dropping the third set 25-16.

In the fourth set, the Tribe was unable to reverse the momentum, never leading on its way to dropping the set 25-15 and the match 3-1.

"We just didn't have any energy," Skipper said

following the loss. "We looked scared, and we have to change that."

Junior setter Cassie Crumal totaled 39 assists and 10 digs for the Tribe. Senior libero Lindsey Pflugner added 21 digs, and junior middle Ginny Bray recorded a match-high 6 blocks.

Saturday, on senior night, the four members of the class of 2010 were honored before the game — the last for them at the Kaplan Arena. Hitters Bryana Carey and Lauren Powell, blocker Katie McCarney and Pflugner were determined not to let their final home match end in a defeat.

The Tribe came out strong, looking revitalized from the previous night's loss. Behind four consecutive points from McCarney, the College cruised to a dominant 25-12 first set win.

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Junior Erin Skipper readies for a kill against George Mason.