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The Daily Telegraph recently released their list of the 100 most influential conservatives and liberals in the United States. Among the conservatives were #5 Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65, #15 Rep. Eric Cantor J.D. '88 (R-Va.) and #80 Rep. Michele Bachmann LL.M. '88 (R-Minn.); influential liberals include #30 comedian Jon Stewart '84 and #87 Christina Romer '81, chairwoman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

Also, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell was listed as conservative #18 and Senators Mark Warner and Jim Webb were ranked 16 and 65 on the liberal list, respectively.

Being the #80 conservative, however, doesn't guarantee class. On a Philadelphia radio show yesterday, Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter told Bachmann to "act like a lady" after she interrupted him. "I'll treat you like a lady," he said. "Now act like one." "Well, I am a lady," Bachmann replied.

Psychology professor Peter Vishton recently released a DVD for parents on child development through 14 months old. "What Babies Can Do" provides activities for parents to check vision, memory and motor development. "Many parents that I talk with want to have some reassurance that their baby is 'doing okay.' This is totally normal," Vishton said. "This DVD isn't intended as a medical tool, but it does allow parents to experience their baby's development in a lot more detail than they otherwise would."

Dean of Admissions Henry Broaddus guest posted on a Washington Post blog yesterday. He lamented that technology doesn't allow for a faster turnaround time on college applications and described the College's admissions decision process. "Unfortunately, technology hasn't yet provided a shortcut that sufficiently accounts for the merits coded in recommendations, the strength of voice evident in writing samples, or the positive grade trends that belie overall averages," Broaddus wrote. "Until such time, we'll stick with a time-tested slow way."

Two William and Mary students made The Huffington Post's top protest signs of 2009. Standing next to a Christian protester at the Crim Dell whose poster condemned, among others, "lewd women," "sports nuts" and "baby killers," the two women hold up another sign reading, "Citation Needed" a la Wikipedia.

You're getting very sleepy... Mentalist Brian Imbus will be performing hypnosis on student volunteers in the Commonwealth Auditorium Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by AMP and will be free for students.

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'I looked into their eyes and saw their fear.'



PHOTOS COURTESY DANNY YATES

College students witness quake's destruction

By SARAH MELLMAN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College of William and Mary students Jonna Knappenberger '09 and Landon Yarrington M.A. '09 Ph.D. '15 are safe in the United States after enduring the trauma of Haiti's devastating earthquake Jan. 12.

The 7.0-magnitude quake struck 16 miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, causing massive destruction. 70,000 bodies have been buried already, and estimates of fatalities rise as high as 200,000.

Knappenberger and Yarrington, both anthropology students in the country for independent research, were in the Delmas 17 neighborhood of Port-au-Prince when the earthquake struck.

"All of a sudden we saw the dust in the street rise, and then a water

pipe broke," Knappenberger said. "The best way to describe it is that the earth rolled in and tried to slap us in the face. It was like riding a wave of land."

At first, Knappenberger said she was not sure if the tremor was normal for Haiti.

"The two [Haitian] friends we were with were on their knees," she said. "They were our protectors and our friends. When I looked into their eyes and saw their fear, I knew this was abnormal."

The damage done to the city was tremendous.

"We heard the houses falling down everywhere. People on the street were asking us for help. Landon wanted to help, but it was unsafe to go into the buildings. Every house was damaged," Knappenberger said.

Following the earthquake, Yarrington tried to gather the people of the neighborhood in order to create some sort of organization.

"He put me in the car to the [United Nations] headquarters at the airport, [and] we were reunited three hours afterwards," Knappenberger said. "We stayed at the UN for three days [before returning to the United States]. We were very shaken."

Danny Yates '13 was also in Haiti at the time of the quake with a five-member church mission group.

"We were in a town called Hinche, 50 miles north of Port-au-Prince," he said. "The earthquake wasn't that severe where we were, but the after-effects were awful. It was worse than any end-of-the-world movie."

Yates said the number of refugees

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Campus relief efforts mobilize

By EMILY MASON
AND SARAH MELLMAN
The Flat Hat

Approximately 200 College of William and Mary students crammed into Blow Memorial Hall Wednesday for William and Mary Supports Haiti's first interest meeting.

"I am here for the same reason as so many of you," Kaveh Sadeghian '12, a member of the organization's steering committee, said. "We see a tragedy like [the earthquake] happen, and we get this raw, human desire to help."

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake occurred 16 miles from the capital city of Port-au-Prince Jan. 12, causing widespread destruction throughout the country.

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3-person rule overturned

Ordinance passes in narrow 3-2 vote

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Managing Editor

The Williamsburg City Council approved a compromise resolution at its Dec. 10 meeting that could allow up to four unrelated individuals to share a residence.

Under the amended zoning ordinance, properties within the city's four rental inspection districts that exceed 2,000 square feet and have four or more parking spaces would, under administrative approval, possibly be allowed up to four unrelated tenants.

According to information presented at the meeting, only 31 rental properties would be eligible for an approved increase to four unrelated tenants.



Knudson

The resolution, which was prepared by Vice Mayor Clyde Haulman, passed by a 3-2 margin, with Judy Knudson and Bobby Braxton voting against.

"There was nothing in what I offered that wasn't already there," Haulman said of the final resolution. "Somebody has to step up and put the pieces together, and that's what I did."

Originally, the council was to consider three proposals that had been submitted by the planning commission. The first left the three-person rule in effect. The second proposed an expansion to a four-person limit, but did not specify where the ordinance would be effective, the process by which houses would be approved, or criteria for approval. The third option expanded the possibility of a four-person limit to multi-family dwellings within the city's B-3

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Zeidler to not seek re-election after term

By BERTEL KING JR.
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 announced Jan. 8 that she will not run for a fifth term in the Williamsburg City Council elections this spring. Zeidler has served as the City of Williamsburg's first female mayor since 1998. She was elected to the city council in 1994, having previously served on the Williamsburg-James City County School Board.

"Together with my colleagues on city council there have been many accomplishments over the past 12 years that have made this city a better place," Zeidler said in an e-mail. "One of those accomplishments is improving the town-gown relations. That has also been one of the biggest challenges."

Zeidler's tenure as mayor saw the purchase and renovation of the city's Transportation Center as well as the creation of Williamsburg Area Transit,



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Zeidler became Williamsburg's first female mayor in 1998.

which improved bus routes and provided schedules to Williamsburg residents. Other expansions to the city with which Zeidler was involved include the Prince George Street streetscape project and the High Street development on Richmond Road.

"Mayor Zeidler has been a serious, pragmatic mayor for the past 12 years," Josh Karp '11, founder of Students for a Better Williamsburg, a student-run, non-partisan political action committee, said in an email.

"Over her nearly 20 years in city government, she's earned the respect of every member of the Williamsburg community."

Zeidler spoke with students last October as the last speaker in SBW's "Meet Your City Councillors" series. The series brought council members Paul Freiling '83, Clyde Haulman, Judy Knudson and Bobby Braxton to campus in the weeks prior to Zeidler's appearance.

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High 45°
Low 31°

Saturday



High 49°
Low 40°

Sunday



High 61°
Low 55°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT
A student returns to hitting the books after winter break

NEWS IN BRIEF

FBI reopens investigations on Colonial Parkway Murders

The FBI has re-opened an investigation of the unsolved 1980s Virginia slayings known as the Colonial Parkway Murders. It has created a new e-mail account in the hope of acquiring tips regarding the murders.

Between 1986 and 1989, eight people were killed or went missing along the 23-mile route spanning Jamestown and Yorktown. The FBI stated that DNA tests and other new techniques will be used to give new insight on these crimes. More than 3,500 investigative reports composed during the peak of the killings are being re-examined, prioritizing a list of approximately 130 suspects.

Authorities believe the four incidents are linked and resulted from either a single person or two people working together.

Williamsburg forms new town-gown relations task force

The College of William and Mary and the City of Williamsburg announced the creation of a new town-gown relations task force Friday. The task force hopes to build on the ongoing community dialogue that began last semester by the city's focus group on rental housing.

"The [Williamsburg] Neighborhood Relations Committee will play a key role in enhancing our residential neighborhoods by bringing together representatives of all the appropriate groups for discussion and problem solving," Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 said in a statement. "This committee will be an important vehicle for sharing points of view, fostering understanding, and developing a shared vision toward which to work."

The committee will be composed of five members: a university representative, a city representative, a student, a landlord and a neighborhood resident. The committee will meet monthly to discuss concerns, evaluate progress, and offer recommendations.

— by Elysia Alim

BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Astronomy experts from 17 countries gathered at the University of Concepción in Chile Monday to discuss the current research and installation of what will be the world's most powerful telescope. The 42-meter telescope, to be located at the European Southern Observatory in Chile's Atacama Desert, would be 25 times stronger than the most powerful telescope currently in use.

2 Research conducted at the University of Manitoba has shown that playing video lottery terminals (VLTs) is associated with the highest odds of problem gambling among women. VLTs generate the largest profits compared with other forms of gambling. So far, Saskatchewan government officials have not acted on researchers' recommendation to ban VLTs from bars and restaurants.

3 Majid Tavakoli, a member of Amir Kabir University's Islamic Student Association in Iran, was sentenced to eight and a half years in prison for giving an anti-government speech at the university. At universities nationwide students are facing similar fates in an attempt by the government to resist the movement, which has added fuel to the post-election protests.

4 More than 45 policemen and students were injured in a clash on the Osmania University campus in India after students were prevented from marching to the Gun Park with the body of a student who had committed suicide after a delay in creating a new Telangana State. The violence receded in the evening, and police allowed the procession once the body was put in a van.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Elysia Alim

5 Comic strip in university newspaper sparks controversy

Paper's editor resigns due to pressure, comic strip condemned

By ELYSIA ALIM
Flat Hat Insight Editor

University of Notre Dame's student newspaper, The Observer, is in hot water after publishing a not-so-humorous anti-gay comic strip. The paper has since discontinued the comic strip, which made a joke about violence against gays.

According to the U.S. News and World report, the comic strip, named The Mobile Party, featured a saw with eyes, hands and feet telling a human a joke. The saw says, "What's the easiest way to turn a fruit into a vegetable?" A man responds, "No idea." The an-

swer: "A baseball bat." The original version of the comic strip featured the same two characters; however, in the saw's final line, "AIDS" replaced "baseball bat."

The newspaper editors rejected the "baseball bat" version but published the "AIDS" version.

The paper's assistant managing editor, Kara King, resigned Monday and announced her move in a public letter to the Notre Dame community. King said a miscommunication with another editor led to the strip running without her reviewing the material.

"As assistant managing editor, I have failed in my duties

to protect the quality and uphold the standards of The Observer," King said.

The Student Press Law Center wrote that the comic's creators, Colin Hofman, Lauren Rosemeyer and Jay Wade, a trio of Notre Dame seniors, apologized for the cartoon's insensitivity in a letter published Friday. They claimed that they were merely attempting to mock the homophobia they observed on campus, not add to it.

"Intolerance of homosexuality is a major problem on Notre Dame's campus," the letter read. "We tried to address it in our comics using

the tool character to emphasize a mindset that we simply find ridiculous. We consistently try to write comics that rely on shock value and now we have gone too far, we realize we have abused the privilege and responsibility of contributing to The Observer."

Notre Dame President, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., is quoted in a statement that appears on the university's website.

"The University denounces the implication that violence or expressions of hate toward any person or group of people is acceptable or a matter that should be taken lightly," Jenkins wrote.

STREET BEAT

What was the most exciting thing you did over winter break?



"I went driving in the middle of a snow storm and couldn't see five feet in front of me."

Sarah Faszewski '11



"I went to the Roots concert on the night before New Year's Eve."

Nick Velleman '11



"I went to a Jets game and they won!"

Krysten Corzo '13



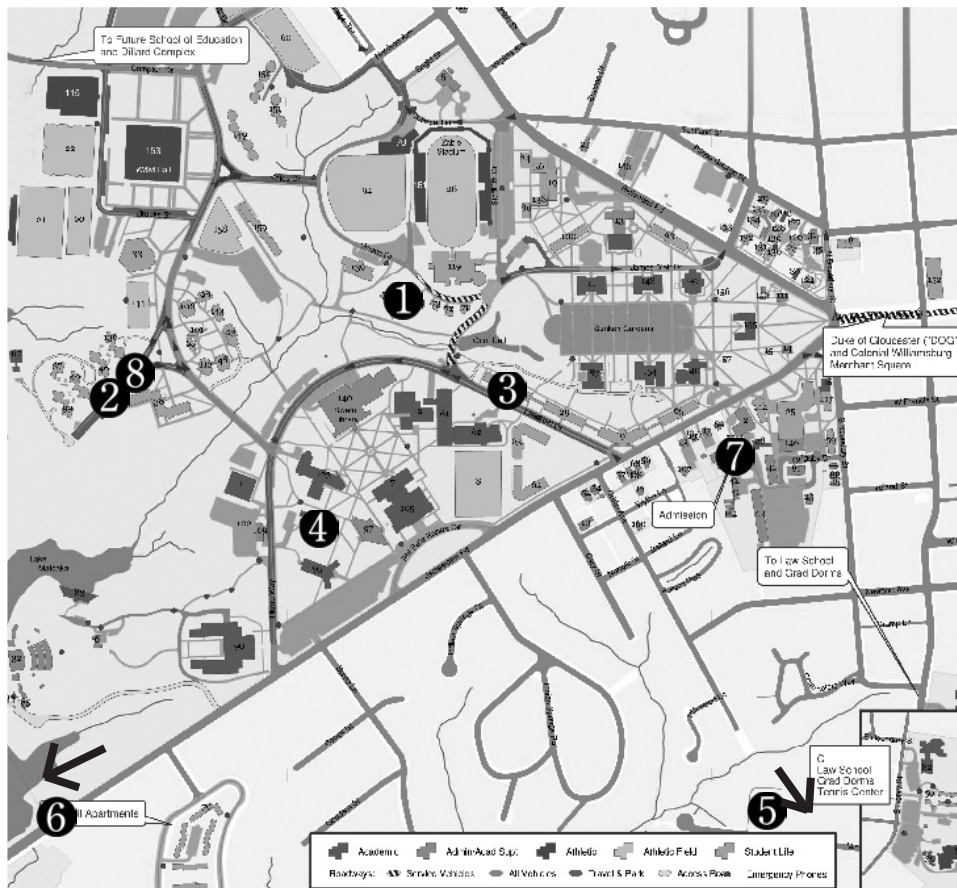
"Transfer to William and Mary."

Aundrea Baker '13

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

December 16 to January 19



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WM.EDU

- 1 **Wednesday, Dec. 16** — An individual reported larceny in Lodge 10. The estimated value was \$160.
- 2 **Thursday, Dec. 17** — An individual reported vandalism at 101 Wake Dr. The estimated value was \$500.
- 3 — An individual reported an attempted burglary in the Landrum attic. The estimated damage was \$50.
- 4 **Friday, Dec. 18** — An individual reported stolen computer parts in Jones Room 4. The estimated value was \$950.
- 5 **Monday, Dec. 21** — An individual reported larceny at 631 S. Henry St. The estimated value was \$100.
- 6 **Thursday, Dec. 24** — An individual was arrested and charged for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol at the intersection of Jamestown and Walnut Hills.
- 7 **Friday, Jan. 8** — An individual reported vandalism outside the Childcare center. The estimated value was \$200.
- 8 **Wednesday, Jan. 13** — An individual reported a simple assault at 101 Wake Dr.

— compiled by Elysia Alim

City Council votes down hotels as student residences

Councilwoman says the College exaggerated need for student housing

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat Online Editor

The Williamsburg City Council voted down a motion Jan. 14 to allow College of William and Mary students to reside in hotels and motels throughout the city.

The proposal would have expanded the ability of the College to house students in hotels throughout the city rather than just in the Museum Support district, the only area of the city currently permitted to lease to students.

It was passed 6-1 by the Planning

Commission in December and seemed likely to pass through city council. Council members, however, were swayed by landlords and rental agencies who spoke against the change.

"I can't tell you the impact this would have on the apartment industry in Williamsburg and James City County," Peninsula Apartment Council Executive Committee Chairman Kathy Scott said. "The ordinance is more open-ended than is needed ... and it would make it even harder for apartment businesses to compete."

Lawson Enterprises property manager Ryan Hunt told council members that apartments in the city average a 10 percent vacancy rate; he demonstrated his point by asking the landlords present to raise their hands if they had vacancies — nearly all did.

Aside from the bad economy, Hunt said the city's rental industry has experienced several legislative setbacks recently, including the recent council decision to allow some houses in the city to house four unrelated people instead of three.

College representatives testified last year that the ordinance would assist primarily with finding housing for summer transfer students. Currently, approximately 10 students live at the

Governor's Inn. Officials also testified they did not expect more than 50 students to live in hotel housing, were the ordinance to pass.

City Planner Reed Nester estimated that 50 students living in hotels instead of rental units would represent approximately a \$200,000 annual loss to the city's rental industry.

No hotel representatives spoke at the meeting.

Various city council members noted they had been prepared to pass the ordinance but were swayed by the testimony from the rental industry.

"I had my mind set," council member Bobby Braxton said. "But after listening to people here, it gives me lots of food for thought."

Council member Judy Knudson, who also noted her change in opinion, argued that the College can handle its own residency issues.

"There seems to be a feeling at the College that there's some big crisis in housing, but there's not," she said.

Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 asked City Attorney Joe Phillips what would happen in the event of a dorm fire or other catastrophic incident requiring emergency housing for large numbers of students. Phillips responded that, technically, long-term hotel housing is not legal, but in similar past emergencies the city has not stopped the College from using hotels during emergency situations and would be unlikely to do so in the future.

Alumni direct College's Haiti relief

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fleeing to smaller, poorer towns worried authorities, as the towns lack the sufficient infrastructure sufficient to accommodate the large influx of people.

"In Haiti, they are afraid that starvation and violence will cause more fatalities than the earthquake itself, like a ripple effect," he said.

Yates is concentrating on helping the people of Hinche.

"My effort is to focus on the people I know down there, and their main issue is that they do not have enough food to support the people coming in from the

big cities," he said.

Yates said seeing the abundance of food at the College is especially difficult for him.

"It's hard for me to walk through the Caf and see how much food we have here, knowing that there are people in dire need in Haiti," he said.

Knappenberger and Yarrington said they are both focused on helping the victims of the quake they left behind in Haiti.

They are working with William and Mary Supports Haiti to direct relief efforts toward charities that most need the resources.

"Of course groups like the

Red Cross [are] incredibly important for delivering food and rescuing people from buildings, but the issues in Haiti go much deeper than that," Yarrington said. "Groups that are smaller and run by Haitians are essential because they know that rebuilding and restructuring do end at food and water. They are going about these essential services with an eye to the future."

Knappenberger and Yarrington recommend that William and Mary Supports Haiti's funds benefit the organizations Sonje Ayiti, SOIL and Fondwa.

Zeidler reflects on time as mayor

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"I always enjoy interacting with William and Mary students and always feel welcome," Zeidler said. "My appearance last fall was one of many that I have had on the campus with student groups and classes over the past 16 years."

According to Zeidler, the atmosphere between students and the city has changed substantially in the past decade.

"Twelve years ago there were no regular meetings between the [College] and the city," Zeidler said. "Now the [College] president and his chief of staff and the city manager and the mayor meet once a month. One or two times a semester, the mayor, vice mayor and key city staff meet with the leadership of the Student Assembly. Twice each year the president and the mayor, along with their leadership teams, meet."

In addition, the Neighborhood Council of Williamsburg holds regular meetings with College officials in Morton Hall, and for the past several years the city has produced a special student edition of the new resident's handbook.

"Mayor Zeidler made the best choices she could given the difficult political climate here in town," Karp said. "In the past year she has tried very hard to solve town-gown problems, with the Focus Group on Rental Housing and recent legislation increasing occupancy to four people in certain areas around town. I think that she understood how to fix the problems around town,

but she wasn't able to overcome town-resident opposition."

The city charged residents of nine houses with violating the three-person rule last November. Students proceeded to protest the rule during the Grand Illumination Dec. 6 in downtown Colonial Williamsburg.

"My advice for the next mayor is this," Zeidler said. "Leadership is restraint; you are first among equals; build consensus and avoid polarization. The most important idea to keep in mind is respect — respect the citizens, respect the institutions, respect the city staff, and respect the other members of the city council. All have perspectives that need to be considered."

Zeidler's replacement has yet to be announced. Braxton has not announced whether he will seek the position of mayor. He is one of five city council members who may be selected to fill the position.

Zeidler may be ready to move on, but some are not ready for her absence from city affairs.

To Zeidler, however, it is important that a new face is given the chance to serve as mayor.

"When my term is over on June 30, I will have served the citizens of Williamsburg for 20 years — 12 as mayor, 16 on city council, and before that [four] as a member of the school board," she said. "I am proud of the accomplishments of the city government and the school division during my service. I believe that an important principle of our democratic system is that others should have the opportunity to serve."

Campus groups unite to help Haiti

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Students at the College have rallied their Tribe spirit to support Haiti's earthquake victims.

"I know that William and Mary students are incredibly passionate about service," WMSH member Lamar Shambley '10 said. "I knew that there would be a group eventually, and I knew it just had to be done to unite the students on campus."

WMSH's goal is to serve as an umbrella organization to help campus groups plan events. This includes setting up a universal bank account, ensuring that the donations get into the right hands, and by ensuring that local organizations are chosen as recipients for donations rather than large international charities like the Red Cross.

"Service can be very hierarchal," WMSH member Mohammad Torabinejad '10 said. "We want a partnership, a way to make it more horizontal."

With the guidance of College students and recent graduates who were in Haiti at the time of the quake, Shambley, Sadeghian and three other steering committee members hope to channel fundraising efforts toward Haitian charities that can best help the victims of the catastrophe.

"With the work of Jonna [Knappenberger '09] and Landon [Yarrington M.A. '09 Ph.D. '15], we know groups in Haiti who will directly benefit from our help," Shambley said. "They are smaller organizations, so we can see exactly how we develop a change."

Both former anthropology undergraduate students, Knappenberger and Yarrington, who is now a graduate student at the College, were in Haiti conducting research when the earthquake struck.

One hope for the organization is to help Fondwa University in Haiti, a new college working on sustainable development for the island nation.

"We all need to know that this isn't something that's going to be fixed in three months when it runs its press course," Sadeghian said. "This is decades

and decades of rebuilding we're looking at, and who better to empower than the youth of Haiti, the generation that will be doing this rebuilding? Groups that are smaller and run by Haitians are essential because they know that rebuilding and restructuring don't end at food and water. They are going about these essential services with an eye to the future."

Another organization that is organizing relief efforts for Haiti is Ruritan, a new on-campus service organization. President of Ruritan, Paul Lendway '10, organized HEART — Haiti Earthquake American Relief Team — as a project to unify campus organizations' charitable efforts.

"We've gotten groups involved from the [International Relations] club to honor fraternities to SOCA [Students of the Caribbean Association]," Lendway said. "The IR club has a deal with the College Deli whereby the deli will give 10 percent of its profits on February 4 to the Bush-Clinton Foundation. HEART is helping with publicity."

Ruritan is planning a Valentine's Day fundraiser.

"On Valentine's Day, HEART is going to make construction paper cut-outs of hearts and sell them at the Sadler Center," Lendway said. "Any profit we make will go to the Red Cross."

While both WMSH and HEART are focused on uniting the campus to provide relief for victims of the earthquake, leaders of both projects emphasized that they intend to collaborate on fundraising.

"People know that we don't need to compete, we're just all trying to unite and focus ourselves in one direction," Shambley said. "I just hope William and Mary students stay tuned and involved, even though now it's a hot topic."

WMSH member Mallory Johnson '10 said that she hopes the outpouring of support for Haiti will lead to a continued charitable spirit at the College.

"We want this to be something that will last," Johnson said. "There is so much to learn from this ... We want to make sure this isn't something that [will] come and go."

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After committee survey, college community united against pug

Phoenix among student, alumni, faculty favorites

By **BRITTANY HUGHES**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The five mascot options have evoked countless reactions among students and alumni of the College of William and Mary, but one thing is for certain: No one likes the pug.

"The pug is not very mascot-like," Hannah Thornton '10 said. "It isn't a very tough animal and is a very odd choice."

The Mascot Search Committee justified the pug concept by saying that King William III and Queen Mary II, the College's namesakes, both owned pugs. Students are not impressed.

"The fact that William and Mary owned pugs is not a good enough reason to have one as a mascot," Michelle

Noyes '10 said. "It is unattractive and weak and fails to capture the elegance, history and academic excellence of the school. No one will understand it."

Joining the unfavored pug on the list of finalists released by the Mascot Search Committee Dec. 8 are the king and queen, the phoenix, the griffin and the wren. Torch Creative, LLC, developed the concepts final artistic renderings.

The committee created an online survey for people to share their opinions of the concepts, and, according to the committee, nearly 11,200 people participated. Roughly 3,500 of the online survey's voters were students, representing nearly 45 percent of the student body.

With numerous Facebook groups

devoted to the mythological bird, the phoenix had strong support even before the mascot search committee had been formed, and its favor has not dwindled.

"I like the phoenix because it symbolizes the school's history and how it's still standing after all these years," Noyes said.

Thornton, however, prefers the wren because of its connection to the College and the historical significance of the Wren Building as the oldest academic building continues in use in the country. Thornton also said the wren would be a unique mascot.

"No one else has the wren," Thornton said.

The mascot committee said the new mascot should reflect the spirit of the school but also be an intimidating

force during athletic events. Students said the mascot should convey the college's athletic determination and competitive nature despite its small size.

"The phoenix and the griffin are my two favorites," said Tribal Fever executive board member Robert VanGundy '13. "The phoenix is fiery and exciting. The griffin is strong and forceful. I don't think the queen and king would be good for Tribe pride; they are kind of awkward. It strikes me as something that would not be good on the sidelines."

There are some who think that none of the concepts would give the College a competitive edge during games.

"I wasn't crazy about any of them," Douglas Wood '63, J.D. '72, President of the Williamsburg Alumni Chapter, said. "There really aren't any of them that struck me as anything that would be suitable for William and Mary. I

didn't think they added anything to the William and Mary sports teams."

According to the committee, the five finalists are just concepts, and the ultimate appearance of the mascot will be developed after a basic idea is chosen.

College President Taylor Reveley will choose the final mascot. The Office of the President said there is no set date for Reveley to reveal his choice and the decision is still in the works, though Reveley has said that he hopes the decision will be reached sometime this year.

In the end, students said they would still support the College no matter which mascot the committee ultimately chooses to represent the school.

"Whatever mascot we end up with, we will always be the Tribe," VanGundy said. "We won't let [the mascot] diminish the spirit of the Tribe."

Students praise compromise resolution, but residents voice concerns

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zoning district.

Haulman's proposal combined technical elements of the last two options. The administrative approval mechanism from option three and the enhanced enforcement for single-family dwellings from option two. He also inserted a clause, after consulting the city attorney's office, which would allow the zoning administrator to extend provisional special-use permits to landlords already in the approval process.



Braxton

Knudson said that conversations with student renters led her to believe that the ordinance had little impact on how many individuals actually shared a residence.

"What's the point [of changing the ordinance] if students don't really care?" Knudson said.

The lack of communication between the city and local landlords, as well as reported vacancies in several off-campus apartment complexes, also influenced her decision to vote against the proposal, she added.

Braxton could not be reached for comment.

Reaction from student leaders to the amended zoning ordinance has been mixed. In a statement released shortly after the Dec. 10 meeting, the

Student Assembly praised Mayor Jeanne Zeidler and Haulman for understanding the complexities of the demand for off-campus housing, but urged the council to consider expanding the ordinance to allow more homes to be eligible for the four-person occupancy limit.

Students for a Better Williamsburg, a non-partisan political action committee that has participated in conversations about the ordinance, released a statement saying that the ordinance was an encouraging sign for improving town-gown relations.

Many residents in attendance at the Dec. 10 meeting were less than pleased with Haulman's proposal and its passage. Several expressed outrage at the council for voting on a resolution they hadn't had a

chance to examine.

"You all have put things on the table that should be looked over," resident Bill Dell said, interrupting the vote.

A majority of the residents who spoke at the meeting opposed any increase in the occupancy limit.

"I was very disappointed," Stewart Goodin, a resident who had spoken against expanding the ordinance, said. "We spent all this time ... and they blew it off. It's not democracy."

According to Zoning Administrator Rodney Rhodes, the city has received no applications from landlords seeking to expand the rental occupancy limit on their properties, although several individuals have called to make inquiries.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Too little, too late

As far as housing goes, the past two months have been nothing if not eventful. While students have been occupied with exams and then off on winter break, the city has been taking steps away from its tired stall tactics and toward finally taking some action — even if for worse as often as for better. Although the City of Williamsburg's strategy may have changed, the fundamentals of this game remain: Even with the recent modifications to the three-person rule, progressive as they may seem, students are still not getting the respect they deserve in town-gown relations, and so it remains time to take power into our own hands by electing favorable representation.

After the city cracked down on three-person rule violations in seven houses across town, a window opened that allowed for the passing of new modifications to the housing code. Previously, entrenched anti-student representatives would not budge because they felt the three-person rule was already too weak so long as it was unenforceable. With enforcement came change — a give and take.

But we are skeptical that students are receiving as much as they gave. Yes, we got a brand new "four-person rule," but it wasn't anything close to what we needed. This bill is, in fact, merely a political solution that by design will not produce results. Its stipulations limit the impact of its expansion, ensuring that only a handful of houses in town benefit from the change. As a result, there will be no general release of pressure in the area around campus, and it will not become easier to find close housing — much less to afford it — for the vast majority of student renters. This will give us plenty to talk about in the new Town-Gown Relations Task Force, the nicest of a series of potentially meaningful — and likely meaningless — gestures made by the city.

With students fuming over a patronizing bill, landlords nursing an ever-so-slightly bruised bottom line, and residents fretting over the threat of Animal House-style intrusions into their neighborhoods, this bill has the workings of a great political compromise — one that leaves no one happy. And in this we see the slightest of silver linings: Previously, it seemed we were the only ones left unhappy when the city council took on this issue.

But we are not there yet — not by a long shot. Last week, with students home on break, the city council sided against students, voting down a bill that would have extended the College's limited ability to house students in hotels when in a pinch. Landlords won the day, convincing the council that this bill would be an annoyance to their business model.

While we understand the self-interest that motivated the landlords' arguments, the council's decision was a lapse of judgment. The landlords claimed that there is no housing crisis in Williamsburg because they frequently are left with some vacant rental spaces, which misses the point entirely. The College wants the ability to house some students in hotels, like those who transfer to the College late in the summer, who are unable to find acceptable — meaning cheap — housing in Williamsburg. If landlords find themselves offering a product for which there is no market, can they really be seen as the victims?

Had the council held our interests to heart, it would have stood up for them. But clearly, it does not. On the one hand, it refuses us the increase in per-house capacity that we need. On the other, it refuses the expansion of campus-sponsored housing. In its opinion, the cure to all ailments is simple: The College should build new dorms. But our cash-strapped College is already doing so, building more dorms on a campus that houses the highest percentage of its student body of all public Virginia universities, military academies exempted. Maybe it's time for some real give and take.

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Permanent 'no vacancy' for students

Kristan Crawford

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Last week, the Williamsburg City Council voted against a proposal that would allow students to live in hotels and motels throughout the city. Although council members were initially prepared to vote in favor of the ordinance, testimonies given by apartment owners and leasing agents swayed the members' opinions. Apparently the city council, owners and agents have all forgotten one very basic business principle: Competition, within reason, is good for business.

By voting down the proposal, the city council is not only hurting the hotel industry in Williamsburg, but it is also hurting students.

Contrary to statements made by council member Judy Knudson, the College does not have an abundance of housing options. A student who is not able to secure a dorm must look for an apartment or house, most likely one that will be shared with one or two other students. With the cost of housing steadily increasing and the competition between students also looking for residences, finding a place to call home is a daunting task. This can be particularly stressful for transfers who, if arriving in the spring, only have five weeks to secure housing. Out-of-state transfer students experience more stress, especially when trying to locate housing via the internet without knowing about the neighborhood, location or crime statistics.

Prohibiting students from leasing hotel rooms gives apartment landlords another advantage: Rent can be increased more easily and property maintenance can be overlooked. Now that the landlords do not have

to worry about competing with hotels, there will be less incentive to properly care for the apartments and houses they manage.

Instead of fighting competition, property owners and the city council should embrace it.

Allow students to lease hotel rooms per semester. It is silly to require a 12-month lease from a student who may only reside in the apartment or house for a total of eight months out of the year. Incentives should be offered to students who sign a three or four-semester lease. The College, city and hotel owners could agree on a room tax that would go to the city. Hotels are rarely filled to capacity and owners would undoubtedly agree that a room leased to a student, even at a discounted rate, is better than a room that is vacant. It is a shame that no hotel representatives attended the council meeting. Unfortunately, their absence spoke loud and clear to council members.

If landlords were competing with hotels for students, they would be forced to offer more student-friendly options: Shorter lease options, better maintained properties and competitive rental rates are just some of the

benefits for both students and landlords.

The College and housing authorities should join together to agree on a plan that would benefit everyone, not just landlords.

When Wendy's wanted to add a location on Richmond Road near McDonald's, the city did not hold a meeting to ask the McDonald's owner whether or not he approved. If given the opportunity, the owner would certainly choose to be the only restaurant in Williamsburg. Hopefully, the next meeting held to discuss housing issues will have landlords, hotel owners, students and College housing authority members in attendance.

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The city council is not only hurting the local hotel industry, they are hurting students.

Burgeoning athletic programs could be unexpected boon to College

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



It seems that the biggest news over winter break is the continued success of the College of William and Mary's men's basketball team. Though we did lose to Virginia Commonwealth University Wednesday, the basketball team seems determined to replicate our football success.

These two historic seasons have caused observers to think twice about the College, not known for its success in the two most watched college sports. Of course, this is something most of you are already aware of. What you might not know is that a spectacular season in college sports can have a positive effect outside of the athletics department.

There is a surprisingly large body of literature dedicated to determining what effects athletic success might have on a university. One theory, termed "football fever," argues that athletic success may have a negative effect on graduation rates and education quality as students

and faculty might be tempted to put off work in order to watch games. However, most research does not support this premise, including a 2004 study by Irvine Tucker. Tucker compared football success to faculty articles published in economic journals and found no correlation, indicating that professors are not replacing research with watching football.

Other theories argue that athletic success enhances university application rates. The best documented evidence is the "Flutie Effect." This phenomenon is named after Doug Flutie, the former Boston College quarterback whose 1984 Hail Mary touchdown pass secured a come-from-behind win over the University of Miami and a place in the national spotlight.

After that season, Flutie's alma mater saw applications increase 30 percent over the next two years. A similar reaction followed George Mason University's surprise ascension to the Final Four three years ago. Applications there jumped by 22 percent the following year. Media attention most likely caused an increase in name recognition among those preparing to apply to college.

Other studies also show that winning colleges have higher graduation and alumni donation rates. The "football chicken soup" theory contends that a winning team creates greater social cohesion among students who engage in the social activity that goes along with watching games. Thus, they make the transition to college life more easily and are less likely to drop out and more likely to donate in the future, as they remember their college days fondly.

A 2004 research paper attempted to prove a correlation between football and basketball successes and positive effects on a university. The author found that football success, measured in winning percentage, bowl appearances and polls, has a positive effect on graduation rates and alumni donation. While the effects of basketball teams were not found to be significant, having a good basketball team correlates with higher SAT scores among students, which is most likely due to an increased application pool. In fact, all the most recent data suggests that winning teams do have a positive effect on a university overall.

Now, of course, the College is a bit different from most universities,

especially those with large athletic programs. We're still a very long way from March Madness, so I am making no predictions. The College will probably not become an athletic powerhouse, but that doesn't mean

that better sports teams can't help a school that prides itself on liberal arts education. It's just one more reason to root for the continued success of all our teams.

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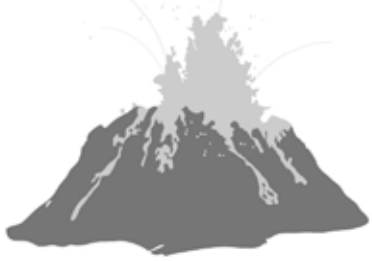


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VARIETY

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VOLCANO



Communities near volcanoes will have emergency plans. Make sure you know what they are.

Prepare for the various dangers that can accompany eruptions: mudflows, flash floods, landslides, rock falls, earthquakes, ash, acid rain and even tsunamis.

Have a plan to meet up with members of your group in a safe and remote area; eruptions can happen at any time which could separate you from your group.

Keep disaster supplies on hand, especially a flashlight (with extra batteries), a first aid kit, some food and water, medicine and a dust mask. Goggles are also a good idea.

If you are trapped inside, close all windows and doors. If you are outside, try to seek shelter. In the event of a rockfall, curl up into a ball to protect your head. Areas near streams or rivers are prime spots for mudflows.

During ashfall, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, goggles and use a dust mask or damp cloth to help breathe. Keep cars turned off — the ash in the air will clog the engine.

LANDSLIDE



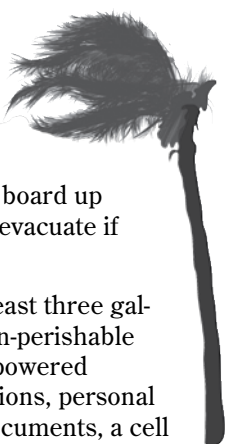
Landslides, sometimes referred to as mudslides or debris flows, usually occur in areas where they have occurred in the past, so find out if the area you are traveling to has a history of landslides before you visit.

Heavily saturated ground is very susceptible to mudflows. If you suspect danger, evacuate immediately and alert the authorities and others in the area of the danger.

Signs of an imminent landslide include trees cracking, boulders knocking together and a sudden increase in water flow in nearby streams.

Stay awake during severe storms; many landslide deaths occur while people are sleeping.

HURRICANE



When a hurricane is coming, restock on disaster supplies, bring in loose items from outside, board up windows with plywood, and evacuate if officials advise it.

Supplies should include at least three gallons of water per person, non-perishable food, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit, medications, personal hygiene items, important documents, a cell phone, cash, blankets, a map and rain gear.

More rainfall can lead to flooding, even after the storm has ended.

If you evacuate, do not return until officials say it is safe to do so.

Avoid tap water while traveling until you are positive that it is not contaminated.

TORNADO



Know safe areas for you to go to during a tornado, preferably including a basement, storm cellar or interior room on the bottom floor with no windows.

Signs of an oncoming tornado include dark, greenish clouds, a cloud of debris, large hail, a funnel cloud and a roaring noise.

WORST CASE SCENARIO

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat Online Editor

You and some friends are walking through the local market, checking out exotic produce and roasted insects on skewers. Just as you've psyched yourself up to try that green spiky melon, you feel the ground start to shake, or a funnel cloud takes shape in the distance, or a riot suddenly breaks out.

Fortunately, most students studying or traveling abroad never face these dangers — but hypothetical can easily become reality. As Jonna Knappenberger '09 and Landon Yarrington M.A. '09 Ph.D '15 recently found out during the earthquake in Haiti, it is a good idea to have a back up plan when traveling abroad.

During natural disasters or political or social turmoil abroad, embassies work with the U.S. State Department to bring Americans home. During last week's earthquake in Haiti, for example, the government helped evacuate hundreds of Americans.

The College of William and Mary can provide some help to students traveling abroad; College administrators sent ID photos of students trapped there to the State Department to help prove they were American citizens.

Taking precautions for emergencies, however, can help make emergencies and evacuations simpler and safer.

First, before leaving the country, leave copies of important documents — passport, driver's license, credit card and bank account numbers — with family members or other trusted people, as the State Department recommends. You should carry these documents — or copies — on you at all times while abroad.

Once you arrive in a foreign nation, find out where the nearest American embassy or consulate is located, as well as the nearest hospital and police station. If you don't already speak the local language, learn important phrases that could help in an emergency.

Keep a small emergency first aid kit on hand, and decide what few objects you would take with you during an evacuation. Appropriate items include a few changes of clothing, medication, legal paperwork and some food and water. Remember, you may have to carry what you bring for quite some distance.

Keeping your family and others traveling with you advised of your location and plans is critical to helping them find you in an emergency.

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EARTHQUAKE



If you are inside when the shaking begins, drop to the floor, find cover and hold on. If you are in bed, try to get under the bed, curl up and protect your head with a pillow.

Standing in doorways for protection during an earthquake is a myth — they're no more sturdy than any other part of most houses. Instead, seek shelter under a sturdy piece of furniture that can protect you from falling objects.

Stay away from windows, which can easily shatter. Wait to leave the building until the shaking stops; use stairs, never elevators.

If you are outside, find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay away from buildings, trees, power lines, lampposts or other structures.

If you are driving, pull over and stop. Stay away from bridges and overpasses.

Be alert for falling rocks or landslides, both during and after an earthquake. Aftershocks are to be expected, anytime from minutes to months after the main quake. Many earthquakes also generate tsunamis, so watch for signs and move away from oceans and beaches.

Check yourself for injuries and help other injured and trapped people. Check the radio for information and instructions. Put out small fires, the most common hazard after earthquakes. Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines, and do not enter damaged buildings.

TSUNAMI



Tsunamis are large ocean waves formed by underwater earthquakes. Contrary to popular belief, tsunamis do not create surface waves; instead, the water appears as a rapidly moving surge onshore.

One sign a tsunami is approaching is a sudden rise or fall in coastal waters.

If you are in an area prone to tsunamis, plan an evacuation route to get to at least 100 feet above sea level or two miles inland. Keep an emergency supplies kit handy.

After a coastal earthquake or when a tsunami warning is sounded, evacuate the area immediately. After a tsunami, be careful reentering buildings. They may have been damaged by the wave.

EMERGENCY

FIVE FIRST AID FIXES

1

Set a broken bone — Move the injured limb into a natural position. Immobilize the joints above and below the break using strips of fabric to tie the limb to a stiff object such as a tree branch or board.

2

Shock — Prevent the victim from becoming cold or overheated. Elevate his or her legs about 12 inches if broken bones are not suspected. Do not give them food or drink until medical personnel arrive. Comfort the victim.

3

Burns — Cool the burn immediately with large amounts of cold running water. Cover the area with dry, clean non-adhesive dressings or cloth.

4

CPR — If the victim is not breathing normally and does not have a pulse, use CPR to restart the heart. Pinch nose, cover the mouth with yours and blow until you see the chest rise. Give two one-second breaths. If the victim is still not breathing begin chest compressions. Push down on the chest one to two inches 30 times right between the nipples. Pump at the rate of 100 beats per minute, faster than once per second. Repeat until an AED or help arrives.

5

Control bleeding — Cover the wound with a dressing and apply direct pressure by pressing firmly against the wound. Cover the dressing with a roller bandage until the bleeding stops. Elevate the wounded area. Provide constant care for shock.

— compiled Mary Bonney



OLYVIA SALYER — THE FLAT HAT

"The Gondoliers" features a large number of lead characters creating a chaotic and confusing love story. Student tickets are \$4 and performances are today at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Comedy and complications

Sinfonicron's production of "The Gondoliers" features secret marriages and mistaken identities

By MARY BONNEY
Flat Hat Assoc. Variety Editor

Three wives, two husbands and a secret lover. This scandalous situation may sound like the latest episode of "Jerry Springer," but it is actually the condensed plot of the play "The Gondoliers."

The Sinfonicron Light Opera Company presents the musical "The Gondoliers" this weekend, directed by Keegan Cassidy '10 and produced by Greg Benson '11. Sinfonicron is completely student-run — both onstage and behind the curtain. The cast and crew spent the last three weeks of winter break building sets, sewing costumes, choreographing dance numbers and re-running songs to bring this comedic musical to life.

Audiences will be captivated by this Gilbert and Sullivan classic if not solely for its complicated storyline. A young woman, played by Mary Myers '10, was married at birth to the heir of the throne of Baratara. When her Duke and Duchess parents, Rebecca Phillips '11 and Christopher Richardson '13, take her to locate her betrothed, it is revealed that a drunken gondolier mixed up the prince with his own son. The two gondoliers must jointly rule the kingdom and handle the wives they have recently married until the rightful ruler is revealed. Throw in a murdered king, a threatening inquisitor and a love affair, and you have the makings of an intricate and humorous musical.

"The Gondoliers" was chosen by the

company and it was picked because it's a very ensemble-driven show," Cassidy said. "[This show] looks at various sides of marriage — it's like a funny version of a romantic comedy."

For many cast members the best part of being in this show was working alongside their friends.

"The leads bounced off each other well, and the other actors are brilliant. Every rehearsal was fun," Phillips said. "It's just an excellent display of the talent at our school."

While students at the College of William and Mary are known to work hard, putting together an entire production in such a short amount of time is a major feat.

"It's exciting to see what fellow students can do," Dylan Echter '12 said. "It's a case of mistaken identity by more than one person and is just a really fun show."

"It's also quite fun to sing all those tongue-twister traditional [Gilbert and Sullivan] lyrics," Kate Hughes '12 said.

While several lyrics are lost during the frantically fast songs, some of the leads more than make up for the missed musings. The gender reversal of the Duke and Duchess is entertainment at its finest — nothing tops Richardson parading onstage in an ostentatious dress waving a four-foot fan followed by the petite Phillips in full royal regalia. Whether Myers is delivering her lines with perfect comedic timing or ad-libbing, which hopefully makes it past rehearsals, she often seems like an unstoppable one-woman

show. Barrett Armbruster '10 shines as the intimidating and highly-respected Grand Inquisitor surrounded by an impressive troupe of student dancers.

On the first weekend back on campus, students shouldn't miss out on such an entertaining production. Student tickets are only \$4 when purchased with the presentation of one of the coupons posted on doors around campus.



OLYVIA SALYER — THE FLAT HAT

Casilda [Mary Myers '10] is in love with Luiz [Tim Koch '11]. Unfortunately, she was promised at birth to another man.

CONFUSION CORNER

Break leads to major confusion

Kevin Mooney

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



I'm not sure what it is — a by-product of New Year's resolutions, early spring cleaning, perhaps something in the dining hall food — but it seems like everyone returns from break questioning their major. They've received their final grades, mulled them over, and you know what? Screw that econometrics class; I didn't want to be an economics major anyway.

I've been through the same thing myself — on a near daily basis actually. Sure, a certain degree of indecision is fine, but for me it keeps boiling down to the same question: How do you know if what you're doing is a huge mistake?

There are some choices in my life I can now say with complete certainty that were entirely mistakes: choosing to play clarinet in the middle school band, my haircut from ages six to 12 and association with the Webelos in the Boy Scouts. And although I had absolutely no idea at the time, I still can't escape the feeling that I should have figured out these mistakes sooner. I mean, really, I was the only male in the clarinet section. How do you not put that together?

The only way I can justify it is to say that these mistakes were too small to register, too inconsequential. But, I tell myself, if this mistake were a life-altering one — as one always seems to assume major selection is — then, of course, there would be some sort of sign. Maybe you can overlook a haircut, but if you're screwing up your whole future, you'd have to at least catch a whiff of foreboding. Seriously, it seems that with a combination of astute observation and Punnett squares, Oedipus could have figured out his unlucky fate in a week, tops. In fact, I'm pretty sure even he realized it (and, if I remember correctly, was like, "Alright guys, my B. Let me get the brooches.").

There's definitely a line beyond which you have to be aware you're making a dumb move given your expectations, like if you're an English major and you think you'll earn a living wage anytime within the next ten years. It's a distinction we make all the time — the same line between ignorance and negligence, between "That's an interesting hat" and "What the hell did you put on your head?" I just have no idea where that line is, aside from harboring an indistinct feeling that it's somewhere in between philosophy and psychology.

I guess my question is: How exactly do you make sure you don't end up a year after graduation gouging your eyes out, yelling, "Chemistry was the wrong choice." Or do you just try not to leave any brooches around and hope for the best?

But then, what if I'm not even asking the right question? (Like asking yourself which nose-ring will look better for your job interview.) What if college itself was the mistake? What if your decision to forgo the few, but surprisingly adept, skills developed in a semester of high school shop class was actually your fatal flaw? The recession could spur a total economic collapse, and before you know it, the world is ruled by berserker motorcycle gangs. You, forced to parlay what few skills you have left into the mean streets of a post-Apocalyptic Oceania, could become the Road Warrior and what good will your B.A. do you in the Thunderdome?

Or perhaps I've just spent far too much of break watching bad Australian sci-fi. Either situation seems equally plausible.

This concern over majors, as always, never amounts to much of anything. I always come to the same conclusions: that a Mad Max-Oedipus hybrid would make the best screenplay of any Quentin Tarantino movie, and that I probably should have applied to the business school. Still, I keep plodding along, sincerely hoping that I'm not, like Oedipus, being a dumb mother — well, you get the picture.

Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist. Expect a survey from him concerning his possible majors in the near future.

THAT GUY

Student's show out of this world

By CHELSEA CAUMONT
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Zach Claywell sits at *The Daily Grind*, wearing his trademark Pittsburgh Penguins hat and rasta-colored wristband. We find ourselves a quiet corner and dive in to discover Zach's post-college plans to make it big on the West Coast. He talks about his involvement in his fraternity, William & Mary TV, WCWM and Beardvember, all uniquely energetic pursuits that complement his personality. While his absurd endeavors and need to be unique are fueled by his restless imagination, Zach makes it clear in that he wouldn't be anywhere without the help of his friends.

Graduation is right around the corner. Off the top of your head, what experiences would you say have shaped your last four years at the College?

Me and [Sean] Twigg doing Flash Mob was pretty sweet. But me and Twigg on the radio was pretty important early on. I came in here wanting to do TV and The Flat Hat and the radio; I wanted to do everything. I joined Chi Phi. My dad started a fraternity in West Virginia, and he was like "You probably shouldn't start a fraternity. It's going to be really hard, and there's always one guy that's stuck with all the work." Luckily, I wasn't that one guy.

How do you think you will use your degree in the real world?

I'm a double major in philosophy and

English. I could either get my Ph.D. in philosophy, or move to Hollywood and try to be a screenwriter and try to get famous. And right now, it feels like that's what I'm leaning toward; and if that's the case, "Space Med School" [his WMTV show] is like my resume. I'm really putting everything I have into this, and a lot of people are putting everything they have into it as well. If I could just keep doing what I'm doing now with "Space Med School" forever — just working with my friends, figuring out where to put the camera, helping [Max] Brumby create a storyboard — I think that would be a fun and impractical way to make my living.

Why did you join Chi Phi?

We're a group of friends that founded a chapter of a national frat. We try not to earn the adjective "fratty" though. We're all different people, and not all of us are as silly as I am. I think it might be impossible to assemble 21 people that enjoy being silly as much as I do. It was out of character for me to join a fraternity, which you mention, a lot of people wouldn't know that I'm a fraternity man. There was an appeal there; I went to a brand new middle school, I went to a brand new high school, I go to the second — oldest college in the country and start a new fraternity. The one chance I had to embrace tradition and I just couldn't do it.

Where did the idea for "Space Med School" come from?

It was actually Brumby and Zach

Aravich, separate from me, in a conversation. I don't know the story that well, but I think they misheard somebody and Zach thought that she said she was going to space med school. And then Brumby and Zach kind of riffed on it, like, "What would a space med school be like?" And then I got involved and said, "What if it was a TV show?" The story is two friends at the worst med school in the whole galaxy — it orbits a trash dump — and hopefully it's going to be kind of like an Adult Swim-type of humor. It's a weird idea that's going to take a lot of work, and the only reason to push it through is because it's weird.

When will the show air?

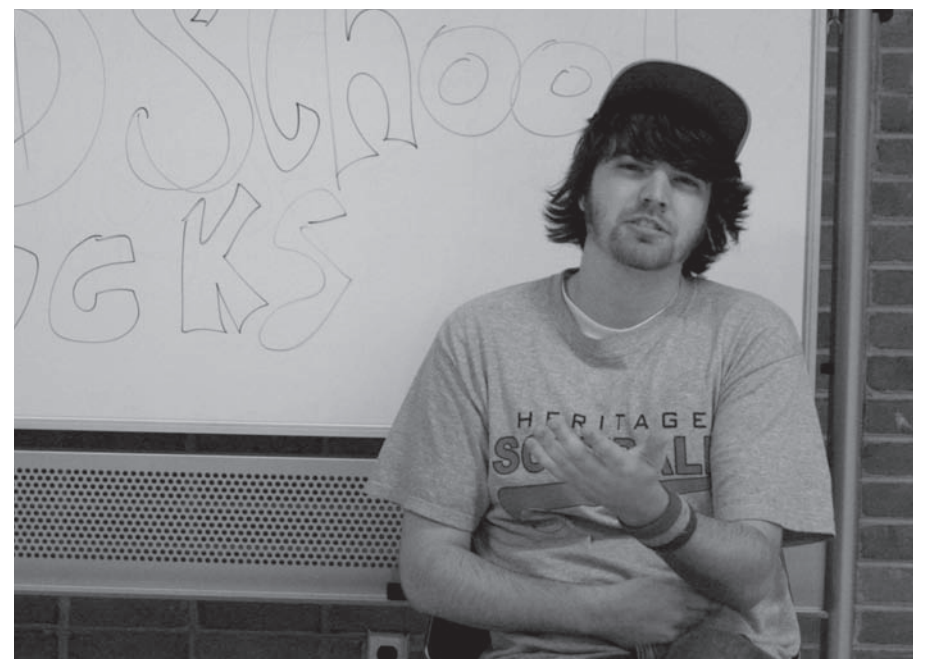
What we're trying to do is have 15-minute episodes, and we have two 15-minute episodes that we're working on right now. We're trying to shoot it by the end of January, edit it the first couple weeks of February, and get it out before spring break on William & Mary TV, channel 53, and on blip.tv.

Is the show more like "Grey's Anatomy" or "House"?

It's more like "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." I don't think there's one scene where anyone's doing anything remotely medical. Annie Brown walks in one scene in a Halloween nurse's costume. That's the closest medical thing that happens on the show. It's basically just two dudes hangin' out kind of comedy.

Who is your favorite Power Ranger?

I didn't watch the Power Rangers. I



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Zach Claywell '10 keenly promotes his show "Space Med School." He hopes to pursue a career in screenwriting after graduation.

watched "Eureka's Castle." It's more of a little kid's show than Power Rangers. I've always been a contrarian; everyone was like "I'm gonna be a Power Ranger for Halloween," and I was like "I'm gonna be The Blues Brothers."

In the past you have been an active participant in Beardvember. Have you ever considered joining Beard Team USA, and represents the United States at the biennial World Beard and Moustache Championships?

No, I don't think I'll ever grow a mustache of fine enough quality because it comes in blonde. I like being out there. I like putting in the work to promote and get participation in ridiculous things. I don't just get a beard, I have to start a movement.

I've heard that you have exuberant live performances with your bands, what does that entail?

Yeah, that started in high school. I used to break stages. I would throw mics because I was the lead singer — I couldn't play an instrument, so all I could do was flail around. I just love bands like The Flaming Lips and The Mars Volta, that it's worth getting off your ass and going to see them live because they're going to put energy into it. If I could, I'd be Wayne Coyne [the lead singer of The Flaming Lips]; that's who I'd want to be. I strive to be onstage with people looking at me being weird.

We part ways so Zach can meander over to The Green Leaf Cafe, leaving me wondering what crazy adventure he will get himself involved in next.

SPORTS

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

Tracy Chosen for Texas All-Star Game, NFL combine

Senior Defensive End Adrian Tracy was selected to participate in the Texas vs. the Nation Challenge to be played Feb. 6 in El Paso, Texas. The game, founded in 2007, pits the top collegiate football players from Texas versus those from around the country. Tracy was also invited to participate in the NFL Scouting Combine taking place Feb. 24 through Mar. 2 in Indianapolis. He is one of only 11 players from the Football Championship Subdivision invited to the elite combine.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dani Collins '09 selected 60th overall in WPS Draft

Dani Collins, '09, was selected with the sixth pick of the seventh round of the Women's Professional Soccer Draft last Friday. Collins, a two-time All-American midfielder for the Tribe, was selected 60th overall by the Philadelphia Independence, making her the second former Tribe player to be drafted into the WPS after forward Claire Zimmeck, '09, who was selected in the 2008 draft. Collins was named Assistant Director of Outreach Programs for the Philadelphia Independence last October.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pye, DeHenzel pair to lead Tribe in conference play

Sophomore guards Taysha Pye and Katherine DeHenzel helped the Tribe go 4-4 over the break, with wins against Hofstra and Northeastern to start conference play. Pye led the Tribe to a 55-48 win over Hofstra Jan. 3, scoring 20 points while going 8 for 11 from the free throw line. DeHenzel picked up the slack against Northeastern as the redshirt-sophomore point guard scored 20 points in the 74-65 win Jan. 14th. The Tribe dropped Thursday's rematch versus Hofstra 68-51. Pye led the Tribe with 14 points while senior forward Tiffany Benson scored 10 points and had 13 rebounds.

ATHLETE FOCUS

SARAH JONSON,
JUNIOR, DEFENDER



The Flat Hat caught up with up with junior All-American defender Sarah Jonson to find out her take on trash-talking, the pleasures of defending and her chances as repeating as an All American.

What do you think of the team's top-20 ranking? We don't concern ourselves with it too much but it's an exciting challenge. Tribe lacrosse is on the prowl.

Are you going to be an All-American again? We'll see. One always hopes to improve from year to year but as long as we win CAAs and go to the tournament I'm content.

What do you like most about playing defense? Shutting people down. It's a real treat to keep people from doing what they want to.

Is there much trash-talking on the field? I steer clear of the trash talking. The only time I ever tried I shamed myself with, "I didn't say anything stupid head."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

TRIBE OVER BREAK

RESULTS

Dec. 19 vs. Vassar, W, 94-48
Dec. 22 @ Radford, W, 70-68
Dec. 30 @ Maryland, W, 83-77
Jan. 2 @ Hofstra, W, 48-47
Jan. 4 vs. UNCW, L, 61-62
Jan. 6 @ Delaware, W, 74-73 (OT)
Jan. 9 @ Drexel, W, 73-48
Jan. 14 vs. JMU, W, 85-78
Jan. 16 vs. Hofstra, W, 73-66

By MATT POMS
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Throughout the season, William and Mary had been unflappable away from home, compiling a 7-2 record while calmly and capably dealing with hostile arenas in the ACC, Big East and CAA. But Wednesday night, against a conference rival at a raucous Richmond arena that surpassed the others in both intensity and decibel level, the Tribe's confidence was punctured.

Virginia Commonwealth (13-4, 5-3 CAA) dominated the College in nearly every facet of the game, and the Tribe (14-4, 6-2 CAA) folded against a seething backdrop of gold and black as the Rams rolled to an 81-59 victory at the Siegel Center. The home team raced to a quick 15-4 advantage just minutes into the first half and never looked back as it exacted revenge for its earlier defeat in Williamsburg.

The College's national-best, seven-game road win streak was snapped with the loss.

"We took a whupping," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "I thought VCU was outstanding and we weren't very good tonight. We played their pace; that was the biggest factor in the ballgame."

It was a pace that allowed the Rams to effectively use their speed to push the ball quickly up the floor on offense, while stifling the College with a smothering press defense. The Tribe committed an uncharacteristic 14 turnovers to just 12 assists. VCU frequently forced the College to take quick shots, blunting the Tribe's usually effective Princeton offense by packing the lane.

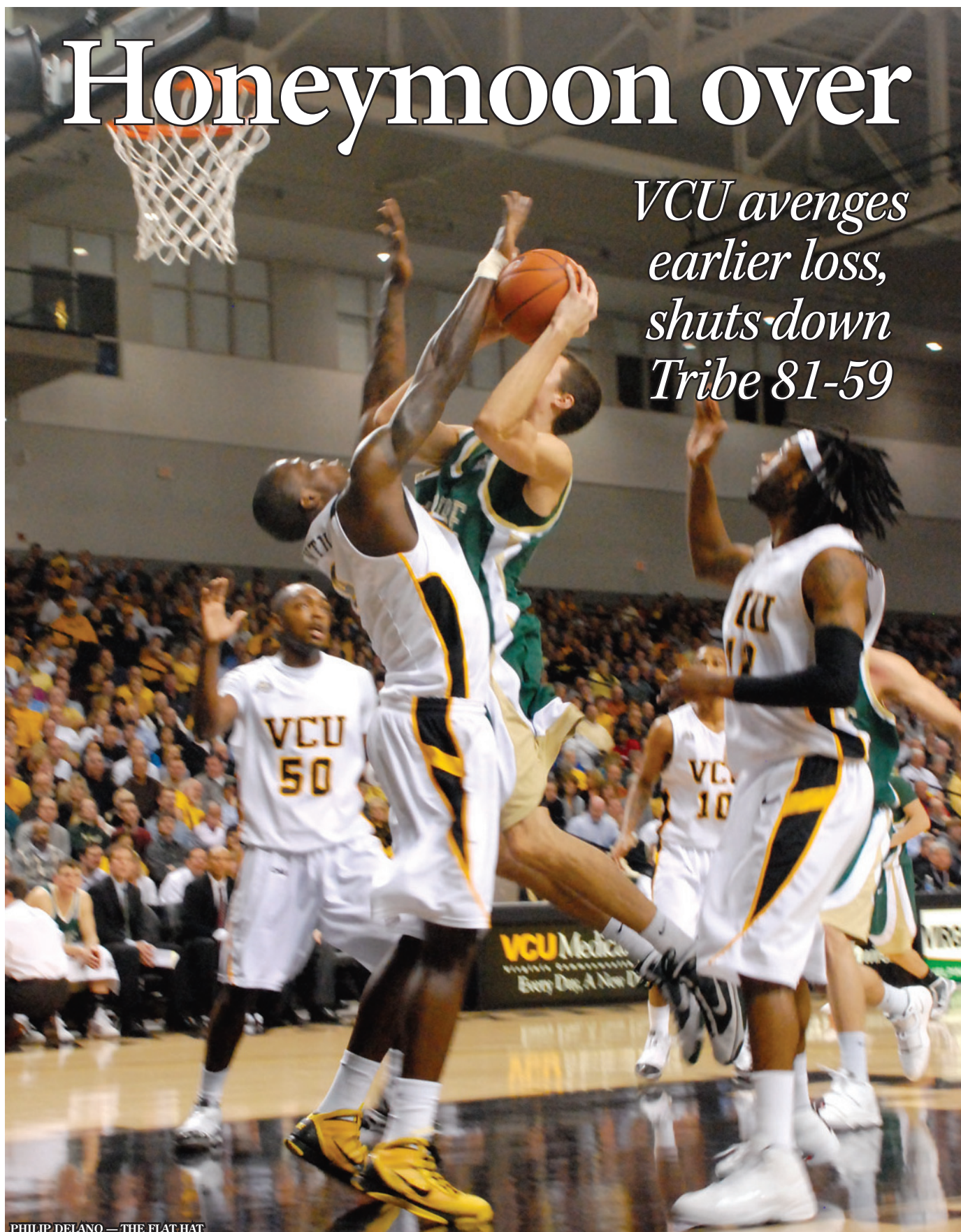
"We know how they press, but you can't duplicate that type of speed in a practice environment," Shaver said.

That press wore down the Tribe offensively and contributed to a night on which the squad was able to convert just 7 of its 27 three-point attempts and 38.7 percent of its shots overall.

Normally reliable sophomore forward Quinn McDowell was particularly erratic, recording a 1 for 9 shooting performance, while sophomore sharpshooter JohnMark Ludwick was a futile 1 for 6 from beyond the arc.

"We just didn't knock down our shots," senior guard David Schneider said. "And that kind of added to their pressure."

And when that on-court pressure was com-



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Honeymoon over

VCU avenges earlier loss, shuts-down Tribe 81-59

bined with the VCU faithful — 7,500 strong of screaming diehards — it became a force that the Tribe could not overcome.

Despite its inability to find consistent scoring, the College found itself firmly in the game at halftime, trailing 31-26. An effusive dunk from senior forward Danny Sumner just minutes into the second period brought the Tribe within two points at 33-31, conjuring images of the last meeting between the two teams in which the College overcame a 15-point second half deficit to pull out a 75-74 victory.

But the VCU pressure, both on the court and off, would not allow another comeback.

VCU forward Jamie Skeen supplied a pair of key buckets, and All-CAA center Larry Sanders took over from there, as the Rams

quickly built the lead back into double digits.

"It's always going to be a factor when you play VCU at their place," Schneider said. "They played with a lot of aggression."

Coupled with victories by Old Dominion and Northeastern, as well as an earlier win by George Mason, the loss dropped the College from first to fourth place of a tightly contested CAA, trailing the other three schools by one game.

The Tribe will have a chance to move back up immediately, as it hosts Old Dominion Saturday night in Kaplan Arena.

"The one thing I'll guarantee you is that these guys will respond," Shaver said. "We've had a great locker room all year, we'll have probably our best practice of the year tomorrow, and we will respond."

CAA STANDINGS

1. Old Dominion — 7-1, 15-5
2. George Mason — 7-1, 12-7
3. Northeastern — 7-1, 12-7
4. William and Mary — 6-2, 14-4
5. Va. Commonwealth — 5-3, 13-4
6. Drexel — 5-3, 10-10
7. Georgia State — 3-5, 9-11
8. Hofstra — 2-6, 9-11
9. James Madison — 2-6, 8-10
10. UNC-Wilmington — 2-6, 6-13
11. Delaware — 1-7, 5-14
12. Towson — 1-7, 4-14

Top four teams receive first-round bye in CAA Tournament

MEN'S SOCCER

Hoxie seventh Tribe player drafted into MLS

Senior taken 37th overall by San Jose Earthquakes

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Former William and Mary standout forward Andrew Hoxie '09 is going on a road trip. The San Jose Earthquakes announced Hoxie's name in the third round of the 2010 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft Jan. 14. The 37th-overall selection's next task is to make the nearly 3,000-mile drive from Williamsburg to San Jose, Calif. in time for the first squad workout Jan. 23.

Held in the Philadelphia Convention Center in front of members of the media, coaches and fans, the draft did not disappoint Hoxie.

"The draft was in a huge room and when someone gets picked, the fans go crazy," Hoxie said. "[Once selected, you] walk up and give a speech ... I was just happy to be drafted. I had no idea; I could have gone first round, I could have gone fourth round, as coaches are now looking for an individual player to fit certain positions."

Hoxie expects to see immediate playing time in San Jose. The Earthquakes finished second-to-last in MLS last season and, with the exception of forward Ryan Johnson, had little punch at the striker position.

"I am going to have to prove myself," Hoxie said. "The first game is not until the end of March, so we have a long pre-season ahead of us. I am hoping to start and play ... we'll see how it goes."

The Edna, Okla. native became the seventh Tribe player drafted into MLS, and the first since 2004. Hoxie

was the 10th forward selected and will seek to join defender Wade Barret '98 as one of the only two Tribe players on an MLS roster this spring.

After graduating in December, Hoxie set his sights on the invite-only Adidas MLS Player Combine that took place in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla from Jan. 8 to 12.

At the combine, he was placed on Team Condivo, named after the Adidas line. Four teams are formed from the 62 invites and each participated in matches against the other. Team Condivo went 3-0 as Hoxie led all scorers, notching two goals, including the opening goal of the combine, bending a ball around a defender in a one-on-one opportunity.

"Guys from schools like William and Mary, it is hard because you don't get a lot of recognition," Hoxie said. "There were a lot of coaches that had never heard of me or seen me play. It was nice to get my name out there early."

Hoxie was pleased with his performance at the combine.

"I think I played well; I did what I wanted to do," he said. "I have been running and lifting, but I haven't had a lot of opportunities to play soccer because of the weather."

Hoxie played 72 games for the College, registering 35 goals while capping his career being named to multiple All-American teams and as the 2009 CAA Player of the Year.

Once in San Jose, he will work out with the Earthquakes for a few weeks before heading south to Arizona for a training session. The team will then travel to England for pre-season action before returning to San Jose for their home opener against defending MLS Champion Real Salt Lake March 27.

Until then, he'll just enjoy the ride.



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Forward Andrew Hoxie '09 scored 10 goals in 2009.