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René Magloire, Haiti's former Minister of Justice and a special advisor to the president, will discuss the aftermath of the January earthquake Monday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in room 119 at the law school. Magloire will discuss what is in store for the country, and what the future holds for the Haitian government, courts and institutions.

I like the way you move. The Ballroom Club will be hosting a Valentine's Day Sweethearts Ball tonight in Chesapeake C at 7 p.m. Stop in for a lesson in waltz and rumba. After the lessons you'll be ready to boogie; admission to the ball is \$3 and will go from 8 to 10 p.m.

Give your Valentine's Day an international flair and come out to the Middle Eastern Ensemble's performance of traditional love songs. The event will be held Sunday in Lodge 1 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Text message breakup? Voodoo doll making and bad break-up bingo are just some of the activities AMP will be offering to soothe your broken heart tomorrow night from 7 to 10 p.m. in Lodge 1 for Anti-Valentine's Day.

Jon Stewart '84 attacked Vanderbilt University, one of the College's top competitors for applicants. On 'The Daily Show' Tuesday night, Stewart called Vandy out for not admitting a girl in the audience. "Nobody puts ... that girl over there ... in a corner, Vanderbilt," Stewart said. "What are you, the Commodores? Oh, your mascot's an outdated computer."

A 50-car pile-up on I-64 just outside of Williamsburg, which was the product of the blizzard-like conditions, made ABC's "World News with Diane Sawyer" Wednesday night. No one was seriously injured in the pile-up, video of which was taken by a passerby and posted to YouTube. The video has made it to other news outlets besides ABC, including Fox News.

VCU chemistry professor Michael Mautner wants to spread life throughout the universe by depositing primitive organisms on potentially fertile planets and protoplanets throughout the universe since we have an obligation to ensure human life continues even after planet Earth dies. According to Captain Picard, "That is how we propagate our species."

Va. Gov. Bob McDonnell announced that he will not be supporting former Gov. Tim Kaine's proposal to freeze the Local Composite Index, which determines state and local funding responsibility. WJCC Public Schools Superintendent Gary Mathews said officials are planning for another budget cut of at least \$2.3 million.

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UKROP'S NO MORE



INSIDE
 The 25-store grocery chain with College ties was bought out Monday by Giant-Carlisle for \$140 million. See page 3.

Va. General Assembly tables bills to decrease out-of-staters

Motions would have required 75 percent in-state enrollment



GRAPHIC BY OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

By SARAH OWERMOHLE
 Flat Hat Staff Writer

Four bills to limit out-of-state enrollment at state schools were tabled Monday by a Virginia House of Delegates subcommittee, delaying the potential legislature from progressing for at least another year.

The bills were tabled by a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, which recommended that the issue be studied over the coming year by Gov. Bob McDonnell's advisory commission on higher education.

One bill in particular, introduced by Del. Timothy Hugo '86 (R-Fairfax), would have required state universities to enroll at least 75 percent of their students from in-state schools. The proposed bill would have affected the College of William and Mary, which currently enrolls 63 percent in-state students, the University of Virginia, at 62 percent, Virginia Tech, 70 percent, and James Madison University, 71 percent.

ON THE TABLE FROM HB 1026

"Each public institution of higher education ... must establish rules and regulations requiring that at least 75 percent of students admitted and enrolled at the institution be Virginia domiciles."

Hugo, who has previously referred to the College as "the University of New Jersey, Williamsburg campus," and U.Va. as "the University of New York, Charlottesville campus," has addressed the issue numerous times on the House floor this year, arguing that qualified in-state students are being denied because out-of-state students are "flocking in" due to relatively low tuition rates of Va. state universities.

For the College, the implications of such a bill would be serious. College spokesman Brian Whitson noted that increasing the in-state student ratio to 75 percent would result in a reduction of about \$9 million in revenues to the College's operating budget.

Hugo's bill would have required that this loss of revenue be made up by increasing out-of-state tuition. Whitson said, however, that such a measure would be extremely unlikely.

"William and Mary does not have

much more flexibility in terms of increasing the proportion of our tuition costs paid by out-of-state students," he said.

Currently, out-of-state students provide nearly 70 percent of all tuition paid by students, and each out-of-state undergraduate pays approximately \$20,000 more in tuition than Va. residents.

"The state does not provide adequate funding per student, so this policy would be a real hit to the budget," College Provost Michael Halleran said. "Quality education would diminish because of that."

Del. Jimmie Massie (R-Richmond) also opposed the bill, despite his personal appeal.

"As a parent of a high school senior — daddy's only daughter — who is applying to three out of the four schools [affected by the bill] I am very sensitive to this," he said.

Massie said that if an in-state student applies to all four of the state schools in question, they have a 96 percent chance of being accepted into at least one of them.

"Part of a full spectrum of higher education opportunities for college

Fraternity housing talks poorly attended

Three participate in discussion on design for Greek residences

By IAN BRICKEY
 Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The first of three focus group meetings about the future of Greek housing at the College of William and Mary was held Tuesday night, with only three students in attendance.

Associate Director of Student Activities Anne Arseneau '89 said the poor turnout was not unexpected.

"I'm not totally surprised, but I would hope that we have more in the future," she said. "We provided the message in Greek Digest, but there were some technical difficulties and it went out later than I think [Council for Fraternal Affairs President Ian Fenwick '10] had hoped it would go ... It's not really symptomatic of anything. It's easy to think others will respond, and that you don't have to."

Arseneau met with members of the Delta Chi and Kappa Sigma fraternities to discuss their ideal fraternity housing design.

"We're just trying to compile lots of conversations about what people don't like about what we currently have," she said. "We're collecting feedback from constituent groups for the ideal setup of fraternity housing. What would we do differently?"

Arseneau asked the fraternity members questions ranging from what they thought the underlying purpose of fraternity housing was to what design elements would be present in a perfect situation.

Fenwick said that future Greek housing must provide individual buildings for each fraternity with an individual building.

"Obviously if we're actually going to think about building different places, one thing that comes up a lot is separate buildings — separate houses, not fraternity stairwells," Fenwick said.

Fenwick said that separate buildings would alleviate the security problems fraternities currently face by sharing entrances and stairwells.

"For entrances for the actual building, I'd say two entrances," he said. "That really will help mitigate the risk-management problem. Right now, to get into a unit, you don't just have a front and a back door; you can also come in from all different sides. Two entrances — one in front and one in back — would be best."

Delta Chi House Manager Ethan Smith '13 said that the goal of fraternity housing should be to build bonds between brothers.

"I think fellowship is one of the bases of fraternities," Smith said. "It's absolutely vital to keeping a pledge class strong and to bringing alumni back."

Although housing is important to creating unity within a chapter, Smith said that the units failed in other ways.

"A lot of people can't — or won't — live in a unit," he said. "The units were built in the 60s, when membership was around 70 to 80 members. I don't think we're ever going to see that again in terms of fraternity size."

According to Arseneau, one option the College could pursue is fraternity housing of different sizes.

"The units right now are [occupied by] around 35 people, and that's the one option we have," Arseneau said. "Would the ideal have a set number, or would it have a range of numbers available? Would



Arseneau



Fenwick '11

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WEATHER

Friday



High 36°
Low 26°

Saturday



High 38°
Low 23°

Sunday



High 44°
Low 30°

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A THOUSAND WORDS



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

College ranked 24th for social media innovation

Collegesurfing.com has awarded the College of William and Mary a top 50 spot under social media innovators in higher education in its first ever "Web 2.0 College Olympics." Ranked 24th on the list, the College falls into the "silver medal" category along with schools such as Boston University, Princeton University and Dartmouth College.

The College was awarded a silver medal placement due to multiple attempts of various offices to promote the College within and beyond its community, such as University Relations's use of its Twitter site to popularize the video of students breaking the "Thriller" dance record last year. Collegesurfing.com also acknowledged the presence of student bloggers, stating "Prospective and current students can also gain lots of insight into the school by reading the numerous student blogs."

City Attorney Joe Phillips to retire

Joseph F. Phillips, Jr. '61 B.L.C. '64, who has served as the Williamsburg City Attorney for more than 35 years, announced yesterday that he will retire officially July 1, 2010. Phillips took his position as city attorney in 1974 and is one of the longest-serving city attorneys in Virginia. Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Ziedler M.A. '76 announced that she expects a successor to be named before July 1.

"It would be impossible to describe adequately the contribution Joe Phillips has made both to the governance and very fabric of this city," Zeidler said. "A city attorney needs to have a thorough grasp of the law, of course, but what has made Joe a truly great city attorney is that in addition to his intellect and training, he has brought to the job his excellent judgment, dedication and commitment to the people of Williamsburg. We are grateful for his years of service and for his willingness to continue to be available should we need to call on him."

During his time with the city Phillips has served under six mayors, starting with Vernon M. Geddy, Jr., who recruited Phillips for what was then a part-time position. Phillips will continue to provide part-time legal services to the city through 2011.

— by Elysia Alim

BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Research conducted by the National University of Singapore on 60,524 Singaporeans over 14 years has found that drinking at least two sodas per week may increase one's chances of getting pancreatic cancer by as much as 87 percent. These findings are groundbreaking, as pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest diseases in adults, with only one in five patients living more than five years past diagnosis.

2 Studies at Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands show that decreased handgrip strength in the elderly is associated with increased risk of death. The study measured the handgrip strength of 555 participants at age 85 and again at age 89. The researchers found that low handgrip strength at both ages and a greater decline in strength over time was correlated with a greater number of fatalities.

3 Scientists at the University of Adelaide have identified molecular receptors on the surface of cells that are involved in helping other cells migrate to sites where they can cause disease. As a result, researchers are attempting to find new ways to block the movement of cells that can cause autoimmune diseases and the spread of cancer. These research outcomes could offer new treatments for these diseases.

4 Researchers at Japan's Yamagata University have developed the Wearable Robot, a telepresence mechanism that attaches a robotic camera to a person. A person sitting at a stationary location can control the robot's movements and view the current landscape around the robot. The new technology has the potential to change the lives of elderly and disabled people worldwide.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Elysia Alim

5 Pomona College student detained over Arabic flashcards

Student files lawsuit against FBI, TSA and Philadelphia Police

By ELYSIA ALIM
Flat Hat Insight Editor

A Pomona College student studying Arabic claimed he was wrongly detained and questioned at Philadelphia International Airport after a routine security screening found his Arabic-English flashcards and a U.S. foreign policy textbook. He was then questioned, handcuffed, marched through the airport and kept in a holding cell for approximately four hours. The student, Nicholas George, 22, of Wyncote, Pa., filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the police, the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration.

The lawsuit, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, stated that officials violated George's Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable seizure and First Amendment rights to free speech.

Officials questioned him regarding his religion, his views of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the foreign policy book he was reading. They also asked whether he was a terrorist or Islamist, according to the suit.

"We don't object to the fact that he was searched closely, that his belongings were scrutinized," ACLU attorney Ben Wizer said. "But once that's done, there's absolutely no justification for hand-

cuffing him and locking him in a cell for several hours."

The FBI, TSA and Philadelphia police have all declined to comment on George's federal lawsuit. However, TSA spokeswoman Ann Davis explained that George caught the attention of agency behavioral specialists who are trained to watch for "involuntary physical and physiological reactions that people exhibit in response to a fear of being discovered."

When officials required George to empty his pockets at the airport checkpoint, George produced a set of handmade flashcards that caught the attention of TSA staff. Of about

200 flash cards, 10 contained words such as "bomb," "explosion" and "terrorist."

"They asked me why I had those words. I told them honestly because I had been trying to read Arabic news media, and these are words that come up when you read the news about the Middle East," George said.

George, a senior, is studying Arabic because of his interest in Middle Eastern politics. He plans to take the Foreign Service Exam later this year.

"I want to serve my country using my Arabic language," George said. "And it just seems crazy to me that for that I was arrested and treated like a criminal."

STREET BEAT

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



"Hanging out with my boyfriend, making food."

Katie Gehron '12



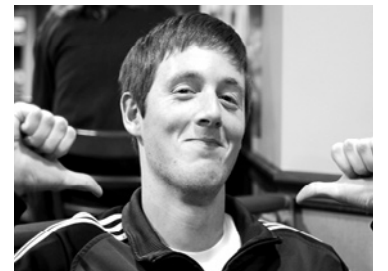
"I'm going over to my friend's house and drinking pink André."

Jody Green '11



"Delivering some flowers to a girl... naked."

Ryan Smith '13



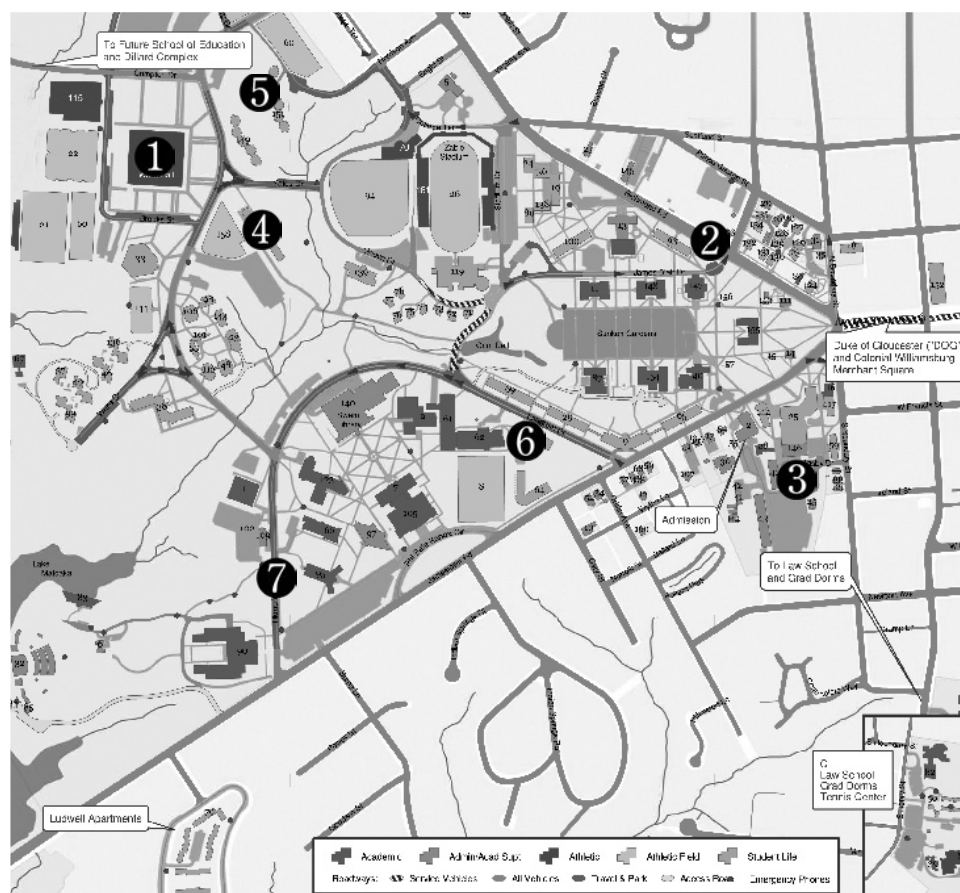
"Spending time with Do-re-mi."

James Smyth '11

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

February 2 to February 9



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WM.EDU

- 1 **Tuesday, Feb. 2** — An individual reported larceny at William and Mary Hall. The estimated value was \$129.
- 2 — An individual reported larceny at 226 Richmond Rd. The estimated value was \$275.
- 3 **Friday, Feb. 5** — An individual reported vandalism at the Heating Plant. The estimated damage was \$100.
- 4 **Sunday, Feb. 7** — An individual reported vandalism in Yates Hall. The estimated damage was \$700.
- 5 — An individual was arrested for alleged possession of marijuana in Unit F.
- 6 **Monday, Feb. 8** — An individual reported larceny in Unit A. The estimated value was \$28.
- 7 — An individual reported larceny in Jamestown North. The estimated value was \$5.
- 7 — An individual was arrested for failing to appear in court for destruction of property charges at 201 Ukrop Way.

— compiled by Elysia Alim



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Ukrop's, Inc. was recently obtained by Amsterdam-based Royal Ahold in a \$140 million dollar sale. Royal Ahold's purchase of the 25 grocery stores was announced in December.

Ukrop's grocery stores sold

Chain of supermarkets acquired by Dutch company in February deal

By BRITTANY HUGHES
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Ukrop's chain of grocery stores was officially purchased Feb. 8 by Giant-Carlisle, a U.S. division of the international Amsterdam-based company Royal Ahold. The 25 stores were purchased for approximately \$140 million. The sale, first announced in December, included the transition of current Ukrop's employees to the new company.

The popular chain of family-owned Ukrop's supermarkets began as a single store established in 1937 by Joseph Ukrop and have been operated by his sons Robert and Jim '61 since 1974. Ukrop's Super Markets Inc. also owns First Market Bank, of which Jim is the CEO.

Jim and his wife Barbara '61 are both alumni of the College of William and Mary, and have remained active supporters for many years. Their son Robert graduated from the College in 1985.

Jim served on the Board of Visitors from 1985 until 1993. He also served as president of the College of William and Mary Foundation, the Tribe Club and the Alumni Association. Barbara served on the BOV between 2001 and 2009, as well as the Major Gifts Committee and the Student Advancement Association. Both have been awarded the Alumni Medallion, the Alumni Association's highest honor.

Jim and Barbara have financially supported many of the College's programs, including both men's and women's athletics, as well as institutions like Earl Gregg Swem library, the Mason School of Business, the School of Education and the Alumni Association. They donated funds in 2000 that will be used to build a new soccer and lacrosse stadium. Campus Drive was even renamed Ukrop Way in 2006 to honor their contributions.

According to Robert Ukrop, the decision to sell the company was partially fueled by concerns that the chain's small size would prevent it from being able to compete with larger industry leaders. Ukrop's was recently replaced by Food Lion as the top competitor in local market shares, a position it had held since 1986. Jim Ukrop stated in a recent press conference that changes like selling alcohol and remaining open on Sundays would not have been enough to solve the company's long-term problems.

Ukrop's stores will be gradually renamed "Martin's" throughout the spring. The stores will be open on Sundays and begin to sell beer and wine upon adoption of the new name.

"Before we made the announcement, we gathered a lot of feedback from the community in a variety of ways ... about what they liked about Ukrop's and what they would like to see changed," Director of Public and

Community Relations for Giant Tracy Pawelski said. "We believe that Monday's announcement is very much a reflection of the feedback we received."

According to the Grant-Carlisle CEO, traditions such as employees carrying groceries to a customer's car will "absolutely" remain in effect.

"As far as other policy changes, as we make decisions, we will announce those and try to communicate proactively with customers and associates," Pawelski said.

First Market Bank will not be affected by the transition and will continue to operate in

the 23 stores where they are already present, including the Williamsburg location.

Ukrop's bakery will also remain unchanged, and will function as a separate company run by Robert Ukrop.

Royal Ahold owns about 6,500 stores worldwide, which include US supermarkets Stop-and-Shop and Bi-Lo. The company has just recently begun to refocus on expansion after its American division, U.S. Food-service, experienced a massive fraud scandal in 2003.

Giant-Carlisle alone owns over 150 stores in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia, including those in the Giant and Martin's chains.

Barbara Ukrop declined to comment for this story.



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College of William and Mary alumni and former BOV members Jim Ukrop '61 and Barbara Ukrop '61 had operated the company since 1974.

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PLAID tracks foreign aid

College-based project collects data for philanthropy database

By BRITTANY HUGHES
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In 2003, the College of William and Mary joined with Brigham Young University to create an interdisciplinary joint initiative called Project-Level Aid, which centers on creating a web-accessible database to catalogue financial aid given to developing nations. The database monitors its effectiveness and how external factors like the environment-impact aid, and the group publishes its findings for public and government use.

"One of the main questions we're trying to answer is, 'Is aid effective?'" Michael Tierney, government professor and PLAID leader, said. "Does it achieve the purposes for which it is given?" In order to answer that, you need a database that has more of the foreign aid projects in the world, and one that is more accurate in terms of the type of aid that is given ... We think we have that."

PLAID is currently the largest development finance database in the world, with over 837,000 projects worth an estimated total of \$4 trillion.

Tierney said that the database would also enable donor nations to contact one another.

"They can use the information in the database to help coordinate their activities," he said. "If you're doing a water project in Tanzania, it might help you to know who else in Tanzania is doing a water project."

PLAID is led by Tierney, economics professor Robert Hicks and sociology professor J. Timmons Roberts, and is funded by large organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and by small-

er private contributors. Brad Parks, a researcher with the College's international relations department, is also involved.

Students at the College also take part in projects such as contacting government officials and compiling data too complicated to be arranged by computers.

PLAID catalogues large-and-small-scale financial aid projects since 1970 and provides daily updates. The database has already collected previously unpublished data from 19 countries, and has identified at least 30 more.

Data on large donors like the United States, France and the United Kingdom is collected from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Researchers led by Jonathan Chan '09 also contact donor countries that traditionally do not report the aid they are giving.

"My job is to contact relevant officials in the government, like their ministry of foreign affairs, and explain what we're doing here," he said. "We explain the benefits of reducing global poverty ... We also emphasize the benefit to them in that it is good publicity."

Chan said that the process is intensive and often lengthy.

"It can be very intimidating," he said. "And it can take months to actually get the data."

Last year PLAID partnered with Development Gateway, a foundation that studies international development, to create AIDdata, an internet program that combines information from the PLAID database with web-based tools that can be used to track and analyze information.

This system simplifies the process of interpreting development finance by breaking it down into smaller categories, by deciding which nations receive aid and how much. It also seeks to make this information more understandable by providing "data visualization tools," which convert raw information into interactive maps, to making tracking financial aid patterns easier.

The project's primary goal is to enable government officials and policy writers to make more informed decisions regarding the allocation of funds, thereby improving the overall effectiveness of the financial aid system.

The information will be available to everyone from individuals to national governments.

AIDdata will be officially launched at the Aid Transparency and Development Finance Conference at Oxford University in March.



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PLAID researchers discuss foreign aid in this 2008 photo.

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SA approves ping pong, pool

Senators discuss student planners and induct new freshman member

By CLARA VAUGHN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

This week's meeting of the College of William and Mary Student Assembly focused on "purposeful playing."

In a 15-3 vote, the SA passed the Ping Pong Provision for Purposeful Playing Act II.

"This is round two because round one didn't work out so well," Sen. Ben Brown '11 said.

The first act provided a ping pong ball dispenser, which was eventually stolen. The new bill allocates \$75 from the consolidated reserve to purchase four containers that will be placed in the Sadler Center's Student Exchange and at the Campus Center's candy counter, as well as \$400 to purchase 2,880 ping pong balls. To prevent theft of the dispensers, balls will be available for 25 cents during the hours these facilities are open.

After the initial investment, new ping pong balls will be bought with the money earned from the purchase of old ones.

"This bill essentially pays

for itself," Sen. Stef Felitto '12 said.

Although some members of the SA expressed concern that the bill was frivolous, Brown said it provided a good service.

"I don't know of any sales of ping pong balls on campus," he said.

The SC Free Pool Act also passed by unanimous consent. The bill will cover the costs students currently pay to play pool in the SC games area.

"They charge for pool because they need money to make repairs for when the felt is scratched or when the cues break," Sen. Brittany Fallon '11 said. "This would be around the right amount [to make up the costs]."

The Free Pool Act allocates \$1,000 from the Consolidated Reserve to fully subsidize student pool playing in the SC.

"Everyone loves pool," Sen. Jim Dunleavy '10 said.

The Student Organization Act, which would help provide planners to students, was introduced and will be voted on at a future meeting. The Office of

Health Education and the Career Center, which have supplied the planners in the past, have lost funding due to decreased advertisement revenue.

The Potentially Necessary eBallot Upgrade Act was also introduced. The act would fund the integration of online voting for student elections through Blackboard Academic Suite.

"Students log in with their normal user ID and password ... and vote on whatever election's going on," Brown said. "It's likely that we will be able to create a new organization that's responsible for maintaining our e-ballot."

If created, this group would have its own budget to pay for the annual license needed for the online voting system.

The SA is also considering sponsoring a spring carnival similar to October's Fall Spook-tacular.

"There will be a return of the petting zoo," Sen. Betty Jeanne Manning '12 said.

Additionally, Grace Colby '13 was sworn into the senate during Tuesday's meeting.

Manning also announced that the College would be switching its e-mail service to Gmail.

Second session goes unattended

Two focus group meetings provide little feedback

GREEK from page 1

the ideal scenario be to have a seven-person option, a 12-person option, a 15-person option and a 10-person option? Or would it be the opposite — that we would have fifteen 20-person options?"

Arseneau said that the focus group's present Greek students should take advantage of a forum to voice their opinions on the current state of Greek affairs.

"I think having the CAP [Coalition Assessment Project] experience provided an opportunity," Arseneau said. "Everybody else thinks someone else will be the one to voice the feedback. But remember, this is just the first of three."

Another focus group session was held last night in the Colony Room of the Sadler Center.

However, the meeting was unattended by students.

An additional focus group will be held Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the York Room.

Sigma Phi Epsilon returns to campus after losing charter

New chapter will become College's 19th fraternity

By BEN HUBERT
The Flat Hat

Sigma Phi Epsilon, returning to the College of William and Mary after a six-year hiatus following the loss of its charter, will begin recruitment Feb. 20, after all other fraternities's Bid Signing Days. It will be the 19th fraternity on campus.

While re-establishing itself on campus, representatives of Sigma Phi Epsilon said the organization hopes to change the recruitment process by discarding recruitment tactics.

Now, after a member joins, he will go through a self-paced, four-step advancement through the organization. Sigma Phi Epsilon created this new program to encourage member retention.

The program is credited with improving Sigma Phi Epsilon's national GPA and giving Sigma Phi Epsilon the largest undergraduate membership of any fraternity nationally. Other fraternities have introduced similar programs at the College.

Along with this program, the Sigma Phi Epsilon national organization created a voluntary board of nine members to nurture the chapter at its inception and pledge support to the growth of the new chapter.

Representatives from Sigma Phi Epsilon said they were excited to re-establish the organization on campus.

"We are confident that this college has many outstanding students who are currently not involved with

the Greek community and [who] have the potential to be great leaders," Sigma Phi Epsilon Director of New Chapter Development Ryan Dressler said.

To ensure that Sigma Phi Epsilon does not take students bound for other fraternities this semester, the Council for Fraternity Affairs barred it from recruiting until the pledge classes of this semester have already committed.

Another fraternity — Sigma Alpha Epsilon — came to campus last fall.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the largest fraternity nationally, but has had considerable difficulty in recruiting at the College, garnering only four total brothers.

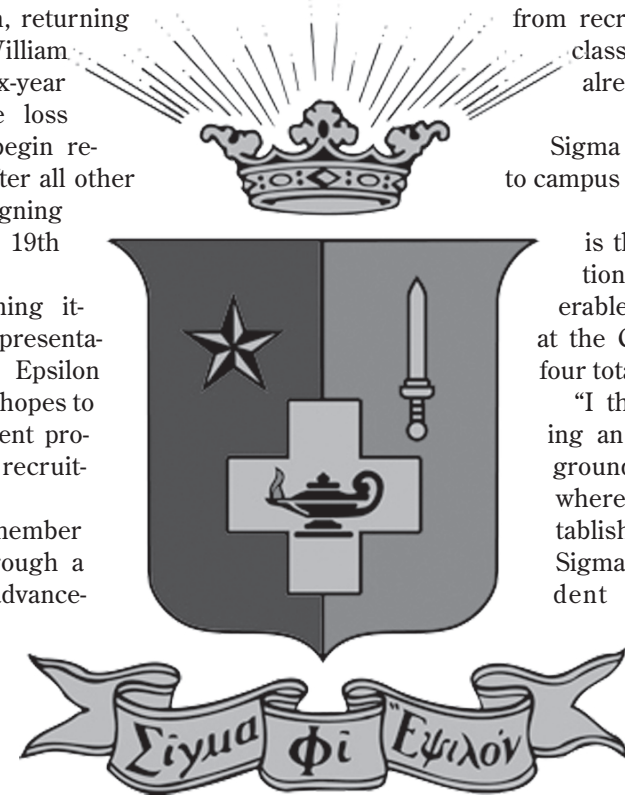
"I think when you're starting an organization from the ground up, challenges arise where you're trying to establish a working process," Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Andrew Tran '11 said.

"Nothing is set up for you and getting everything created and organized takes time and a lot of energy."

A number of current brothers and alumni have since developed an organizational foundation, giving Sigma Alpha Epsilon the ability to focus on recruitment. Tran acknowledged this as a difficult task in a school with 19 fraternities.

Although Sigma Alpha Epsilon still lacks the manpower to launch events that larger Greek organizations are able to host, the organization has contributed philanthropically including hosting a poker tournament to support William and Mary Supports Haiti.

The organization also plans to send as many brothers as possible to Sigma Alpha Epsilon's leadership school over the summer.



College safe for out-of-state funds

Provost says out-of-staters add academic strength

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seniors includes schools with healthy percentages of national and international students," he said.

College officials agreed that limiting the number of out-of-state and international students admitted to the College would have implications for its quality and diversity.

"We think our out-of-state students add a great deal to this campus and to the Commonwealth beyond just the obvious financial implications, though those are

also significant," Whitson said. "Having a talented and diverse student body — and having students from across the country and from the rest of the world — is one of the reasons so many young people want to attend William and Mary."

Halleran said that the incoming class would not be as strong academically if the College enrolled 75 percent Virginia residents.

"The truth is, William and Mary is a very competitive institution, with very rigorous standards," Halleran said. "There will always be a lot of good stu-

dents who will not get in. Would more Virginia students get in? Obviously. But there would still be quality students that would not get in."

Whitson said that admitting non-Virginian residents does more than increasing diversity and quality of the College.

"Out-of-state students are important contributors to both the College of William and Mary and the economic future of the Commonwealth," he said. "Many out-of-state students come to school in Virginia and decide to stay here for life."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Look outside the state

This week, the General Assembly did us a good turn — well, they did not do us a bad one — in tabling a frivolous, misconceived bill that would have increased the ratio of in- to out-of-state students in Virginia universities. Now, it's time for the GA to go one step further: If Richmond continues to underfund us, then it must give us greater freedom to bring in more students from out of state — and their desperately needed money.

We've called for this change before, and it remains the right thing to do. Currently, because of disparate tuition rates, two-thirds of the College of William and Mary's tuition revenue comes from one third of its student body: the out-of-state students. Every percentage point in their direction means thousands more much-needed dollars for the College at no additional cost.

We doubt the GA will be eager to make such a switch, but it seems the only fair thing to do. State support for the College has plummeted over the last two decades, such that the College is now paying the majority of its own day-to-day bills. And yet, the state has given up very little control throughout the same period, leaving the school with very few options when money is short. This will be politically difficult, yes, but for a higher education system that aspires to excellence, some painful politicking is preferable to a gradual decline in standards.

And students from other states offer the state more than just dollars. While other states experience a brain drain, the commonwealth can look forward to the brain gain that results when talented out-of-staters opt to settle here after graduation. Virginia can increase its base of well-educated community leaders and business owners while easily and cheaply preserving the top-tier character of its universities. Sounds pretty good to us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FOF misuses Tebow

To the Editor:

In Tim MacFarlan's Feb. 9 column, "Family values ad commits personal foul," he wrote, "[Tim] Tebow's story is its own pro-life advertisement," and although I mostly agree with MacFarlan, I feel the need to point out that Tebow's story is in no way the pro-life advertisement that Focus on the Family tried to portray it as. It's actually a very good example of why choice is so important. Doctors advised Pam Tebow to abort because her pregnancy was high-risk for both herself and the fetus, and because she already had four children. She chose to continue the pregnancy. If she had died as a result of this choice, she would have left her four children motherless. It was the mother's decision to make, and I respect her decision, but just because her choice worked out in the end for her doesn't give her the right to take that choice away from others.

The fact that Pam Tebow chose to work with FOF to spread her beliefs makes her stance even more

horrendous. FOF is an evangelical group that essentially believes that even in the case of severe risk, pregnancies abortion should be illegal. The group believes that as long as a woman is faithful enough, God will help her through her pregnancy, which is a horrible message for two reasons. First, it encourages people to disregard medical advice and statistics regarding high-risk pregnancies. Second, it sends a horrible message to the families of women who choose to continue high-risk and die as a result. According to FOF's stance, these women died because they somehow weren't faithful enough. By saying that the choice she was privileged to have is unnecessary, Pam Tebow is disrespecting these women, and women all over the world, who die during high-risk pregnancies in places where abortion is illegal.

Pam Tebow had a choice. Instead of trying to get that choice taken away from others, she should be thankful that she had it. More importantly, she should be thankful that her gamble worked out in her favor.

— Constance Kelly '12



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CAP advises table ban and other insights

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



The Fraternity and Sorority Coalition Assessment Project released an overview on the status of Greek organizations at the College of William and Mary. Their report listed what they perceived to be strengths and weaknesses of our Greek system. They named the usual pros: higher graduation rates among Greeks, lower levels of stress, and members who are active outside their chapters. The problems the coalition highlighted were equally banal, including alcohol use and abuse, hazing concerns and housing issues. For the most part their assessment was accurate, but some of their policy recommendations are ill-informed.

The report states that while there is clearly a special relationship between the college administration and the fraternity and sorority community, there is no codified official recognition. This means the administration and Greek organizations can never have a clearly delineated relationship. The end result is an uncertainty in their interactions and differing policies among Residence Life, Student Affairs and the Campus Police.

The report then suggests that the College should develop an explicit relationship with fraternities and sororities to make clear their rights and responsibilities. It is easy to imagine this happening: Greek leaders would have long talks with the administration and draw up guidelines for their organizations. It would all look good on paper, but in the end, it would be completely meaningless. The administration could never have an official Greek policy that actually addressed the major point of contention between the two groups, alcohol use.

National law prohibits the College from condoning any use of alcohol by students under 21. It would have to be official policy to enforce this law, and most Greek organizations — although they might give lip service to such an agreement — would never abide by it. This would leave the Greek relationship with the administration in much the same state it already is.

Personally, I believe that the current equilibrium is manageable. The administration — although officially bound to enforce the law — realizes unofficially that it is often violated. Granted, this does lead to a high degree of subjectivity and uncertainty when administration personnel and Greek social life collide, but this amorphousness is a sort of compromise between the two groups. It has thus far proved a workable status quo.

The coalition has its own ideas on how to reform alcohol policy. Disturbed by the alcohol use in the fraternity complex, they recommend the College create a space in which all

student groups can host social events with alcohol. This place should have "a third-party vendor and cash bar with age verification, and they must not serve alcohol to members or guests who are under the legal drinking age." I believe we have a few of these already — they are called delis. As much as I would

applaud an on-campus bar, I fail to see how this would reduce social drinking in the units.

An equally useful idea put forth by the coalition was a ban on beer pong tables. Given that a beer pong table is basically any table on which you play beer pong, enforcement of such a policy might be a challenge (plus, it would be a shame now that pong balls are subsidized by the Student Assembly).

Putting misguided policy prescriptions aside, the coalition's report is a decent, although not perfect, outline of the state of Greek affairs on our campus, and I encourage you all to read it.

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The administration could never have an official policy that actually addressed the major point of contention with Greeks.

Plastic bag tax as disposable as what it attempts to reduce

Aristotle Herbert

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



A subcommittee of the Virginia House Finance Committee is currently considering Del. Adam Ebbin's (D-Arlington) House Bill 1115, which would tax the use of non-reusable plastic and paper shopping bags. At first glance this bill seems like a positive movement.

This tax would charge \$0.05 for every non-reusable shopping bag used with the money raised directed toward the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. It is good to see an initiative toward a greener lifestyle. Even better, I thought, the raised money will go directly to helping the people of Virginia. After reading through the seemingly well thought out exceptions to the tax due to issues of practicality, the bill was even more encouraging.

Upon re-reading this bill, however, several unnerving points became more obvious. First, stores are entitled to one cent of the five-cent tax and two

cents if they establish a bag-credit customer program. Furthermore, the bill stipulates a monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for companies that do not collect the taxes. If this bill seems well-intentioned, but something is still bugging you about it, then you, too, have noticed that there is something rotten in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Another issue is that the tax falls squarely onto the consumers' shoulders. In addition, the bill does not even stipulate a provision for affordable and conveniently obtainable reusable bags. Hence, unless consumers bring reusable bags that they have purchased from elsewhere, companies may be able to force the use of plastic bags and enjoy their one- or two-cent cut. The companies will profit directly from these taxes, and as history has shown, any environment in which profits arise from taxation of the people is ripe for corruption.

Lastly, the rhetoric used shows that the intention of the bill is to cut the use of non-reusable bags; however, in Ebbin's summation of the bill, he states that the tax would apply to "tangible personal property carried out of the place of purchase."

This means that this bill would not only affect grocery shopping — it would apply to all forms of tangible commodities. Aside from the handful of exceptions, everything from hardware and electronics to floral arrangements, frozen goods and even clothes would be taxed for the use of non-reusable bags. And yes, those monstrous plastic bags from Toys-R-Us during the Christmas shopping season will also be taxed, so be prepared if your family is planning on buying Rock Band for the Wii next holiday season.

Overall, this bill is well-intentioned, but it is clouded and made dangerous by nebulous wording and lack of proper concern for details. Frankly, this bill seems as if it had been drafted by high school freshmen at Model Congress. It may be more prudent for the House to install a reward system for those consumers who do use reusable shopping bags. The downside to that proposition would be that there would be no funds available to be sent to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund.

It is critical, however, that we understand that the weight of this tax

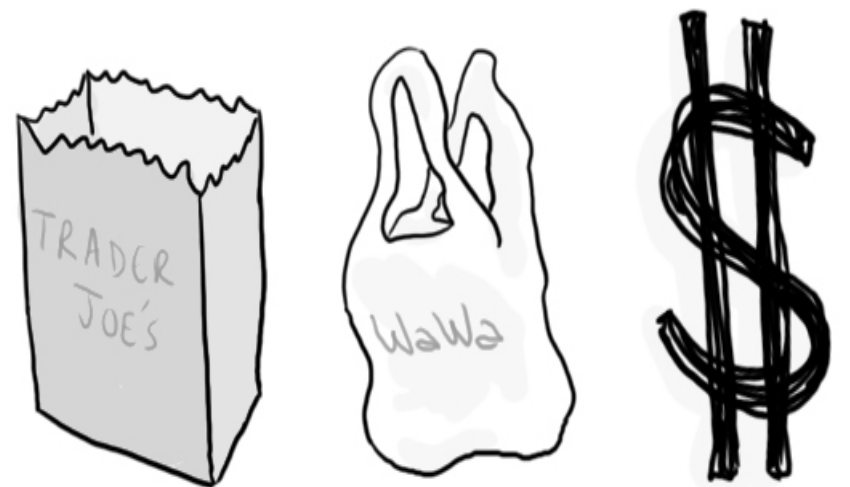
will be harnessed solely on middle- to low-class consumers. The upper class either not feel the weight or will not be taxed, since they are more likely to shop at expensive grocery stores like Whole Foods where re-usable shopping bags are already a highly available and regularly used option.

Thus, one is left with two

possibilities: either the authors of the bill are naive and careless or they are purposely creating a huge loophole to allow illegitimate fundraising for the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Sometimes, the best of intentions go awry.

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Road Food Ahead

A quick ride back in time to eat at an old, local favorite

By BARRY O'KEEFE
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Every summer of my childhood and adolescence, my family has taken a roadtrip either northwest to Michigan, or southwest to Oklahoma. An important part of the road trip for us was always the hunt for roadside food. My mother has a sixth sense for it. She can spot a good diner at 60 mph. For one thing, she knows how to read a parking lot; a good mix of Cadillacs and pickup trucks are a clear indicator of legit grub. The rationale is that if good ole boys and retirees are both drawn to a restaurant, it's worth checking out.

From these summers on the road, I have gained a serious respect for diners, burger joints, drive-ups, drive-ins — in short, every form of non-chain, inexpensive American food to be had within a few miles of the interstate. The food is important, of course; on the highway where gas station snacks and fast-food dominate finding real food is essential. A really good roadside joint is nourishing on another level too. It's heartening just to see that it is still there as an option, open for business. Mom-and-pop restaurants are rarely built just off the highway anymore. They can't compete with chain restaurants that provide a predictable restaurant experience to weary travelers unwilling to take chances on local restaurants they know nothing about. As a result, most local roadside food has been around for a while.

In the fast-changing landscape of roadside America, a gem like the 57-year-old Queen Anne Dari Snak stands out. Windows cluttered with local business cards, multi-colored fluorescents under a vaguely space-aged awning, and a walk-up design give it an air of history.

It stands only two miles from campus, about as far as New Town, yet it is widely unknown among students at the College. This is, in large part, because it is on Merrimac Trail. Before the interstate system was built, Merrimac Trail — also called Route 143 — was a section of the now defunct Route 168, which carried a lot of east-west traffic. Traffic was diverted away from the road once I-64 was completed.

This lack of traffic, and therefore lack of competition for real estate, is in part what has preserved the Queen Anne for so long. Even though the restaurant still stands, some changes have occurred. Monica Taylor, Queen Anne's manager, has seen many of these changes. She grew up in York County and remembers when Route 143 was two lanes and heavily wooded.

"I didn't even know this place was here," Taylor said. "It was everyone's best kept secret."

Taylor said the building was one of the first few built during the area in the '50s. Her husband Calvin set his sights on the Queen Anne at age 15. Frequently, he would visit and talk to then-owner Sofos Takis.

Over the years, the menu has seen surprisingly few changes.

"We've got the same barbecue, the same footlongs, the same chili recipe," Monica said. "It's been mounted over there on the wall for I don't know how long."

Occasionally new items are added. Green beans and mac and cheese used to be offered, and now they've added zucchini — but the Quenne Anne is, for the most part, as it has always been. Monica explained that regular customers often request things that aren't even on the menu.

"We still get people in here in their 60s who have been coming here since they were five years old," Monica said. "Everyone's got their favorite. If they can explain it to me and we've got the ingredients, I'll always try to accommodate."

The Queen Anne also puts up ads for local businesses and churches, sponsors little league baseball, and has given generations of Williamsburg kids their first summer jobs. Monica keeps the menu simple and inexpensive to keep it family-oriented.

"When I bought this place I was raising a family of five," she said. "Do you know how hard it is to raise a family of five? Hard. So, I try to keep meals under five dollars."

The food is simple, but unique, and it keeps people coming back.

"I don't know what it is," Monica said. "It's something about this old building."

No matter what building it was housed in, the food is the main attraction for any customer. When faced with a menu as extensive as the Queen Anne Dari Snak's, it can be difficult to know where to start. There are a few items that are great indicators of overall quality at any barbecue or hamburger joint: coleslaw and potato salad. If a restaurant is cutting corners, the first thing to go can be these simple salads that are easily bought in bulk. Queen Anne, however, does not disappoint. The coleslaw has color, tang and

sizeable pieces of carrot and cabbage — and not like the cabbage bits in mayonnaise that get served at some lesser establishments. Their potato salad is well balanced, no-frills and homemade — just as they proudly advertise on the menu.

Their hamburgers are absolutely satisfying. I'll upset everyone and say that the burgers are better all-around than a Five Guys burger. The burger is a solid, hand-formed patty on a bun toasted on the flat top — plus toppings. On top of that, a junior burger, which is big enough, costs \$1.75, and you can get a jumbo for just one dollar more.

I haven't eaten anything on the menu that disappoints. The fried oyster sandwich is excellent, the onion rings are top notch and there is a variety of milkshakes and sundaes.

Beyond the food, the Queen Anne is also a significant piece of the city's culture.

"The Queen Anne Dari Snak brings us back to an emotional sense of why we belong here, and food is one of the few things that can do that," Bobby Moeller '10 said. "It's a hearty meal, it's dank, but it's also full of love."

The emphasis on Williamsburg's colonial history as

the center of the community denies, to some extent, the continuing story of the city.

"Especially for Williamsburg, I think there's a huge divide between the students and the town, and you can see it in our attitudes," Moeller said. "It helps us see the town as something bigger than us and our reason for being here, and grounds us in Williamsburg as a place. Because after four years we could leave only remembering the school, but going to places like the Queen Anne Dari Snak really grounds our memories more firmly."

The small building that Monica and her husband have known since childhood still holds recipes and memories from more than half a century ago.

"It's my baby," she said. "If you love a business, you do what you can for it. And I do love it."



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Survival Guide:

Tips to a romantic evening on campus and off

By BECKY KOENIG
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Not every love story has a fairy tale beginning, a fact to which many couples at the College of William and Mary can attest. This Valentine's Day, the College is helping those couples who want a romantic evening but find themselves in a town with few opportunities and limited modes of transportation. On-campus activities this year include a dance hosted by the Ballroom Club, a flower sale to benefit Students Helping Honduras and a chance for five select couples to enjoy a private dinner at the Sadler Center.

Some relationships being celebrated on campus this Valentine's Day are rooted in rather whimsical moments.

"I got my hair cut, and then she noticed me," Will Taylor '11 said about Megan Grady '11, his girlfriend of nearly two years.

A similarly quirky incident brought Colin Manning '12 and Armina Amini '12 together. A couple since their first semesters at the College, Manning and Amini have been dating for over a year, having met in their freshman dorm in the Botetourt Complex.

"In the lounge of Nicholson [Hall], there is an air hockey table," Amini said, where she and Manning would occasionally challenge each other to a round. "We actually played so much that the plastic puck broke. In case the people in Nicholson this year wonder why there's no puck, it's because I have half of it and he has half of it."

Dating on a college campus has its advantages. According to Amini, the large number of students and activities all in one place provides opportunities for people to meet each other, make connections and engage in common interests.

However, on-campus relationships come with unique challenges.

"It was hard to make a distinction between group time and 'us time,'" at first, Taylor said. "You don't get a lot of alone time. A lot of people want to go out and party, and we're kind of at the point where we want to stay in and watch a movie, but it's hard when the dorm is loud and people come in and out."

Amanda Mounce '10 has been dating her boyfriend, Sang Kim '10, since their senior year of high school. She has found the dearth of couples' activities in Williamsburg frustrating.

"We might have an actual date night every two weeks," she said. "There's nothing in Williamsburg to do. Mini golf is cheesy, I hate bowling — I'm really bad at it. We both like skating, but there's no rink."

Although the College is not especially date-friendly, students in relationships come up with creative ways to spend time together.



Grady and Taylor make dinners together and attend performances on campus, and Mounce said she and her boyfriend often see movies at one of the nearby theaters. Amini and Manning recommend canoeing on Lake Matoaka.

"We'll sometimes come to the Sadler Center and get take-out boxes and watch an episode of something on the couches," Amini said. "When it's nice out, I really like Colonial Williamsburg."

Even with all the activities occurring on campus this Valentine's Day, many couples are choosing to bypass these options in favor of more personal plans.

"I feel like the whole point of Valentine's Day is to be with your special someone," Taylor said. "So if you're in a big group, it kind of loses its meaning."

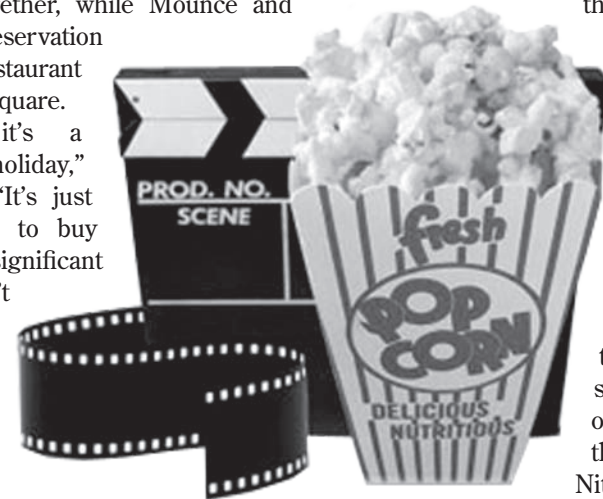
Taylor and Grady recommended using the holiday as an excuse to get off campus. They are spending the weekend at an historic inn.

"She [Grady] found it in a magazine over break, and I acted disinterested. Then I booked the hotel and it was a surprise," Taylor said.

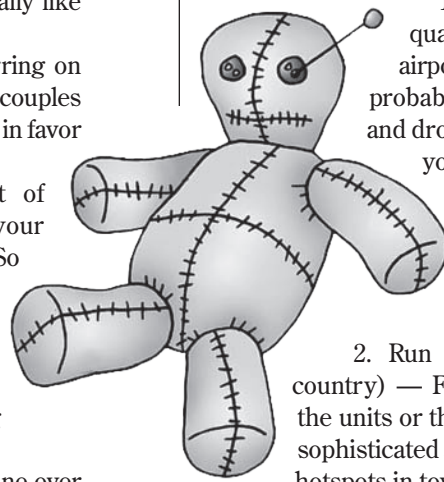
Amini and Manning are staying closer to home, planning to make a Valentine's Day dinner together, while Mounce and Sang have a reservation at Season's, a restaurant off Merchant's Square.

"Honestly, it's a commercial holiday," Mounce said. "It's just another excuse to buy things for your significant other. I don't think you need a day to do something nice for your boyfriend or girlfriend. It just puts a lot of pressure on a particular day."

Whether sincerely romantic or just a marketing ploy, Valentine's Day will soon arrive at the College, and students in relationships will celebrate as they see fit.



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have no choice but to suck it up and wait for it to be over. Sure, some of you might currently be dating the latest love of your life, but for those whose dating life is as unsuccessful as that of "Jersey Shore's" Snooki, you might be bracing yourself for a lonely 24 hours. Don't fret, here are some ideas on how you can actually enjoy your day without feeling sick from witnessing too much cutesy-wootsie behavior.

1. Run away — Take a flight from our quaint Williamsburg-Newport News airport as far as it will take you, which is probably not very far. Try to get to Mexico and drown your sorrows in margaritas with your new "friend" Francisco (or was it Roberto)? Either way, it's bound to be a good time. But, if you are a poor struggling college student type, then this plan is not for you. Proceed to option two.

2. Run away (just not quite out of the country) — For those with less dinero, head to the units or the delis with your single friends. Be sophisticated and make rounds at all the most chic hotspots in town — the College Dely, Paul's Deli, the Green Leaf Cafe — and then repeat. Remind yourself that, because you're single, the following behaviors are still acceptable: drinking like it's your 21st birthday, fist pumping excessively, and kissing the nearest attractive — or somewhat attractive — male or female.

3. Two words: Single Ladies — What better and more appropriate way to spend your time than filming your own version of Beyonce's video. Don a black leotard — guys included — and perform your own rendition. Bask in the love of 100,000 anonymous YouTube hits after you post it.

4. Hoodoo Voodoo — The lyrics to Wilco's song might not make much sense, but the band might have been onto something with the whole voodoo thing. At least that's what the AMP Late Nite committee seems to think. Head out to AMP's anti-Valentine's Day party tomorrow at 9 p.m. in Lodge 1 and enjoy a summer camp-like atmosphere, complete with fun games (break-up bingo), arts and crafts (make your own voodoo dolls) and storytelling (anonymous tales about exes doing us wrong). As The Situation once wisely observed, "haterjuice

Valentine's Day Edition

Nine simple ways to elude Valentine's Day loneliness

By EMILY KREMER
The Flat Hat

Valentine's Day is sort of like sitting next to a stranger on a plane who won't stop talking to you when there are ten empty seats but the stewardess won't let you move. It's annoying, but you

is best served cold." It's clearly going to be an uplifting, feel-good kind of experience. All that's missing is sitting around a campfire singing kumbay-you are lonely.

5. Creepy McCreepster — Who needs to be on "The Bachelor" or "The Bachelorette" when we have the wm.goodcrush.com service? It's being offered by the Student Assembly and it involves a painfully simple process to locate your one true love: Log in, type in the e-mail of your crush, and they will get an email telling them they have an anonymous stalker, I mean, admirer. Then they type in the e-mail addresses of their crushes. If two mutual admirers match up, they both find out. It's that simple.

6. Be in denial — Watch a movie or television show that a boyfriend or girlfriend would never want to watch. For ladies, go see "Valentine's Day," and guys, go see "Wolfman." Guys should see something extra action filled or scary, something that girls hate — basically everything except for "The Notebook" or movies with Hugh Grant. Another option is to just play video games until you get carpal tunnel.

7. Mass textathon — Because nobody ever notices that it's a mass text, right? Even though they might catch your insincerity, take the time to reconnect with family members, high school friends, etc. It will help you remember that having a significant other is not everything, just almost everything. At least it will knock off a few hours from the day.

8. GTL — Take care of the essentials: gym, tanning, laundry. Since nobody else will be paying extra attention to you, you can make up for it. Head to the Student Recreation Center and pump some iron at Body Pump. Maybe do some laundry, although this requires a lot of effort for the tired, single soul. As for tanning, nobody wants to date an Oompa Loompa — unless you're Pauly D — so feel free to skip that one, too. But you can have a MySpace style photoshoot or write love poems — to yourself.

9. Reality check — Remind yourself that you are not the only single on campus. Band together with fellow singles, go out and have a good time. Let's be honest, there are plenty of other whiny girls out there complaining about Valentine's Day who would like some attention. (And you have to assume that there are guys who would like to meet said whiny girls.) The only prescription is more cowbell. No, actually it's going out and meeting each other. Maybe you will make a friend, a special friend, or your future spouse — you never know. Also, feel free to crash any and all parties, because there might not be much else going on. While you're out, be sure to carry a travel sized/airport security friendly voodoo doll in your pocket and wear sneakers in case you do decide to catch that flight to Cancun.

Don't forget that you can actually have a decent, nay, tolerable day despite any strong aversions to love, the color red or cute stuffed animals. Learn to embrace your single status and maybe you won't have to read this column next year. Or maybe you will be writing it. Either way, make sure you say hello to the lone girl or girl at the bar in Mexico wearing black and folding laundry.

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For your consideration: a treatise on the Puppy Bowl

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I, like many of my compatriots, have spent this last week's end cheering the glorious Super Bowl victory of the New Orleans Saints, certainly making geldings of the Colts in their wake. But in my celebration, I happened across a man who concerned himself with quite another contest: that of Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl. Or, as it's also known, when Animal Planet gives up trying to oppose the Super Bowl and instead airs seemingly unedited footage of frolicking puppies.

I had a passing knowledge of the event, but the man — he had just been released from incarceration, as I heard it later mentioned — started into an impassioned speech on the subject. And although I had previously only the slightest awareness of the game, I became thoroughly convinced of his position and of its importance to society at large, enough to wish to present it to you now.

Now, my command of rhetoric is in no way equal to his. Thankfully, he provided a flyer which carefully argued his assertion better than I could hope to remember it. I therefore humbly

present his flyer, which I hope will not be liable to the least objection:

"A Modest Pup-osal: For Improving the Excitement and General Quality of the Puppy Bowl, and for Making It Beneficial to the Publick:

Myself a longtime lover of the Puppy Bowl, and something of a dog aficionado as well, it should come as no surprise that I thoroughly enjoyed this year's contest. Jake, your Most Valuable Puppy was a well-deserved award indeed. But, as an involved spectator, I cannot help but suggest those improvements to the proceedings, as they currently stand, that would benefit the endeavor as a whole.

This past bowl came, as with every iteration, with the addition of some new attraction (kittens, rabbits, etc.) appended to the main event. Certainly, the goal in these additions is the gradual improvement of the game, but in this respect, its organizers have seemed to have hit a barrier of sorts. One could hardly argue that this year's addition of blimp-piloting hamsters was truly a betterment of the game itself. And though I'm always a fan of watching puppies endlessly pounce on one another — Spots, you scoundrel, you — the event seems to be lacking any overarching goal or point, I believe to its detriment.

In this, I think it's creators have lost sight of their purpose. For guidance,

they may do well to look toward the game from which the Puppy Bowl was founded: football. It's a sport — perhaps the most American of all sports — driven by the spectacle of competition. It's this spirit of competition that compels us each year to watch that sport's pinnacle, the Super Bowl, and it is in this spirit that the game best reflects the character of our great Nation.

What aspect, therefore, must be different with the Puppy, who is no less compelled by the competitive spirit than is the Ball Player? Surely the Puppy's playful jostling belies an inherent desire for competition, for which they would ask us, their benefactors — were only the rascals able to speak — for a more structured framework. Yet, much as the player himself is not asked to construct the regulations and intricacies of his game, but merely participate within its rules, so puppies might be suited, not to the assembling of the game, but to its undertaking. Its composition is therefore our responsibility: the puppies selection, their conduct and so forth.

Now, in what manner must these puppies be chosen? Is it not currently for their physical aesthetic, what may be termed 'cuteness'? Now surely this is in poor judgment, if the model of football is to be respected. For, in the case of the player, it is not merely for physical beauty that he is selected

— though it is a quality celebrated by some, and may well secure for that handsome Player a great deal of commercial endorsement — but for excellence in the sport to which he is committed. Surely this we must prize above all other considerations.

And is the player also, at least to a certain extent, not trained and bred — to borrow the canine term — in order to better fulfill his role within the game? A certain degree of aggression cultivated in his demeanor? At times disregarding even any injury that may result to his person (though moderating risk of harm with sound judgment on his handler's part)? So then it must be for the puppy.

But, unlike in the case of the player, the puppy is unable to command the coordination of a team, which comprises a vital part of the football game. Isn't it then more suited to the Puppy, as a species, to create — in no less competitive a scenario than of the player — a game by which one Puppy may be able to contest directly with another, with no need for the team's coordination, to which he seems naturally disinclined? It seems so.

These considerations may well lead to a fiercer contest amongst the puppies, and who doesn't enjoy a lively contest? The chance of violence, as with any great sport, and almost certainly the exchange of bets among its spectators

may strengthen the match. But these are aspects of the football game as well, and integral ones at that, so we could not be much misplaced by imitating them.

I would therefore urge the immediate creation of our New Puppy Bowl, following the standards we have just established. No time ought be wasted. Should its organizers need any assistance in constructing such a game, I happily volunteer my own services entirely free of charge, myself having formerly organized something quite similar.

Sincerely,
Michael Vick
Football and Canine Enthusiast"

And when the man had rested his case, I easily assented, and thought he had spoken truly. So I happily present his case for publick consideration, truly believing it to be in the interest of all those involved.

Finally, I assure you, lest you think my motivations less than sincere, that I myself have no dog, nor any domesticated beast, by which I could hope to profit from the system insofar established — my interest in this, as with all other things, lies solely with the good of the publick.

Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist he hopes you have been convinced by this argument to henceforth appreciate the Puppy Bowl.

SPORTS

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

College takes down JMU 64-56 at Kaplan Arena

Sophomore guard Taysha Pye poured in 33 points on 9 of 26 shooting to lead the Tribe to a 64-56 win over James Madison in Williamsburg. The win improved the College to 4-8 in the CAA and 11-12 overall. The Tribe was able to outscore the visiting Dukes 14-6 down the stretch, after the game was tied at 50 with five minutes remaining. Senior forward Tiffany Benson added nine rebounds to go along with four points, while sophomore forward Janine Aldridge tallied eight points in only eight minutes.

BASEBALL

Catcher Forsten racks up CAA pre-season honor

Sophomore Chris Forsten was named Tuesday to Southeastern Baseball's Preseason All-CAA second team. It is the second such honor Forsten has received this season, he was also named a Preseason All-CAA honorable mention by the CAA coaches. Forsten finished last season ranked fourth on the team in batting average, hitting .282 as the team's everyday catcher.

CAA 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Tribe place four on CAA 25th anniversary team

The College had four former athletes named as CAA "Silver Stars" Monday in honor of the conference's 25th anniversary. The CAA "Silver Stars" are the 25 athletes deemed to have had the greatest impact on the conference over the last 25 years. Former men's soccer goalie Adin Brown '99, runner Matt Lane '00, tennis player Megan Moulton-Levy '08 and women's soccer player Natalie Neaton '97 were named the Tribe's representatives to the "Silver Stars" team.

ATHLETE FOCUS

ASHLEY HOLOFCENER JUNIOR, ATTACKER



The Flat Hat caught up with junior attacker Ashley Holofcener to discuss her love for Ray Rice and her affinity for Squash.

Favorite professional athlete?

I am an avid Baltimore Ravens fan, and I have so many boys on that team, but I would have to say, that this year, my favorite was Ray Rice.

What is your favorite class you have taken at W&M? I liked "Social Problems" with Professor Courier. She made me think of different life issues that I had never thought about before. And she is just an awesome fan. She loves the athletes and we love her.

If you could play any other sport at W&M, what would it be? Squash. [Laughs.] No, I was always big into field hockey when I was in high school, so I guess that would be it.

Favorite place to travel? Australia was definitely the best place I have ever been. I don't go frequently, though.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hot-shooting Tribe too much for Delaware

Squad shoots 51 percent in 67-54 win

By MATT POMES
Flat Hat Sports Editor

After a seemingly endless string of tight games, the Tribe returned home to Kaplan Arena Wednesday in search of a comfortable win over a squad in the bottom half of the CAA standings. Against a tired Delaware squad playing on just one day of rest, the College (17-7, 9-5 CAA) got just that, pounding out an efficient 67-54 victory that built vital momentum heading into Saturday's showdown with first-place Northeastern.

"It was a gutsy performance tonight," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "We had two or three guys with a pretty serious case of the flue, and it was tough for them to play as well as they did. It was a good, tough conference win."

The victory was the College's third in its past four games, and its first by multiple possessions since a Jan. 16 win over Hofstra.

The Tribe was able to return to the formula that had spurred its 14-2 start to the season, relying on strong shooting and balanced scoring to finish off a season sweep of the Blue Hens (7-18, 3-11 CAA), despite a season-high 18 turnovers.

Nine of the squad's 10 rotation players tallied points as the College shot 51 percent from the floor and 47 percent from three-point range.

"Our practices Monday and Tuesday were really two of the best we've had in about a month," Shaver said. "You could sense some good things happening."

Sophomore guard Quinn McDowell was particularly efficient, knocking down all six of his shots for 11 points, while junior center Marcus Kitts and senior guard David Schneider accounted for 29 points on 9 of 20 shooting between them.

"A lot of guys had great nights tonight," Schneider said. "We just need that balanced scoring that we had earlier in the season."

The College came out hot, opening up a 30-14 lead with 4:12 remaining in the first half. After playing UNC-Wilmington Monday due to a snow postponement, Delaware was clearly a step slow, getting into foul trouble early and missing 24 of their first 29 shots.

But the Blue Hens clawed back, hitting their last six shots of the half to embark on a 15-3 run and cut the lead to 32-29 entering the break.

"They really rely on their guards, so they can easily get out of a hole," Schneider said. "It's hard to limit them, especially when they get going."

After the intermission, Shaver dialed up a three-point play which saw Schneider bury a deep three, before senior guard Sean McCurdy answered with a trey of his own. The lead immediately swelled to nine points, and it would never drop below three the rest of the evening.

"That's probably the best start we've had coming out of a half," Schneider said. "That pretty much sealed the deal the rest of the half. It sent a message to our team."

Delaware cut the deficit to 53-50 with 6:38 remaining, but a pair of free throws



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Senior guard Sean McCurdy finished with seven points and four rebounds Wednesday.

from Schneider sparked the College to a 9-0 run that would ice the game.

Coupled with a Hofstra win over Drexel and George Mason's Tuesday win over Virginia Commonwealth, the result returned the Tribe to fourth place in the conference, temporarily putting it in position to receive the final CAA tournament bye.

It also saw the College break out of its lengthy shooting slump just in time for matchups against first-place Northeastern and second-place George Mason in the week ahead.

"We have to come out with the same aggression that we had tonight," Schneider said. "This win should give us a lot of confidence."

LACROSSE SPRING PREVIEW

After two years of heartbreak, Tribe aims for NCAA tourney

By MIKE BARNES
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Familiarity has not necessarily been a benefit to the College in recent seasons. Two years in a row, the squad has seen its NCAA tournament hopes come to an end on its own Albert-Daly Field, falling short in successive CAA tournaments that it hosted as the conference's top seed.

This season, no. 20 William and Mary believes it can finally clear that hurdle — emerge from the CAA postseason intact and catapult itself into the NCAA tournament.

The College returns nine starters and all six of its leading scorers from a team that captured a CAA regular season title last spring. This year, the Tribe will attempt to utilize its depth and experience to navigate a challenging non-conference schedule and reach the next level of postseason play.

"We are looking to improve on the last two seasons," Head Coach Christine Halfpenny said. "We are really excited, we think we have a schedule that gives us a lot of opportunities to prove to ourselves that we can compete in the top 20 consistently game by game. I'm really excited; obviously we return a ton of [players], but I like the depth that we have. Starting with all of our returners and going

all the way to our freshmen, we have a lot to choose from."

Offensively, the College will look to follow up the successes of a 2009 squad that set program records in goals and points. The Tribe will be led by junior attacker Ashley Holofcener, a preseason All-CAA honoree and All-American candidate. Holofcener was the College's leading scorer last season, amassing 64 points on 34 goals and 30 assists.

The Tribe will also feature a strong, athletic defense led by junior Sarah Jonson. A 2009 All-American, Jonson ranked sixth nationally and first in the CAA in caused turnovers. For the third straight year, the backline will be anchored by junior goalkeeper Emily Geary, who will attempt to continue her superb work between the pipes.

Although the College boasts both a high-scoring attack and a solid defense, the core of the team lies in the midfield, which is anchored by junior Grace Golden. A 2009 All-CAA selection, Golden believes that this year's squad has a chance to accomplish something special.

"First and foremost, we want to win the CAA tournament," Golden said. "To win two straight CAA regular season titles and then not win the tournament is kind of disappointing. So this year we want to win the CAA tournament, and then go deep in the NCAA tournament."

To facilitate that goal, Halfpenny has arranged a brutally difficult schedule this spring. The College will open against no. 16 Ohio State Sunday at Busch Field at 1 p.m. Then, matchups against no. 5 Duke and no. 8 Virginia loom over the following three games. No. 17 Towson and no. 19 James Madison will await in CAA play.

Key contributor: Grace Golden

In order for the Tribe to finally progress into the NCAA tournament, junior midfielder Grace Golden will need to be on top of her game. Luckily for her teammates, Golden's game is formidable. Last season, the junior established herself as one of the nation's top midfielders, leading the Tribe with 44 goals, good for 2.6 per game. Golden's list of accolades is lengthy; she was named a Tewaaraton Trophy Watch List honoree, a 2009 All-South Region Second Team selection, and a 2010 All-CAA Preseason nominee. And her success is critical to the Tribe's chances. In 2009, Golden scored in all but five of the College's matches, making 52 percent of her shots from the field.

But an equally important contribution lies in Golden's leadership of a deep Tribe midfield.

"We are bringing back a lot of speed, and we are definitely utilizing it in the midfield and looking for each other more," Golden said. "Additionally, on defense we are planning on shutting people down and working together as a team, just like we did last year."



By the numbers

2 Consecutive CAA titles for the College

20 National preseason ranking for the Tribe

224 Goals scored by the Tribe last season, a program record

6-1 2009 CAA record for the Tribe

