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Bite-size news you can use

It may have been 60 degrees the other day, but don't put away your winter coats just yet. The National Weather Service is predicting a winter weather system to hit Virginia tonight and continue through Saturday. An accumulation of up to six inches of snow is predicted for the Williamsburg area.

Since you'll be snowed in Saturday with nowhere to go, you might as well hold your own wild rumpus. AMP will be showing "Where The Wild Things Are" tonight and tomorrow at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Commonwealth for just \$2.

She was probably just tired. Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors Christina Romer '81 was spotted yawning during the State of the Union address Wednesday night as President Barack Obama discussed arms control. The Washington Post reported.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65, on the other hand, was paying attention. Obama called for Congress to repeal the controversial "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that prevents gays from serving in the military, and Gates will testify next week in front of the Senate Armed Services Committee on how he would implement such a change, the Pentagon said.

Get a whiff of this. A House of Delegates panel this week smothered proposals from Del. Harvey Morgan (R-98) to lighten the penalty for simple marijuana possession.

After two years on the Newport News City Council, Pat Woodbury M.Ed. '82 Ed.S. '89 Ed.D. '96 is hoping to replace Mayor Joe Frank. Woodbury, 73, would be the city's second female mayor if she wins the May 4 election.

Emily Anthony '12 won the women's Pro-4 category at the sixth annual Tour De Bahamas cycling race this weekend on the western streets of New Providence. The race featured cyclists from the Bahamas as well as other professionals, largely from the United States.

Poet, professor, mentor and literary activist E. Ethelbert Miller will be at the College to lecture and read between Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Miller is the recipient of the 1994 PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award and the 1995 O.B. Hardison Jr. Poetry Prize.

Former physics professor Hans von Baeyer will speak this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Small 109 about physics at William and Mary from 1760 to 2010. Von Baeyer will touch on Thomas Jefferson's studies in natural philosophy, the Ph.D program's 1960s origins and contemporary work on campus and at the Jefferson Laboratory.

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Students try luck at lobbying



Richmond

Annual Road to Richmond trip connects College, lawmakers

By ALEX McGRATH
The Flat Hat

RICHMOND, Va. — While most of the campus slumbered early Tuesday morning, a group of College of William and Mary students braved the cold and headed to Richmond to lobby Virginia politicians.

Road to Richmond, an annual trip to the state's capital, is designed to bring students to the offices of the men and women who control a large amount of the College's operating budget, and funds for building projects. Over the next two years, the state of Virginia faces a \$4.2 billion budget shortfall, and funding for higher education is once again at risk for further cuts. College President Taylor Reveley

declared the prevention of further cuts the number one priority of the students on this expedition. Along with asking legislators not to cut higher education budgets further, students were assigned to prevent a levy on student fees, protect the current ratio of out-of-state students and get bonds for "brick and mortar" projects to get them rolling again.

"Every year here I have had an impact on legislation, and educated at least one legislator on an issue and changed a vote," John Pothen '11 said.

Pothen, who was on his third Road to Richmond trip, spoke with six legislators and their assistants.

"The biggest difference we can

make is to put a face to William and Mary," he said.

Adam Rosen '11 said he attended Road to Richmond out of a deep love for the College.

"The College has its own special place and it must be maintained as a quality school," he said.

Rosen met with a legislative assistant to Del. Tim Hugo '86 (R-40), who is one of the most vocal proponents of higher ratios of in-state students at public universities.

Student Assembly President Sarah Rojas '10 also participated, meeting with Del. Chris Jones (R-76), who is on the House's Appropriations Committee for Higher Education.

"It was exciting to see students have a part in the legislative process besides voting," she said. "We are privileged at William and Mary, but we also have a responsibility to give back."

Rojas said that she plans to make



ALEX McGRATH — THE FLAT HAT
Carlos Quintella '12 discusses legislation that will affect the College with a delegate. Thirty-five students participated in the event on Tuesday.



Williamsburg

Scott Foster '10 running for City Council

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Managing Editor

When Williamsburg goes to the polls in May to elect two new city council members, College of William and Mary student Scott Foster '10 will be on the ballot.

Foster, who officially declared his candidacy Thursday, is the first candidate to throw his hat into the ring. He began filing the necessary petitions and paperwork with the voter registrar's office in November.

"I chose to run in order to better connect Williamsburg issues with the wealth of knowledge existing in our community, both from the College and the residents at large," Foster said in an e-mail. "Above all, I enjoy living in Williamsburg, and I am eager to contribute my talent and leadership to the City Council."

Foster currently serves as the co-chair of the College's undergraduate Student Conduct Council. He is a government major, and will be graduating from the College in May. He plans on applying to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law for enrollment in 2011.

According to a campaign press release, Foster has the support of several student groups, as well as long-time residents.

"To be elected, I will truly appeal to both students and residents. My campaign alone will have a positive impact on Williamsburg by facilitating campus and community connection," he said.

Scott Foster for Williamsburg Communications Director and Student Assembly Sen. Erik Houser '10 has reported that the campaign has raised \$6,445 from about 40 donors to date.

In the coming weeks, Foster is expecting to hold fundraisers to build on his early campaign momentum. An event with College alumni in Washington, D.C. has already been scheduled.

Although several SA leaders have become involved in the campaign, the organization has not formally declared its support for Foster, instead focusing its efforts on voter registration and education.

"The SA cannot officially support one candidate over another," SA President Sarah Rojas '10 said. "On a personal level ... I think [Foster] would do a great job if he was elected."

Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 has already announced that she will not be seeking reelection on May 4. Council member Bobby Braxton has not announced whether or not he will run again.

"I stand by my statement in The Virginia Gazette," Braxton said. "I have to get a lot of things in order first. The petition is the least of all my worries right now."

According to the city's voter registrar's office, Foster and David Defashy, a physician at the William and Mary Student Health Center, are the only candidates who have announced their intentions to run.

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NCAA and ESPN websites used outlawed logo

By MATT POMS
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Three and a half years after forcing the College of William and Mary to dispose of a logo deemed "hostile and abusive" to Native Americans, the NCAA has continued to display the offending symbol on its website.

In May 2006, the organization ordered the College to remove two feathers from its logo on the basis that the marker demeaned Native Americans. The College filed for an appeal, which it eventually lost.

Threatened with NCAA sanctions, including losing the privilege to host postseason events, the College complied and introduced a new logo for athletic teams on Dec. 6, 2007.

However, over two years after the new logo's unveiling, the NCAA continued to use the College's old logo,

including the feathers, on its website.

As recently as Jan. 25, the main page for the College's athletic teams on ncaa.com showed the old logo as its primary symbol for the Tribe. The websites for ESPN and Sports Illustrated did so as well.

NCAA spokesman Chuck Wynne said that the use of the old logos on the website was a technical error.

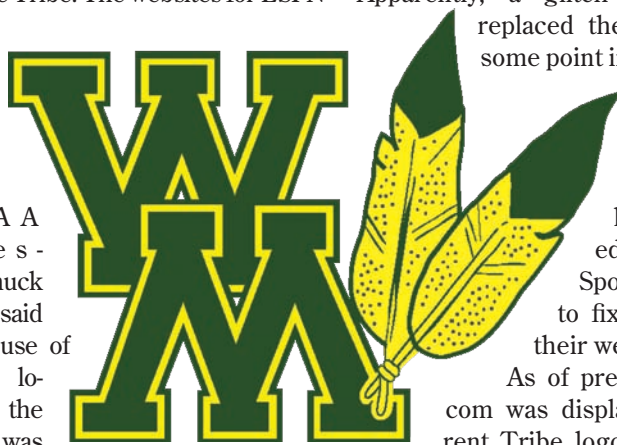
"The William [and] Mary logo was displayed by mistake and has been

corrected," Wynne said in an e-mail. "Once [made] aware of the problem, we immediately contacted our site content managers and had it fixed. Apparently, a glitch inadvertently replaced the new logo at some point in time with the old logo."

Wynne added that the NCAA had contacted ESPN and Sports Illustrated to fix the logos on their websites as well.

As of press time, espn.com was displaying the current Tribe logo, while cnsci.com still displayed the old design.

Neither organization responded to requests for comment.



Barnes and Noble bookstores to launch textbook rental program

By RACHEL SMITH
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For students struggling with high textbook prices, a cheaper alternative will soon be available.

Barnes and Noble College Booksellers — the bookstore used by the College of William and Mary — will extend its services to include a multi-channel textbook rental program for college students. The new service will allow students to rent textbooks through their campus bookstore's website, or directly from their campus bookstore.

Barnes and Noble created the program to accommodate students' needs. Students who are non-majors, or those who take a class to fulfill a General Education Requirement, could rent textbooks without the high price tags associated with buying new and used books.

"We are in the business of providing students [with] different options," Vice President of Books for Barnes and Noble College Booksellers Jade Roth said.

The program is in its pilot stage. In 2009, three of the 636 Barnes and Noble College Book-

stores offered textbook rental programs. In January, Barnes and Noble introduced the program to an additional 23 schools, including the University of South Carolina, the University of Maryland and Ohio State University.

"We have always been about providing our students with convenient, cost-saving textbook options," President of Barnes and Noble College Booksellers Max Roberts said in a press release. "We think our rental program does just that, and [it] has the

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FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Textbooks are kept in the basement of the Barnes and Noble bookstore in CW.

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WEATHER

Friday



High 40°
Low 25°

Saturday



High 31°
Low 18°

Sunday



High 37°
Low 13°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT
A student enjoys a cold treat while taking a break from classes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Professors receive Outstanding Faculty Award

College of William and Mary law professor Paul Marcus and marine science professor Mark Patterson are among 12 Virginia educators to receive the Commonwealth's Outstanding Faculty Award. The award recognizes professors who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and public service. Since the award's inception in 1987, 35 professors from the College have received the honor — more than any other university in the state.

"William and Mary has a powerful tradition of being home to outstanding Faculty Award winners," College President Taylor Reveley said. "This is because our faculty is compellingly good, as Paul and Mark make so clear. We are very proud of both of them."

This year's honorees will receive their awards during a luncheon ceremony Feb. 18.

College participates in International Mercury Conference

College of William and Mary Students and faculty traveled to Guiyang, China to participate in the ninth International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, the conference is part of a Global Inquiry Groups-sponsored exchange in China.

Global Inquiry Groups, or GIGS, joins students and faculty in explorations of topics with international significance. They are co-sponsored by the Wendy and Emory Reves Center and the Roy R. Charles Center at the College.

Participants shared their research on the South River in Virginia with conference attendees and scientists at Central China Normal University and Guizhou Normal University.

"The goal of the project is to create new ways of thinking and communicating global issues across borders, international and academic," Sharon Zuber, co-director of GIGS, said.

— by Elysia Alim

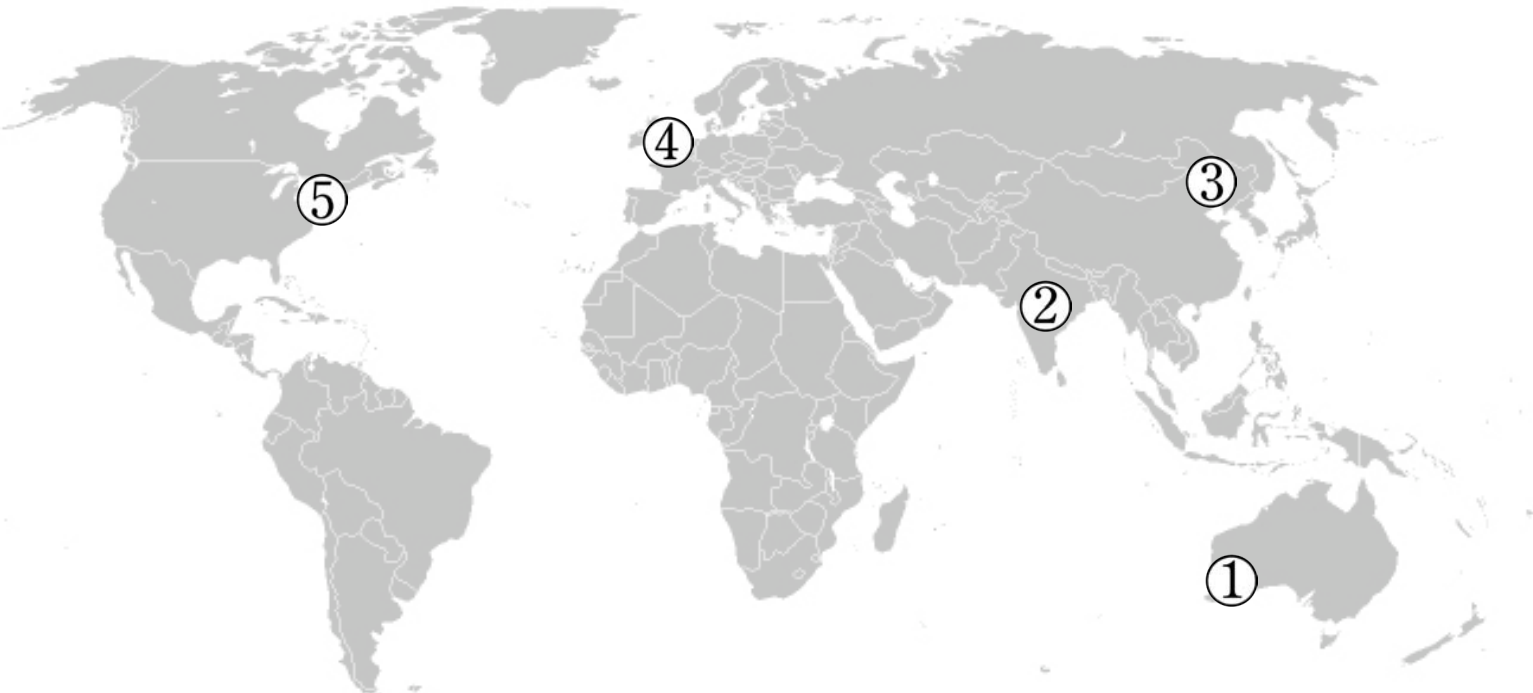
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 According to a study from the University of Western Australia, overweight adults 70 to 75 years old are less likely to die over a 10-year period than adults of normal weight. The study assessed the lifestyles of Australian men and women ages 70 to 75 years old. This finding questions the accuracy of current body mass index guidelines for older adults.

2 Approximately 200,000 students throughout India are protesting the government's decision to strip 44 institutions of their official university status. The decision is the result of a review, which found that the institutions did not provide proper educational facilities. The government said it will ensure that the decision does not jeopardize the students' futures.

3 Four Nottingham Trent University students returned after winning two snow sculpture competitions in Harbin, China. The team, which competed against skilled and practiced sculptors, created different models of broken cameras from ice. The sculpture, named "Exposure and Lost Memories," was created to remind people to remember valuable memories.

4 Researchers University of Cambridge analyzing brain size and body mass of primate species showed that primate brains have not always increased in size as they evolved. It remains unknown why smaller brains would be advantageous to some species, but researchers speculate that when food was scarce, primates may have sacrificed intelligence to use less energy.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Elysia Alim

5 Research finds barefoot running good for the sole

Running shoeless utilizes different set of muscles, reduces likelihood for injuries

By ELYSIA ALIM
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Harvard University researchers have published a new study in the journal Nature that suggests runners who run barefoot put less stress on the body than runners who wear regular footwear. Running without any footwear encourages the use of a different set of muscles and creates a different gait, which works to prevent repeated, heavy impacts between the feet and the ground.

Researchers analyzed the foot strikes and running strides of runners in the United States and Kenya — where many people have ran barefoot since childhood — using scales, 3-D motion analysis and high-speed cameras. The runners ran at least 12.4 miles per week.

Results showed that barefoot runners were less prone to injuries because they landed on their forefoot and mid-foot, adjusting their leg and foot movements so that they landed more gently on the ground. Modern running shoes with cushioned heels encourage runners to land on the back of their feet. This increases impact on the hips and knees,

thereby increasing the likelihood of tibial stress fractures and plantar fasciitis.

"People who don't wear shoes when they run have an astonishingly different stride. By landing on the middle or front of the foot, barefoot runners have almost no impact collision, much less than most shoe runners generate when they heel strike," Harvard professor of human evolutionary biology, Daniel Lieberman said.

Lieberman also mentioned that the pronounced arch of the human foot shows human beings are built for long dis-

tance running.

"Humans have engaged in endurance running for millions of years, but the modern running shoe was not invented until the 1970s," Lieberman said.

Cushioned heels mean that a typical runner is pounding the ground heavily at the rate of approximately 1,000 collisions per mile.

Although running without footwear works in testing, it is not advisable on littered streets. Running barefoot, or with minimal shoes, requires different muscles, and runners should transition to little or no footwear slowly.

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about a potential arts district opening up near CW?



"I think it would be way cool, fun places with interesting people."

Carlie Pena '12



"I would support it. I think it would add something to the community."

Kirklynn Martin '12



"I would like to see more of the cafe culture around CW."

Lauren Carstensen '10



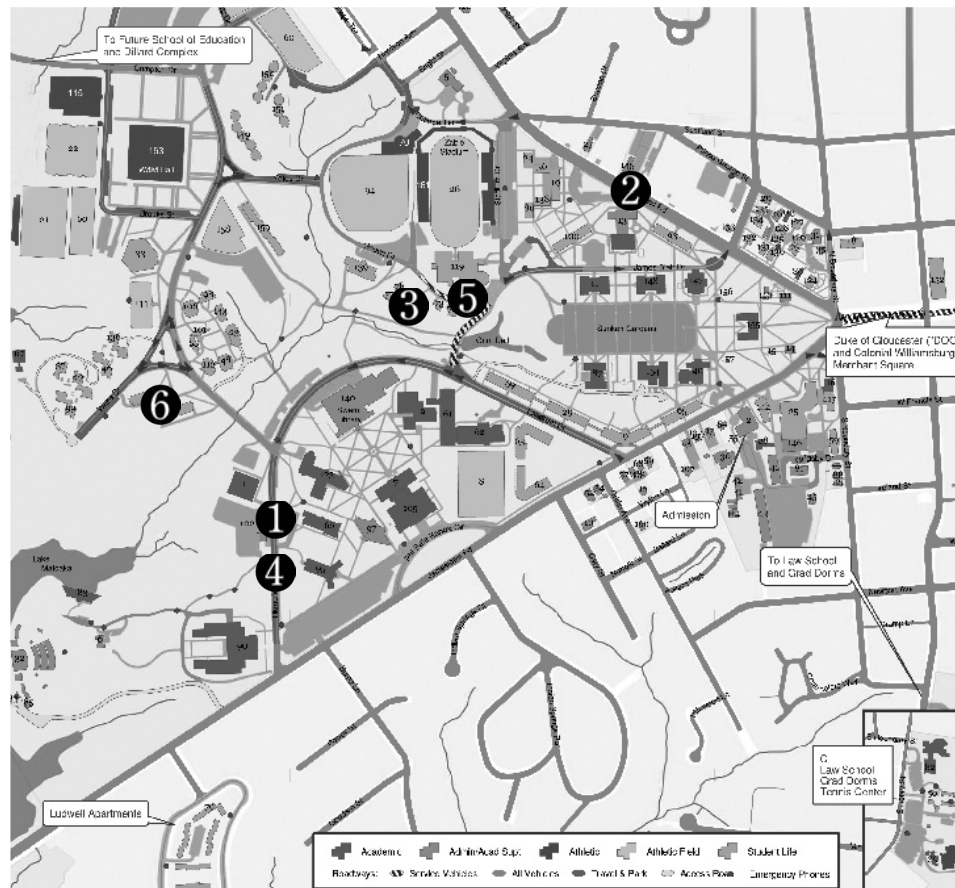
"Oh! That would be great and I would totally go to it!"

Morgan Barker '12

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

January 19 to January 26



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WM.EDU

- 1 **Tuesday, Jan. 19** — An individual reported larceny at 300 Ukrop Way. The estimated value was \$8700.
- 2 — An individual reported vandalism at 300 Richmond Rd. The estimated value was \$15.
- 3 — An individual reported vandalism in Lodge 16. The estimated damage was \$200.
- 4 **Wednesday, Jan. 20** — An individual reported larceny at 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated loss was \$200.
- 4 — An individual reported fraud crimes at 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated value was \$1300.
- 5 — An individual was arrested and charged for alleged possession of alcohol by a minor at 204 Gooch Dr.
- 4 **Thursday, Jan. 21** — An individual reported larceny at 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated damage was \$305.
- 6 **Sunday, Jan. 24** — An individual reported vandalism in Dupont. The estimated loss was \$200.

— compiled by Elysia Alim

ΑΦΑ national recruitment halts

Hazing incident leads to student's hospitalization

By **MAGGIE REEB**
Flat Hat News Editor

The historically black fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. has put a national hold on recruitment due to an alleged hazing incident which left one member critically wounded.

Nineteen year-old Fort Valley University student and APA brother Brian Tukes was hospitalized for acute renal failure after complaining of back pain and vomiting. He is currently in a stable condition.

Fellow Fort Valley student and APA member Bryson Trumaine Amey was arrested for allegedly beating Tukes with his fists and other body parts at the APA fraternity house.

"Following my review of 2009, it became clear to me that one area that needs our immediate focus is the conduct of the brothers involved in the intake process," APA Inc. General President Herman Mason said in a memorandum addressed to the APA community.

Seven African-American Cornell University

students established APA, the nation's oldest historically black fraternity, in 1904. The Kappa Pi chapter of APA was established at the College of William and Mary in 1975.

Some of the fraternity's more famous members include Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Jesse Owens.

The College's chapter is known for its step dancing show performances at various campus events.

Once the Kappa Pi chapter of APA receives a sufficient number of applications from potential members, the fraternity begins a two weekend rush period.

There are five active members of APA on campus, but none have been recruited this year. There have been no reported APA hazing incidents at the College.

"There have not been any problems here at the College, and we have been here since 1975," APA Historian Lamar Shambley '10 said.

Shambley could not comment on how the national halt on member intake could affect recruitment on campus.

It is still unclear how long APA recruitment will remain frozen.



Braxton undecided on candidacy

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"I haven't really flushed out my platform," Defashy said. "Rather than pushing an agenda, there has to be a way to compromise."

Defashy is currently working on obtaining the 125 required

signatures to get onto the upcoming ballot, adding that he would be able to consolidate the perspectives of long-term city residents with issues affecting the College.

The last student to run for city council was former Student

Assembly Sen. Matt Beato '08, who received 15.6 percent of the vote in 2009 but lost to Vice Mayor Clyde Haulman and council members Judy Knudson and Paul Freiling '83.

Flat Hat News Editor Mike Crump contributed to this report.

Program will not include all subjects

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additional benefit of providing an online solution."

Some businesses already help students avoid high costs by renting textbooks. Chegg.com is one of many e-commerce sites that rents textbooks to students who wish to save money.

"I feel that Chegg is simple and easy to use," Arryka Jackson '12 said. "All you have to do is go online and look up the ISBN numbers for the books you want. The prices are fair, and I rent my books for a third of the price."

However, Barnes and Noble will meet with all affiliates, including the College of William and Mary, to evaluate the program's success. Barnes and Noble plans to gradually introduce the program to additional schools. The company does not know when the program will begin at the College.

"The program is not right for every campus," Roth said. "That's why we'll talk to each school individually."

Students are not limited to science and math books, which are typically the most expensive.

"We don't determine rentals based on discipline," Roth said.

Students return rented books at the end of finals. Barnes and



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Rented textbooks come at a fraction of the cost of their new counterparts.

Noble then redistributes the books locally or at another store, where they will be reused as rental texts or resold as used books.

Gagan Jindal '11 said she is in support of a rental program.

"Overall, I think the program is a good idea," Jindal said. "It helps cut down on costs, especially with rising tuition costs and the decreasing availability of financial aid."

Obama lays out national agenda

White House seeks student loan, Pell Grant reform

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**
Flat Hat Online Editor

An increase in financial aid, student loan reform and greater support for community colleges topped President Barack Obama's higher education agenda as outlined in his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress Wednesday night.

In a speech that focused on jobs, the economy and national security, Obama spoke briefly of his legislative goals for the nation's colleges and universities.

"In the 21st century, the best anti-poverty program around is a world-class education," Obama said.

The president went on to urge the Senate to pass the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives in September. The bill would eliminate bank-based federal student loan programs and use the billions of dollars saved to expand financial aid.

"Let's take that money and give families a \$10,000 tax credit for four years of college and increase Pell Grants," Obama said.

Arguing that the bill would "revitalize" the nation's community colleges, Obama also called for strengthened student loan repayment plans, limiting payments to 10 percent of a person's income, and forgiving all debt after 20 years, or 10 years for those who work in public service.

"In the United States of America, no one should go broke because they chose to go to college," Obama said. "And by the way, it's time for colleges and universities to get serious about cutting their own costs because they, too, have a responsibility to help solve this problem."

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell supplied the GOP's official response to the president's speech, agreeing with the president about the importance of higher education.

"All Americans agree that a young person needs a world-class education to compete in the global economy," McDonnell said in a televised appearance from the House of Delegates' chambers at the Capitol in Richmond. "As a kid, my dad told me, 'Son, to get a good job, you need a good education.' That's even more true today."

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Equal Housing Opportunity

SA funds Richmond trip

Campus-wide Miller Hall access, sidewalk ban removal considered

By CLARA VAUGHN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary's Student Assembly held its first meeting of the spring semester Tuesday.

Senators discussed numerous pieces of upcoming legislation, several of which were brought to a vote.

The 2010 Richmond Road Funding Act, which covers the costs of transporting students to and from the Road to Richmond event Tuesday, was unanimously passed.

"In the past, the president's office has funded the bus for Road to Richmond, but this year they're hurting," Sen. Erik Houser '10 said. "I thought that it would be a good idea if we were willing to show that we're willing to invest our own money."

The annual event allows students to interact with legislators and lobby on behalf of the College.

A bill urging the Honor Council to hold another information session next week also came to a debate, though it was not passed.

Some SA members worried that the sessions, which are mandatory for any student interested in running for Honor Council, were not publicized early enough. However, a majority felt that interested students were sufficiently aware of the sessions.

Several new bills were introduced for consideration.

A bill to keep Alan B. Miller Hall open to non-business majors at all hours was placed on the agenda to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Currently, all students at the College pay an annual \$150 facility fee for Miller Hall. However, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday and 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday the building is closed to students who are not

enrolled in business classes.

A Facebook group in support of equal student access to Miller Hall 1,056 members as of press time.

The Help Haiti Now Act would allocate approximately \$1,000 from the SA's consolidated reserve to make t-shirts in support of Haiti relief efforts.

All profits will be given to the University of Fondwa, Haiti's only university that offers degrees.

The Get With the Times Act would allocate up to \$6,250 from the SA's consolidated reserve to bring 200 issues of The New York Times to campus each day to be distributed at the Sadler Center and the Commons.

"We'll be talking about ... the logistics of distribution this week," Sen. Betty Jeanne Manning '12 said.

A potential bill to change the campus-wide ban on chalked messages, as well as the imposed free speech zones during SA elections, was also introduced.

Further, the Consolidated Reserve Interest Act would redirect interest accumulated on student activities fees into an account that would fund student initiatives.

The interest is currently kept in an account managed by the Board of Visitors.

The amount of interest has averaged \$9,100 in the last five years.

The College Board of Elections Act would standardize student elections through Blackboard Academic Suite.

Sen. Ben Brown '11 said that the current system worked well for the last student elections, but noted that some students did not receive the notification e-mail on time and that there were problems with the randomly generated passwords.

"We can have students log in through Blackboard, it just costs more money," he said.

The SA meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Miller 1027.

Students, legislators discuss College issues

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regular lobbying trips to Richmond with interested students while the legislature is in session.

Many students said "giving back" was a major motivation to participate in Road to Richmond.

"Everyone on this bus showed tremendous initiative," Scott Foster '10 said.

Foster said he was impressed with the behavior and knowledge of the legislators in Richmond.

"They spoke frankly and were in tune with the issues facing the College," he said.

Carlos Quintela '12 said Road to Richmond enhanced his interpersonal skills, allowed him to meet with leg-

islators and let him give back to the school.

"It's really important to get the College's needs out there," Quintela said.

Bryan Alphin '10 and Leacy Burke '12, who intern at the College's Office of Strategic Initiatives, organized the trip.

Alphin controlled the managerial aspects while Burke researched legislation that students should discuss with delegates.

Alphin said he organized Road to Richmond to prevent policies that would threaten the tradition of higher education.

"It's easy for [legislators] to become detached from higher education and forget the tradition and its importance," Alphin said.

Lee Desser '10 said she took



ALEX McGRATH — THE FLAT HAT
Leacy Burke '12 researched legislation that impacts university issues to prepare for Road to Richmond.

part in the trip this year because she is concerned with the state of public education.

"If funding is cut, it will become more expensive," Desser said. "You can't underestimate the value of higher education."

Desser also said Road to Richmond is a good example of grassroots organizing, which is crucial to the democratic process.

Before lobbying, the stu-

dents received crucial advice from Sen. Tommy Norment J.D. '73 (R-3), who represents Williamsburg, among other localities. Norment emphasized the importance of advocating one's needs.

"The squeaky wheel gets the oil," Norment said. "If you are not heard, if you do not make your presence known, you will not get the things you are looking for. This is the real deal."

Sullivan becomes first female president of U.Va.

New appointee to focus on fundraising, outreach and financial aid program

By AMEYA JAMMI
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The University of Virginia has chosen its first female president. U.Va.'s Board of Visitors unanimously elected Teresa Sullivan, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, to the position Jan. 11.

Sullivan will take office Aug. 8.

"Their selection is a wonderful choice for the students there, and we look forward to working with her," College of William and Mary spokesman Brian Whitson said.

Current U.Va. President John Casteen III is stepping down at the end of this semester after 20 years as president.

"The University of Virginia has enjoyed strong leadership in John Casteen for

the past two decades," U.Va. Rector John Wynne said in a press release. "The board is confident that in Terry we have found an excellent successor to lead the University as we work to elevate our teaching and research capabilities and to enhance our student experience. We are pleased to have attracted a person of Terry's integrity, experience and vision."

Wynne chaired the search committee, which included eight other members of the board of visitors, six faculty members, two former rectors and two students.

Sullivan was chosen from a pool of over 150 nominees after a five-month search.

"She is undaunted by the challenges and has a deep understanding of the complexities," Wynne said. "She believes in public higher education and is committed to leading our university and to building on its excellence."

Sullivan will address the challenges outlined by the university's board of visitors, which include increasing international outreach and improving its financial aid program.

"The quality of higher education is threatened by increasing costs and declining state support," Sullivan said in a press release. "The best of schools — the Universities of Virginia, Michigan, Texas — are the most affected, because sustained excellence requires resources. This cannot, however, keep us from our commitment to our students and to the states and the nation we serve. We must always honor our public mission — regardless of the level of the state's contributions to our budgets."



Teresa Sullivan

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STAFF EDITORIAL

NCAA flaunts feathers

When the NCAA deemed our logo “hostile or abusive” in 2006 and subsequently banned it, we thought for sure that we had seen the last of the feathers. Imagine our surprise when just recently those bruised plumes emerged again in the most unlikely of places — on the NCAA’s own website. Frankly, the mind reels.

Initially, butting heads with the NCAA on this matter was a nightmare. When the organization’s ruling came down, it felt arbitrary and unfair. There was a sense that we were being made into the whipping boy, even as larger universities with similar monikers and logos avoided reproach. Worse, the conflict lasted years and, at its conclusion, threatened to revoke the privilege of hosting post-season event when the College of William and Mary was put in the awkward position of having to decide between protesting or bowing to a frivolous injustice.

The feathers were plucked in 2006, which unfortunately was just the beginning: Since then, the headache has only grown. For a full year, our teams took to the fields under no unifying logo.

At a snail’s pace, we crept toward the creation of a new symbol, incurring tens of thousands of dollars in costs during the largest recession in recent history. Just as the College closed its fist in areas where it counted — instituting hiring freezes and massive cutbacks — it also unnecessarily dumped money in this effort to come up with a new drawing for our T-shirts.

Because of the awkwardness of keeping the Tribe moniker but ditching the feathers, the Logo Committee’s hands were tied, creatively speaking. And, to say the least, the results of its effort were underwhelming. “It is hard to imagine any way that the Logo Committee could have produced a more bland new logo,” wrote The Flat Hat in a staff editorial criticizing the new design, which at the time we thought resembled “Microsoft WordArt.”

The recent work of the Mascot Committee suggests it struggled similarly with the added difficulty of earlier setbacks. Students decried the oddball offerings that made the short list, but with a bland logo, a very specific moniker and tight NCAA restrictions — based in a capricious sense of political correctness — on the mascot options available to tie them together, perhaps its arrival at a list of incoherent suggestions is the only outcome that makes any sense.

So, to find our old feathers, after all of this, on the NCAA’s website of all places may be a bit of a slap on the face, but there is a sweetness to the sting. After all, it took The Flat Hat, and not some Facebook-backed uprising, to bring the offending feathers to the organization’s attention. No one else noticed because no one else cared; from the get-go, this was a mountain made from a molehill, but unfortunately this process — which was perhaps a well intentioned, even if misconceived, gesture on the NCAA’s behalf — had real consequences for this university.

If this editorial is little more than an exercise in griping, then that little more is to be found in this message. Symbols are important. Sensitivity is important. But so is keeping everything in perspective.

Mindless aping of political correctness is great for creating a hullabaloo. It makes for excellent Sportscenter fodder or the odd opinions piece. But we must remember that at the other side of the fuss can be real consequence that has the possibility to distract and injure. This school and the NCAA each have their missions, and each is important in its own right. Snuffing out entanglements like these as early as possible allows them to keep their energies focused where they are needed.

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By OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Obama delivers state of disunion

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



All eyes were on President Barack Obama Wednesday night as he delivered the State of the Union address. It has become the custom of pundits and news personalities to make bold claims regarding the importance of this event, and this year was no exception; except perhaps this hype held some kernel of truth. Obama and the democrats have seen a nosedive in their public approval ratings, as well as several electoral setbacks. The president desperately needed to revitalize the party’s image and his own, and the forum of the State of the Union address gave him the perfect opportunity. His oratory skills have never been better. Obama defended his more controversial policies and explicitly referred to himself as an independent who will not seek popularity over principle. If he had not then launched into a stream of populist rhetoric and mediocre policies, it might have been the speech of a strong and capable president.

Before the speech, there was speculation on the part of the media as to whether or not Obama would strike an apologetic tone, given the growing opposition to many of his policies. The answer proved to be a resounding no. He defended the bank bailout as a necessary evil. Then, the camera cut away to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who looked completely joyful to find out that at least one person in the room supported him. Obama also touted the stimulus bill as an integral part of our economic recovery. He then refused to back down on health care reform; he offered only the appearance of contrition when apologizing for not explaining it well enough. He said he didn’t care about being popular, and one could almost have believed it.

But as the speech continued, he just couldn’t seem to

help himself. Maybe he missed the old days when he commanded respect and admiration from the majority of the country, or perhaps he wasn’t truly resigned to being a great one-term president. Either way, he just could not seem to avoid saying things people wanted to hear. The populist Obama railed against the amorphous forces we all love to hate: big banks, big business, partisan politicians and lobbyists. The usual praise and promises were made to the middle class, small businesses and principles of bipartisanship and common sense.

Any new policies seemed to have been crafted based on their appeal to the mythical middle America. Some were sound, albeit trite. Modest middle-class and small business tax cuts are a perennial favorite. Some were vague and formless. (What exactly is a jobs bill?) Most were meaningless. The proposed spending freeze, for example, would apply to a small portion of the overall

population and have a negligible effect on the deficit. Also, the bipartisan commission on fiscal responsibility would have absolutely no teeth if not approved by the U. S. Senate, which already bipartisanly voted it down. Also, what are the chances the Senate

actually posts all their earmark requests? At worst, his policies were completely off base. Trying to strong-arm companies to refrain from outsourcing jobs makes very little economic sense.

Most amusing was Obama’s method of dealing with more controversial issues. He seemed to believe that if he espoused a liberal policy he must quickly mention a conservative one. So he urged off-shore drilling and cap-and-trade in the same breath with nuclear power. Then, when he seemed to credit tax cuts for the creation of jobs, he quickly pointed out that many of these jobs were in the clean energy sector. It is a testament to Obama’s skill that he was able to both stress his independence and shamelessly pander to the American people with such grace. I guess he is a real politician after all.

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Do One Thing campaign makes the global personal

Phillip Zapfel

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Zapfel '09 is the College’s sustainability fellow.

You’ve got a lot on your mind: classes, work, sports, clubs, family, money, health — everyone’s busy, and global issues often get lost in the shuffle. For example, the College of William and Mary’s recent improvements and commitment to sustainability can feel pretty disconnected from our day-to-day lives.

Most of us are aware that the planet has seen better days, but it’s hard to make something like sustainability, even here on campus, a top priority when bills need to be paid and essays need to be written. And what does sustainability really mean, anyway? It’s hard to relate such a large, multifaceted term to everyday life.

Sustainability can be defined as the responsible use of resources so that future generations can use them as well. But on a very real, individual level, sustainability is simply the ability to preserve yourself. Personal sustainability is the act of keeping yourself going

physically, emotionally, culturally and environmentally. It’s about living a healthy, happy and fulfilling life.

This individualization of sustainability was the basis for the Do One Thing campaign launched September at the Mason School of Business. The program, which originated from the sustainability strategy firm Saatchi & Saatchi, and the first of its kind at any business school in the country, strives to get one billion people across the planet to adopt a personal sustainability practice. DOT helps people improve their lives and the lives of those around them.

In recognition of the hard work of the business school’s undergraduate Net Impact chapter and of program director Chris Adkins, Saatchi & Saatchi CEO Adam Werbach spoke about DOT at the business school this past September. The school’s DOT Facebook page amassed over 1,000 DOTs from students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and community members in only a month.

In light of the wonderful success of DOT at the business school, we’re set to become the first DOT university: This past Monday, President Taylor Reveley announced that the DOT program is launching campus

wide. Committee on Sustainability volunteers, led by law professor Erin Ryan and Caroline Cress ’10, have worked diligently for months to roll out the DOT program in each of the schools and departments across the College, beginning in business and law this week, and culminating in a campus DOT celebration around Earth Day in April.

To get involved with DOT, think about your daily routine, the little acts that make up your day. Pick just one of these acts, one thing that you can change to conserve resources, improve your health or the health of others, or build community, or create economic stability.

This change is your personal sustainability practice — your DOT. It can be something as small as printing on recycled paper or as large as switching to a more fuel-efficient vehicle. Reveley has chosen to use reusable coffee mugs and print double-sided whenever he can.

The College has made some fantastic strides in sustainability over the past few years. The Committee on Sustainability has over 100 devoted volunteers working on everything from composting the dining halls’s food waste to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. The student green fee has paid for energy-

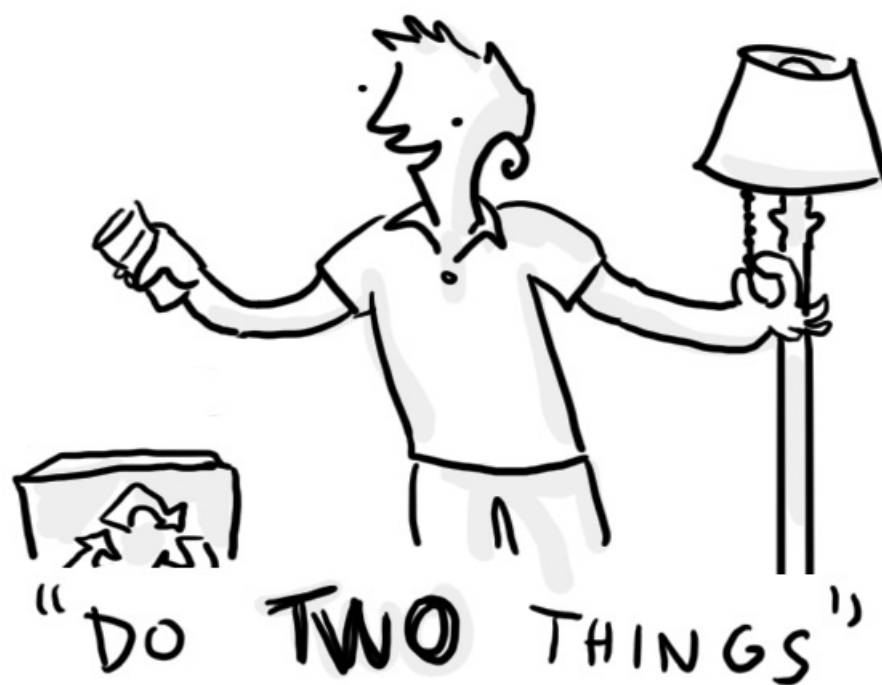
saving building improvements and has inspired student research. Reveley has emphasized the College’s commitment to sustainability in the past, and now he’s asking for you to help.

We’re not asking you to save the world. The DOT program simply asks you to find a small way to improve

your life, the lives of those around you, and the state of the world’s resources. We are asking you to show the world what this College community of 10,000 can accomplish when we each make one small choice. You only have to do one thing.

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VANCOUVER 2010

What to watch this winter Olympic season

By **BECKY KOENIG**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Canada is preparing to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, and although the opening ceremony is not until Feb. 12, excitement is mounting.

Athletes have not yet descended upon Vancouver, but some students at the College of William and Mary are already eagerly following the progress of their favorite teams and

events. It can be difficult to keep track of so many participants from so many nations in so many competitions, but The Flat Hat compiled a summary of people and events that

promise to make these games special when they air on NBC.

Whether drawn by patriotism, a competitive spirit or admiration for athletic prowess, students at the College will soon be setting aside their books to watch the 2010 Winter Olympics.



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WOMEN'S FIGURE SKATING



The women's figure skating competition, a perennial favorite, is highly anticipated among students at the College. The American team will be composed of two skaters this year: 17-year-old Rachael Flatt and 16-year-old

Mirai Nagasu, who won the gold and silver medals, respectively, at the 2010 U.S. National Championships.

Sasha Cohen, who won a silver medal in the 2006 Olympics in Torino, Italy, made an unexpected comeback and secured a bid for an Olympic spot at the U.S. Championships. The 25-year-old finished fourth and will serve as a team alternate.

While many students enjoy watching figure skating, few have the true appreciation for the sport that Hayley Soohoo '12 has. An ice skater for 14 years, Soohoo was partially homeschooled to accommodate her rigorous practice schedule and competed in the ice dancing portion of the 2008 U.S. National

Championships. Soohoo skated at the same rink as Nagasu in Burbank, Ca. and is confident in her friend's abilities. The new international judging system will be in effect this February, awarding separate scores for technical and program, or artistic, elements. Soohoo said that Nagasu is especially skilled at these program components.

"She's a solid jumper," Soohoo said. "In the past, she's had a little trouble cheating her jumps, which means not fully rotating them; but she's known for her flexibility, and she has a really good artistic presence."

Nagasu is as personable as she is talented, according to Soohoo.

"She's so nice, always energetic and happy," Soohoo said. "She's old enough to be mature and taken seriously but young enough to not be jaded and arrogant. She's really down to Earth and willing to talk to anyone and sign autographs and take pictures."

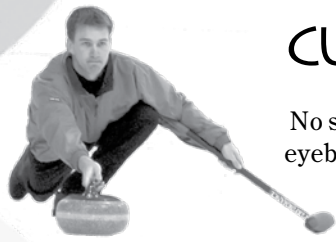
The U.S. team is strong, but other countries have equally talented skaters. Soohoo mentioned members of the Japanese team and Italian skater Carolina Kostner as formidable competitors.

Soohoo has faith in the American representative's ability to pull off impressive performances.

"Between these two [Flatt and Nagasu], the U.S. could probably get a medal, if not a gold," she said.

The ladies' Short Program airs Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. and the ladies' Free Skate airs Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

CURLING



No sport elicits more raised eyebrows than curling.

Played with brooms and a large stone, curling originated in Scotland. It flourished upon its arrival in Canada, becoming one of the nation's most popular sports.

The Canadian men's and women's teams have excelled since curling was introduced to the Olympics in 1998; but China is joining the competition for the first time this year, and its teams are predicted to make a strong showing, as are Great Britain's teams.

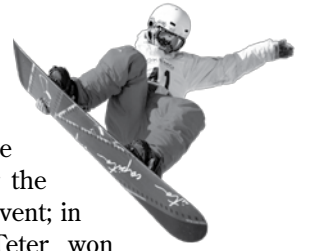
Andrew Treanor '10 said he appreciates curling for the sport's novelty.

"It's not like any other sport out there," he said. "It's got grown men sliding around on ice like you did when you were six years old. It's the only sport where you get to use a broom."

Until Quidditch is officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee, there's a good chance this will remain so.

Men's curling begins Feb. 16 at 9 a.m., with women's beginning at 2 p.m. the same day. The men's finals are scheduled for Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. while the women's air on Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

SNOWBOARDING



Shaun White, nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" because of his bright red hair, is favored to win the halfpipe event, in which he the gold during the 2006 games.

Seth Wescott, who placed first in boardercross in Torino, is predicted to win gold again in these games.

On the U.S. women's team, Hannah Teter and Gretchen

Bleiler

will face off during the halfpipe event; in Torino, Teter won the gold and Bleiler took home the silver medal.

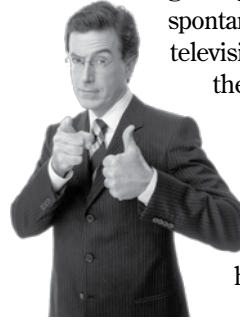
Men's halfpipe will be on Feb. 17, with the finals airing at 7:15 p.m. Women's halfpipe is scheduled for Feb. 18, with finals at 6 p.m.

STEPHEN COLBERT

There's something funny going on at the games this year, and it's not a figure skating judging scandal. Television host Stephen Colbert has entered the ice arena, making it likely that this Olympics will be even more entertaining than usual.

When Deutsche Bank announced a few months ago that it would no longer sponsor the U.S. speed skating team due to financial problems, Colbert surprised a guest on his show, a member of the team, and the whole nation by agreeing, seemingly

spontaneously, on television to provide the funds. Since then, he and the "Colbert Nation," a term he applied to his fans, have raised several



hundred thousand dollars for the team. To further promote the Olympics, Colbert went to Lake Placid and made promotional clips that feature him trying out for various Olympic teams.

Colbert fan Miriam Foltz '10 is excited to see how the comedian integrates himself into the Olympics. He had been invited to serve as the speed skating team's assistant sport psychologist, but NBC recently presented him with an official network vest, so he may be going to cover the games as a reporter.

"I feel like he could have some witty dialogue between him and Bob Costas," Foltz said. "It would be really entertaining to hear him cover any of the sports he tried out for because he actually did some training. I think it will definitely add a more lighthearted element to the Olympics."

ALPINE SKIING

After suffering injuries from a crash during a practice run in the 2006 Winter Olympics, America's Lindsey Vonn placed a disappointing eighth. Having won five World Cup downhill skiing events in the past season, she is favored to sweep her five events: the downhill, the super-G, the giant slalom,

slalom and combined. Vonn's first appearance and this year's Olympics will be in the women's downhill on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.



SPEED SKATING



Apolo Anton Ohno, a speed skating star who is tied for the American man with the most career medals at the Winter Olympics, is someone to watch. Having experienced the 2002 Winter Olympics first hand in Salt Lake City, Jacqueline Miles '12 predicts great things from Ohno in this year's races.

"The speed skating was really awesome," she said. "I got to see Apolo Anton Ohno when he won

two gold medals, and when he fell. He's coming back after he won 'Dancing with the Stars,' and I'm excited for him."

American Shani Davis won gold and silver medals in the Torino games in 2006 and is expected to perform very well in the four individual races he is entering in Vancouver. Davis holds the world records for the 1000 and 1500 meter distances. Ohno's first event will be the men's 500 meter on Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Davis will hit the ice for the first time on Feb. 13 at 12 p.m. in the men's 5000 meter.

FEAST YOUR EYES ON FINDS



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

Ceramist and professor Bradley McLemore's exhibition, "Finds," will be on display in the Andrews Gallery until Feb. 12. McLemore teaches ceramics and 3-D foundations. His work focuses on the serendipitous effects of various firing processes on ceramics and is inspired by natural phenomena, technology and gesture.

THAT GIRL

Eager to educate on campus and off

By CHELSEA CAUMONT
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

Carolyn DiProspero, a history and government double major from New Jersey, is cheerful and animated when we meet at *The Daily Grind* Wednesday morning. At first glance, one would not think that she is a big colonial history buff, part of her attraction to the College of William and Mary, with a soft spot for philanthropy, both with her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, and the campus sexual assault awareness group *Every Two Minutes*. What are the differences between New Jersey and New York?

Not that different. It's not really exactly what it's portrayed to be on television, like "Jersey Shore." I love the show, but that's, like, a small population.

What kind of extra curricular activities are you involved in?

I'm in Theta. I'm also involved in *Every Two Minutes*; it's this group on campus that does all-female sexual assault awareness, education, prevention. I've been involved since my sophomore year. [I've] also [been] involved in Orientation as an orientation aide for the past three years. As a senior, I don't really have anything to do now. I've kind of phased out all the leadership positions. I feel like I have so much free time.

What do you do with your new free time?

Well, I've been trying to really pay attention to my classes because I'm in this program that's a five-year program for education, so next year I'll be here working on my Master's in elementary education. So I feel like it's clear that what I'm learning in the classroom I'm going to need next year, especially in terms of education psychology. So I have this sort of epiphany like, "Oh my gosh. I'm going to be responsible for children." That's kind of a scary thought.

So you're a government and history major and you're doing an education program?

I didn't realize I wanted to do the program until this past summer when I worked at a summer camp with kids. I had done work with kids, and I was enjoying it,



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

Carolyn DiProspero '10 plans to pursue her masters in education at the College of William and Mary next year. She was inspired to study education after working with children this past summer.

but I feel like I need some sort of job where it's different every day, because I can get bored with things very easily. So I feel like, being a teacher, it would be different every day, and it's always changing. I was just kind of floating through a liberal arts education until I decided that I wanted to be a teacher. Then, luckily, the school had this program that you apply to by the second semester of [Junior] year, and I got in. I just had to take the GRE, and so it was a pretty sweet deal. Obviously it's William and Mary, so it's going to be a good education.

What made you want to be involved in *Every Two Minutes*?

Well, one of my friends in high school was sexually assaulted at a party our senior year. She didn't really say too much about it, but she kind of hinted at it. I had no idea what to do, how to help her. I just did what I thought was best, which was be there for her and talk to her. But when I got here and I saw the program that we do for freshmen, I just thought that that was something that I've never really learned about. Sexual assault is kind of a taboo issue. I just kind of wanted to learn more about it. And I feel like my reasons to be in the group have kind of expanded since I've been here. Since it's a taboo issue and people don't really talk about it, you don't really realize how many people have experienced either some form of sexual assault or felt uncomfortable in a situation, like out at a frat-dance-party kind of thing. So that has really motivated me. And the people that I've met at *Every Two Minutes* have been really motivating as well.

Is Kappa Alpha Theta involved in any activities that stand out for you?

One thing that we do that I really liked a lot: Our philanthropy is CASA, which is Court Appointed Special Advocates. They work with kids through the court system trying to be a voice for those kids in terms of divorce cases or child abuse, stuff like that. There's a chapter right up Jamestown Road, so we usually have a couple interns there, [as well as] our philanthropy; all the benefits go to CASA. Last semester I went to CASA as part of an envelope-stuffing thing, and it was really cool to make that connection because, as service chair, I have

worked to raise money for this cause, but I feel like there's that stereotype that sorority philanthropies are meaningless. But it was good to make that connection and attach a face and people to that name we were working so hard to raise money for.

What is a crucial part of your day?

I usually go to Colonial Williamsburg. Being a history major and coming to William and Mary, that was a major draw for me. And I just love going down there with one of my close friends. That's something I do pretty much every day. Just like a loop around DoG Street. It's nice to get out of the house and get away from studying. And I just love the atmosphere and people-watching. It's really funny watching tourists.

What period of history do you find the most appealing?

Colonial history. The things I've been able to do through the history department have been amazing experiences. My freshman seminar was on a Saturday morning at like, 9 o'clock. But, it was the first semester of freshman year, so I really don't regret doing that. We would get up and go to Blair [Hall] and have a lecture for 50 minutes and then get in this van and drive all around Virginia, going to these historical spots that were dated anywhere from 1600 to 1800. My professor, professor [Jim] Whittenburg, who is also my adviser is just so knowledgeable and so interesting.

Do you have any superstitions?

I'm really not into superstitions. I'm really into "You are what you make it." Well, I can't get out of bed on the left side of the bed. I always have to get out on the right side. It's a weird quirk.

What are your biggest fears?

I feel like I'm very into, as a second semester senior, missing something. I know that sounds kind of lame, but I kind of wanted to soak it all up, so I guess right now my biggest fear would be that I would miss out on some really awesome opportunity. But I think every day is a new opportunity.

On that happy note, we end our interview. With a smile, Carolyn heads out the door of *The Daily Grind* and back into her favorite colonial wonderland to continue her new-found free time.

CONFUSION CORNER

Concerned with connectivity

Kevin Mooney

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



If there's a journalistic trope I hate most, it's the obligatory "Are we spending too much time online?" story. It's the sort of thing that seems masturbatory at best, pure fluff — not to mention mind-boggling when viewed via the online-edition.

Now, that being said, I do spend entirely too much time on the web — by which I mean not just the internet, but also on the Twitter-face-text-sexing sorts of sites. But so, as it turns out, do you. According to the New York Times's newest fluff piece, kids ages eight to 18 spend nearly every minute outside the classroom — which they are only in for seven and a half hours each day — on some sort of electronic device. We can assume that tendency doesn't immediately evaporate when entering college, so consider yourself chastised. The article includes all the basic assumptions: Web-surfing, smart phone using or general electronic media consuming means that you're wasting your time with mindless drivel, all while alienating yourself from the world around you.

This all may be true, of course, but the sentiment can't help but seem a bit reductionist. See, for example, the New York Times's accompanying slew of assenting letters to the editor on the subject — almost all school teachers complaining how those darned kids won't stop texting in my class! Disproportionate anger about texting is like the schoolmarm's manna — they seem to draw a sort of sustenance from it.

This sort of knee-jerk reactionism ignores the other half of the modern, and hypocritical, view of web-use. It's both reviled as the harbinger of triviality and electronic reliance (our kids are too wired), while still celebrated as a marvel of convenience and productivity (Oh look, the iPad). Professors play the same game. On one hand, they'll chastise an entire class for being overly connected — always on Facebook, they say. But should that professor send an e-mail the night before, or even just the hour before, his or her own class, it's assumed the information must be received, internalized, and at times reacted to with immediacy.

We are apparently simultaneously too connected and never connected enough.

But seriously, screw all of that. No matter anyone else's opinion, I refuse to view the internet with anything but sheer wonder. The other day, I found a documentary online about a former Liberian warlord named General Butt Naked (seriously), who as little as 10 years ago, led a group of entirely naked, cannibalistic raiders. He's now a Christian preacher in that same community. My mind was — and is — blown. I could not have even imagined that our world contained a person who one minute was describing from memory cutting out a person's heart and serving it to the children crowded around him, and the next is quoting scripture to a congregation. That's why the internet is amazing. Not in the that's-so-cool sense, but in that the sheer amount of information, of experience, at your fingertips — the likes of which you might never have otherwise seen — continues to be awe-inspiring. That may seem hyperbolic, but it takes only the digitized sight of a God-fearing ex-cannibal to make you realize how sheltered enclosed an experience you sometimes have. It seems perfectly logical, then, to see any unplugged existence as boring in comparison.

Now, did I also spend some of that time watching Youtube videos of a fat, Finnish man bouncing on a trampoline? Yes. Yes, I did. Conveniently enough, they were both on one website, Viceland.com. (Seriously, go to it. Their video journalism is fantastic, and I'm not just talking about the Finnish dude.)

Does this expanded, HD-enhanced experience imply that we're better off? Does our connectedness help break us out of our own enclosed, limited surroundings, or are we in fact losing focus amidst an inundation of information we can never even hope to process? I have no earthly idea. Not that it matters anyway. I have no plans to log off anytime soon.

Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist. He encourages you to continue to stumble and Sporkle your way across the wide world of the internet.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

College releases 2010 schedule; to visit UNC, UNH

The Tribe released its 2010 schedule on Jan. 25, and home matchups against Richmond and Villanova highlight a difficult slate of games. The College will open on the road against CAA foe Massachusetts on Sept. 4 before facing Virginia Military Institute in its home opener a week later. Villanova comes to Zable Stadium on Oct. 2, before the College begins a tough closing stretch. The Tribe takes on North Carolina in Chapel Hill on Oct. 30, and then faces New Hampshire and James Madison on the road. A rivalry matchup against Richmond in Williamsburg closes out the slate.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Tribe juniors honored on Preseason All-CAA team

In preparation for the 2010 season, the CAA recently released its Preseason All-Conference Lacrosse team, and three William and Mary juniors were among those honored. Defender Sarah Jonson notched her first career preseason All-CAA honor; attacker Ashley Holocener and midfielder Grace Golden both received nods for the second straight year. The eight CAA coaches picked the Tribe to finish the regular season second in the eight-team league.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Stack wins weekly ECAC Coach's Choice Award

Senior gymnast Jen Stack has earned the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Coach's Choice Award. Stack garnered the attention of the ECAC brass after posting a 9.4 score on the vault and a 9.5 on the bars in the Tribe's dual meet against North Carolina. Although plagued by injuries for most of her career, the co-captain has recently gained significant national acclaim. Two years ago, Stack earned USA Gymnastics First-Team All-American honors on bars and was a first team All-ECAC selection on vault and

ATHLETE FOCUS

ROBYN BARTON

SENIOR, GUARD



The Flat Hat caught up with senior guard Robyn Barton to find out her take on the East Coast, her classes, her teammates and Lithuania.

You're from Oregon, how different is the weather? The nature is very different. I'm from the mountains so the trees stay green all year, and here, in the winter, it just looks dead.

What's the best class you've taken here? I loved ethics with Costello. He's a great teacher and he's just a funny, British man who goes out to the Green Leaf.

Who is the funniest person on your team? Taysha [Pye]. She just says the funniest stuff. Stuff you would never expect to come out of anyone's mouth, comes out of hers.

You lived in Lithuania this summer. What was that like? It's pretty interesting. Eastern Europe is very different. But it was pretty fun. I worked at the Embassy, doing cool stuff involving security.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Losing streak hits three as Tribe falls to JMU in Harrisonburg, dropping to fifth in CAA

By MIKE BARNES
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With the exception of Saturday's heartbreaking loss to Old Dominion, the Tribe has emerged relatively unscathed from the majority of its countless close games this season. Prior to Wednesday's matchup against James Madison (10-11, 3-7 CAA), the College had played nine games in which the outcome was determined by the final possession, amassing a 6-3 record over that span. More often than not, the Tribe displayed efficient late game execution, allowing it to steal several close games.

Wednesday night, it seemed the College was poised to sneak away with yet another razor-thin victory. However, in a scene eerily similar to Saturday night, the Tribe inbounded the ball with 3.8 seconds remaining, and senior guard David Schneider's three-point jumper failed to fall, giving the Dukes a 65-63 victory.

"It did come down to that last play, just like it did in the ODU game. There were a few plays [before that last shot] that just weren't made," senior guard Sean McCurdy said. "We just came out a little slow in the first half and unfortunately put ourselves in a little bit of a hole. But you have to give some credit

to JMU; they played a great game."

With losses to Virginia Commonwealth and Old Dominion last week, the College has dropped three straight conference games and now stands a distant fourth in the CAA standings. The Tribe's latest loss was a result of inconsistent play and a lackluster first half.

"I thought we played 20 really good minutes of basketball, but not as strong in the first half," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "I think on the road you have to play 40 really great minutes, and we really didn't do that tonight."

Over the past three games, the Tribe has been unable to ignite its high-powered offense. The College shot a meager 40 percent from the floor against the Dukes, including 12 of 33 from behind the arc.

Schneider, especially, was uncharacteristically cold from the floor. The team captain managed to score just three points, well below his season average of 17.2. Sophomore forward JohnMark Ludwick was also a nonfactor, managing only 6 points.

"We are in the thick of conference play, and a lot of these teams know our offense, as opposed to a lot of the teams we played in our nonconference schedule," McCurdy said. "They are going to

be defending us in different ways and giving us a lot of different looks."

Although the Tribe trailed by eight points at halftime, clutch shooting by sophomore forward Quinn McDowell allowed the College to stay close. McDowell, who nailed four consecutive three-pointers in the second half, led all scorers with 23 points.

There were other bright spots for the Tribe. Senior guard Sean McCurdy emerged from a minor slump, tallying a game-high 11 assists.

Senior forward Danny Sumner posted 12 points in support, including the 1,000th point of his career on a first-half trey.

Saturday, the College will try to regain its lost rhythm when Drexel (12-10, 7-3 CAA) visits Kaplan Arena. The Dragons knocked off CAA front-runner Northeastern Wednesday, and will look to avenge a 73-48 loss to the Tribe earlier in the season.

"[The Drexel game] is extremely important, a game that hopefully we can bounce back in, and get back on track again," McDowell said. "We just need a game where we can put everything together. We do some things well at times, but another area of our game will be lacking, so hopefully we can put it all together on Saturday."

LIVE BY THE THREE ...

The three-point shot is an integral part of the College's offensive gameplan, with the squad knocking down just under 10 per game on the season. But during the Tribe's current three-game losing streak, the College has been too reliant on the long ball, abandoning post play in favor of three-point attempts.

In its last three games, all losses, the Tribe has attempted 30 three-pointers per contest, with 52% of its total shots coming from beyond the arc. Three-pointers accounted for 49% of the College's total points. That's up from an average of 25 three pointers per game on the season as a whole, accounting for 39.7% of total points and 47% of shots.

This season, when the Tribe takes 30 or more three pointers, they are 1-4. When the squad settles for 27 or less treys, they have managed a 12-2 mark.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

College blown out by Old Dominion at home

Tribe commits 21 turnovers in 88-65 loss

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COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore guard Taysha Pye had nine points against ODU.

Coming off an impressive road victory at George Mason Saturday, Head Coach Debbie Taylor thought she knew which William and Mary (10-9, 3-5 CAA) team she would see Thursday night against a powerful Old Dominion squad.

A win would bring the College to a .500 record in the CAA and put the squad within striking distance of the top teams.

Instead, that team never showed up, and the Lady Monarchs took an early 27-3 lead en-route to routing the Tribe 88-65 Thursday, before 1,025 fans at Kaplan Arena.

"We just didn't show up. When you play Old Dominion, you have to come out and you have to play," Taylor said. "In the games where we have been successful here, we came out and hit shots out of the gate. We've actually been up on them at halftime. We just didn't come out and play defense tonight; it was crazy."

After a jumper by Lady Monarch's forward Tia Lewis, Tribe senior forward Tiffany Benson hit a lay-up to make the score 2-2 with 19:12 remaining in the first half.

The Tribe would not score again until a jumper by sophomore guard Janine Aldridge with 9:49 remaining, cutting the score to 27-5.

"We played great at Mason, and I've just been waiting for this team to get the confidence to get going and I really thought tonight was a chance for them," Taylor said. "It's disappointing for me because they are so hot and cold."

The Tribe cut the deficit to 14 on a three-pointer by freshman forward Emily Correal with 9:46 remaining. But they would get no closer, despite impressive efforts from Aldridge and Benson.

Aldridge, who was benched for the first time all season Sunday versus George Mason and started Thursday's contest on the bench, scored 17 points on 7 for 17 shooting, while also dishing out six assists.

Benson, who tied the CAA record for blocked shots with two blocks Thursday, led the Tribe with 21 points and 9 rebounds, barely missing out on her third-straight double-double.

"I thought the one good thing about tonight was that Tiffany and Janine played well," Taylor said. "Janine competed and it was nice to see her get back out there, and I thought this was one of the best games that Tiff has had all year."

Aldridge and Benson's efforts would not be enough though, as the Tribe failed to find an answer for the Lady Monarchs on the defensive end. Four Old Dominion players scored in double figures, including junior guard Shadasia Green, whose jumper with 9:24 in the second half started a 23-14 Lady Monarchs run to end the ballgame.

"We just didn't play defense tonight, it was crazy," Taylor said. "We had no defensive rotation, no intensity. I don't know. It was odd."