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Deli crawl

Two friends armed with water and a notebook take on the delis. Who will win?

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As finals approach, students should remember that there is more to life than studying.



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Bite-size news you can use

The Flat Hat is finished printing for the semester, but you can stay up-to-date on College news and Tribe sports online at Flathatnews.com until we resume publishing in January.

Swem Library will be open 24 hours for most of the finals period. You can enjoy camping out this Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, as well as next week from Sunday through Wednesday.

You may have to deal with odd smells, though. From Swem's Twitter yesterday: "There is an odor of maple syrup in parts of Swem this morning. Someone's having pancakes & didn't bring enough for everyone. :)"

Pittsburgh Steelers Coach Mike Tomlin '95 got a mention on the popular Fox medical drama "House" last week in a nod toward his resemblance to actor Omar Epps. "I feel like Mike Tomlin," the gruff doc, played by Hugh Laurie, says, addressing Epps' character, Dr. Eric Foreman. "Probably not as much as you do, but you get the idea."



Shawn Boyer '94 has been named Virginia's Business Person of the Year by Virginia Business, a news organization focusing on business in the commonwealth. Boyer founded the Richmond-based SnagAJob.com, a job recruitment website.

Government professor Lawrence Wilkerson appeared on MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" Tuesday night to discuss Dick Cheney's recent criticism of President Barack Obama's foreign policy. "I saw former Vice President Cheney's remarks as sort of being like Macbeth, accusing the king of getting in the way of his lady's dagger. This is incredible," Wilkerson told the liberal talk show host. "It would now be accusing a president, who inherited a mess they created, of malfeasance in office. This is laughable, Keith."

Speaking at the Heritage Foundation Wednesday, Representative Eric Cantor J.D. '88 (R-Va.) called on Democrats to avoid tax increases until the unemployment rate drops below 5 percent. The national rate is currently above 10 percent. The minority whip also called on Congress to approve free trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama.

Wear your green and gold. The Green Leaf's New Town location will host a football party tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. to watch the Southern Illinois game.

Got a tip for The Pulse? wmpulse@gmail.com

THE THREE-PERSON RULE

City cracks down on three-person violations

204 Harrison Ave.
Landlord: Kevin and Kathy Green
Christina Arredondo '11
Anna Brousell '10
Laura Derby '11
Jessica Dupont '11
Caitlin Horan '11
Audrey Siple '10

207 Matoaka Ct.
Landlord: Robert Cyphers
Jonathan Mann '11
Robert McEntee '11
Clinton Schiavone '11
Gregory White '10

206 Nelson Ave.
Landlord: Constantine Tsamouras
Vicky Chao '10
Teresa Crockett '10
Claire Habig '11
Shannon More '10
Alisan VanFleet '10

219 Harrison Ave.
Property Manager: Harrison Ventures
Sarah Beck '10
Heather Bryant '10
Caroline Groom '10
Camilla Hill '11
Adriane Lepore '10
Roxanne Lepore '10

201 Matoaka Ct.
Landlord: Randall Hawthorne
Nicholas Dewispelaere '10
Chase Hill '10
James Hobson '10
Tyler Miller '10
Carl Watts '10

113 Matoaka Ct.
Property Manager: MKF LLC
Lauren Cheniae '11
Caitlin Marotta '11
Elizabeth Stump '10
Ashley Timms '11
Emily Wood '11

122 Matoaka Ct.
Property Manager: MKF LLC
Courtney Alles '10
Susanne Figuers '10
Clare Lee Leguyader '11
Katherine Radloff '10

128 Matoaka Ct.
Landlords: Christine and Forrest Williamson
Stephanie Gerow '12
Molly Kaye '12
Annie Macomber '10
Katherine Yount '12
Claire Zimmeck '10

119 Griffin Ave.*
Landlord: Kevin and Kathy Green
Stevi Anderson '11
Julia Applebaum '11
Megan Burke '12
Kristin Fimian '11
Hailey K. Hewitt '12
Tamara Sweetnam '11

**Several individuals were incorrectly named as residents. The house has since been cleared of charges.*

The names of individuals published have been confirmed by Rhodes to have been served notices of compliance by the City of Williamsburg.

— photos by Sun Park and graphic by Ameya Jammi

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Managing Editor

From Nov. 13 to Nov. 23, the City of Williamsburg issued notices of compliance to the tenants, landlords and property managers of nine homes in what was the largest wave of enforcement for the three-person rule in recent memory.

Notices were delivered to 46 students of the College of William and Mary, 23 of whom reside on Matoaka Court. One of the

nine houses, 119 Griffin Ave. has already been found in compliance.

"Things are being resolved on a case-by-case basis," Williamsburg Zoning Administrator Rodney Rhodes said. "Five of the nine are being cleared up, or brought into compliance, or are proving that they are in compliance."

Of the nine houses, three were given notice because of evidence provided by neighbors or other residents. For 206 Nelson Ave., 201 Matoaka Ct. and 207 Matoaka

Ct., complainants provided Rhodes with detailed logs of parking activity around the houses. These logs, maintained for at least one month each, indicated the residents' and visitors' cars by make, model and license plate number. Cars that were parked outside residences regularly were cross-checked with city parking permits, which could be used to establish domicile for the cars' owners.

"I have loved being a member of the Williamsburg community for the past

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

View logs kept on the vehicles of residents online at Flathatnews.com.

three and a half years, but it is unnerving to find out that we have been watched and disheartening to lose the sense of security I once felt here in Williamsburg," Shannon

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Provost and faculty call for student research

Panel notes importance of experience

By CAITLIN ROBERTS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Professors and administrators at the College of William and Mary discussed the role of research at the College Wednesday in the second session in "Campus Conversations," a series of forums sponsored by the College's Office of the Provost.

The panel of professors, moderated by College Provost Michael R. Halleran, agreed that research-based teaching is beneficial to both the College's community and its reputation. They also noted that research can give students important hands-on experience in their potential fields of interest.

Marine science professor

Mark Patterson said that research on the undergraduate level can have far-reaching benefits beyond a student's educational enrichment.

"Many of my undergrad classmates engaged in research, and all found it a very positive formative experience, not just those that went on to graduate school and careers as professors," Patterson said.

Classical studies professor Lily Panoussi said that the College's unique size means that there are a good number of faculty members and students to work with, but it is still possible to maintain familiarity.

"Students feed off [professors'] excitement and enthusiasm," Panoussi said.

She also emphasized the flexibility of education.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Professors from departments as diverse as physics, American studies and neuroscience met to discuss the impact of role at the College.

"Research means different things to different disciplines," Panoussi said. "I think that we need to educate each other, as well as our community of students and

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Parking grace period may be eliminated

Committee to vote on policy's future

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat News Editor

The College of William and Mary's Parking Advisory Committee has recommended that the current grace period for parking in a student spot without a decal before the academic year be eliminated.

During the grace period, students without decals are allowed to park in any student section of a parking lot and not receive a ticket. Other parking citations can still be issued, however.

According to the committee, this period allows students to move and make preparations for the academic year without having to worry about having a parking decal. Student parking decals become available around July 15, and the current grace period extends from the Monday following freshman move-in through Aug. 31.

The committee believes about half of students eligible and able to have a car on campus purchase a parking decal as soon as they arrive on campus, and the remaining 50 percent wait as long as they can. During the grace period, the committee estimated that 65 percent of cars are parked out of their respective scheme — resident, day student or faculty, for example — and Parking Services receives complaints about lack of available parking on campus. Further, when classes begin,

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Study finds in-state students able to pay more

By ADAM LERNER
Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

A chief criticism of proposed in-state tuition increases at the College of William and Mary is that it will decrease Virginians' ability to afford higher education costs.

As it turns out, a significant number of Virginians could probably afford to pay more than they do now.

According to numbers obtained by The Flat Hat through the Office of In-

stitutional Analysis and Effectiveness and the Office of Financial Aid, 710 of the 1,846 in-state undergraduates at the College who submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2008-2009 school year did not qualify as "needy" for aid.

In fact, the median expected family contribution of those non-needy families was \$37,204, just \$152 shy of the \$37,356 total out-of-state cost of attendance for that year.

The median expected family con-

tribution of the 1,136 undergraduate non-needy in-state students was \$6,420, demonstrating \$14,185 in gross need.

As for the approximately 2,100 in-state students who did not submit a FAFSA form, officials say they likely would not have qualified.

"I mean, we don't know absolutely for certain, but I would assume that people that don't qualify would have a family contribution even higher than

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CORRECTIONS

In last Tuesday's news story, "Kira Allmann '10 named Rhodes Scholar," Allmann's name was spelled incorrectly.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor where the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

WEATHER

Friday



High 58°
Low 40°

Saturday



High 50°
Low 33°

Sunday



High 49°
Low 34°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT
Students vent final frustrations while raising money for service trip.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former College prof a candidate for university presidency

Former College of William and Mary law professor Rod Smolla is currently being considered for the position of president at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

The former Marshall-Wythe School of Law professor and director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law taught at the College from 1988 to 1998. Since 2007, he has served as the dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

In addition to academics, he is a regular contributor to Slate, an online current affairs and culture magazine, and he has testified in front of senate committees.

Law school employee poses for breast cancer awareness

Cassi Fritzius, the executive assistant to Davison M. Douglas, dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, recently agreed to appear on a Virginia Beach billboard to promote breast cancer awareness.

Fritzius, a five-year survivor of breast cancer, agreed to be one of 20 breast cancer survivors from the Tidewater area to be photographed for billboards.

"When breast cancer is found early enough, statistically, I think most women can look forward to five-year longevity," Fritzius said. "As my husband always says, by doing this — raising money and being aware — it gives me another birthday every year."

She has also been active in other fundraising and awareness efforts. Recently, she helped raise more than \$86,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and she will be raffling off a homemade quilt for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"The quilt is just another way to make people aware of breast cancer and to raise some money, too, hopefully," Fritzius explained. "Every dollar counts. We don't have to be a \$1,000 contributor; we can be a \$1 contributor, and it still counts."

— by Isshin Teshima

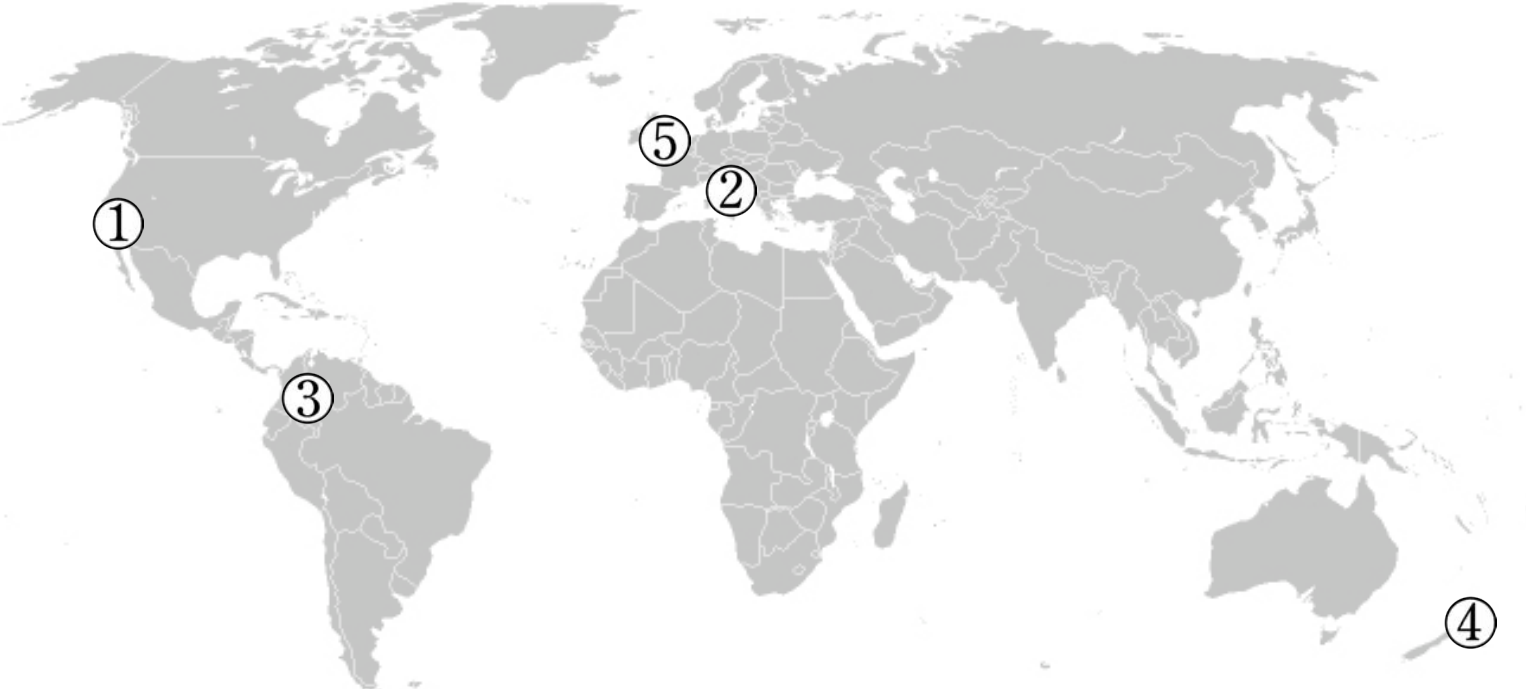
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 An investigative report released Thursday by California State Auditor Elaine Howle found that California State University had improperly reimbursed one of its former employees for over \$150,000. Howle said that the university had reimbursed an official for meals, expensive hotel stays and non-university travel to cities like Shanghai and Amsterdam.

2 An Italian jury began deliberating on the trial of Amanda Knox, who was arrested in 2007 as a study-abroad student from the University of Washington and charged with the murder of her roommate. The New York Times reports that Italian police are no closer to solving the case. If prosecutors succeed, Knox, now 22, could face life in prison, Italy's harshest punishment.

3 Police arrested university student Nicholas Castro near Bogota, Colombia Tuesday night on charges of threatening to kill Jeronimo Uribe, one of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe's two sons. Castro, who does not hold a criminal record, first targeted Uribe when he created a Facebook group titled "I promise to kill Jeronimo Alberto Uribe, Alvaro Uribe's son."

4 A new edition of a Samoan language textbook was released in New Zealand today by a Samoan studies professor at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. "Gagana Samoa," the first issue of which was written 20 years ago, was published with the intent to help preserve a dying language in the region that has been quickly supplanted by English.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Isshin Teshima

5 London University investigates Climatic Research Unit

Information leaked prior to the United Nations' Climate Change Conference

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat News Editor

The University of East Anglia in London announced yesterday that they would start an investigation into scientists at the institution's Climatic Research Unit claims allegedly faked global warming data.

The CRU, which has taken measurements and published several articles on climate change, was brought under investigation when over 1,000 e-mails from the station, in addition to information and readings on the rate of atmospheric change, were stolen and downloaded to a website late last month.

Phil Jones, the former director of the CRU, resigned in response to the impending investigation.

The university said in a press release that Sir Muir Russell, former vice chancellor of the University of Glasgow, would be leading the independent investigation. Yesterday's release was the first time that the institution reported that the research would be examined.

"The reputation and integrity of UEA is of the utmost importance to us all. We want these allegations about CRU to be examined fully and independently," UEA Vice Chancellor Edward Action said. "That is why I am delighted that Sir Muir has agreed to lead

the independent review, and he will have my and the rest of the university's full support."

Jones's e-mails in particular have sparked worry among those being investigated.

"I would like to see the climate change happen so the science could be proved right," Jones wrote in one of his e-mails.

The leak, which came a week before the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, has raised concern within the British government as to possible effects that critics of global warming could have on upcoming legislation on greenhouse gases.

"We have to beware of the cli-

mate saboteurs, the people who want to say this is somehow in doubt, and want to cast aspersions on the whole process," Ed Miliband, Britain's climate change secretary, told The Associated Press.

However, scientists still hold strong to the fact that climate change is a proven, scientific fact.

"The e-mails do nothing to undermine the very strong scientific consensus that tells us the earth is warming," Jane Lubchenco, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said. "That warming is largely a result of human activity."

UEA expects the investigation to be completed by spring 2010.

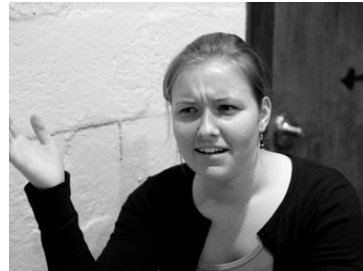
STREET BEAT

Any exciting plans for Blowout?



"People invited me to stuff ... I think they were joking."

Max Faubion '10



"What's Blowout? Is that a thing?"

Amelia Bane '12



"I'm actually going to do math homework all weekend."

Allison Corish '12



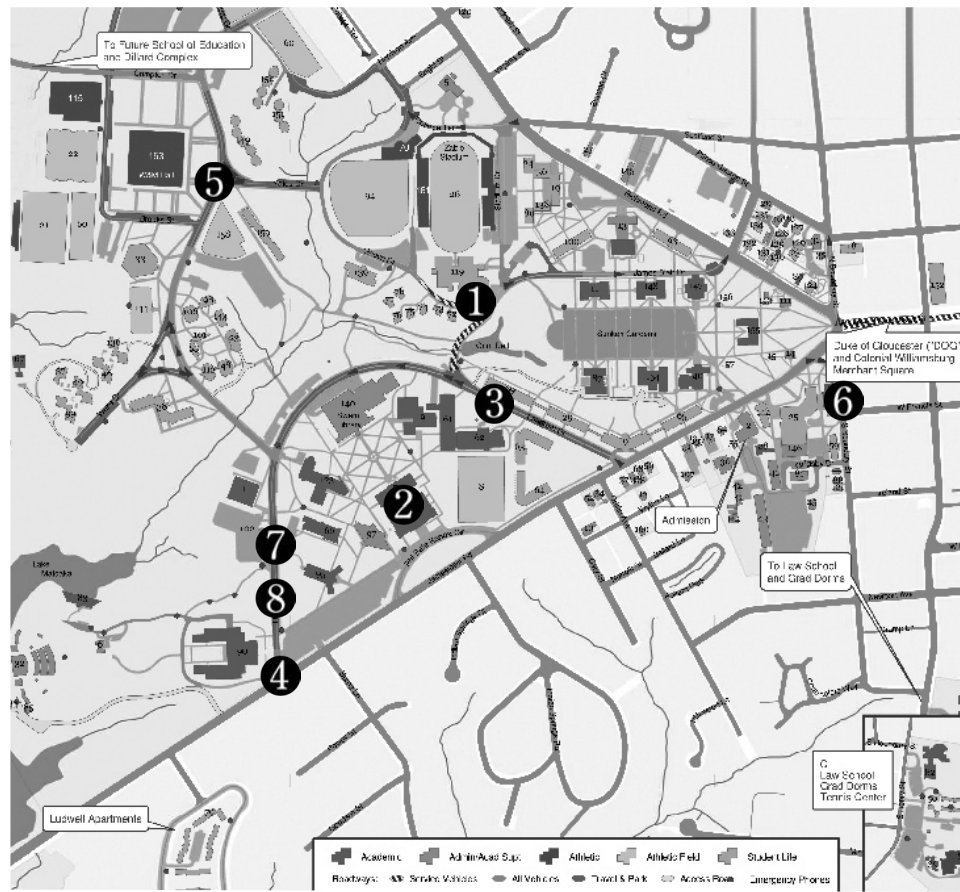
"Snugglin'."

Greg Benson '11

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

November 24 to December 1



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WM.EDU

1 **Tuesday, Nov. 24** — An individual reported broken windows at 240 Gooch Dr. The estimated value of the vandalism was \$100.

2 — An individual was charged with trespassing at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. The subject was issued a warning.

3 — An individual was charged with leaving the scene of an accident on Landrum Drive. The estimated value of the parked vehicle struck was \$1,000.

4 **Wednesday, Nov. 25** — A student was arrested and charged with being drunk in public on the intersection of Jamestown Road and Ukrop Way.

5 — An individual reported vandalism at 700 Ukrop Way. The estimated value was \$200.

6 **Sunday, Nov. 29** — An individual reported vandalism at 200 South Boundary St. The clean-up value was \$5.

7 **Monday, Nov. 30** — An individual reported larceny at 200 Ukrop Way. The estimated value was \$100.

8 — An individual reported a stolen wallet at 201 Campus Dr. The estimated value was \$65.

— compiled by Elysia Alim

College senior wins Miss Virginia USA 2010 competition

Samantha Casey '10 plans to use title to support charitable organizations

By **BRITTANY HUGHES**
The Flat Hat

Samantha Casey '10 was crowned Miss Virginia USA 2010 Nov. 21. The Jefferson, Va. native will spend the next few months gearing up for the National Miss USA Pageant to be held in Las Vegas April 18.

Despite her fame as a pageant queen, there is more to Casey than her recently acquired title.

Contrary to many pageant contenders who enter their first pageants as children, Casey did not begin competing until the age of 14. Instead, she spent her time studying and playing varsity basketball

and tennis.

"It's the last thing I ever thought I'd be doing," Casey said. "I was a huge tomboy in high school."

Her first pageant was a state-wide competition, a huge undertaking for an untried contestant. Casey said that preparing for the event was more intense than she had first realized, but she came to enjoy the challenge of pushing herself to new physical and mental limits.

"I really enjoyed the competitive part about it," she said. "It was different than



Casey '10

COURTESY - WMLEU

anything I had done before."

In 2006, Casey was crowned Miss Teen Virginia, and she went on to become third runner-up at the national Miss Teen USA competition.

At the College, she became involved in the social sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma and Love146, an organization dedicated to the prevention of child sex-trafficking. After becoming an avid supporter and spokesperson for the group, Casey's desire to promote the program motivated her to pursue another pageant crown.

"I was able to see how much the Miss Virginia title opens doors to help charities," she said.

The national pageant will consist of swimsuit and ball gown competitions as well as personal interviews. Judges will select five finalists after rounds of on-stage questioning.

While she admitted that the stereotype

of pageant queens is less than flattering, she said that winning a title is not easy. She usually spends between 18 and 21 hours in the gym each week, training for the physical aspect of the competition.

Casey is also preparing for the interview portion of the competition. She confesses to being a "news junkie," and says she consistently stays on top of current events through television, radio, internet and newspapers. She also trains with a family friend who is involved in politics to hone her public speaking skills.

Casey is excited about the new turn she claims the Miss USA Pageant has taken. She believes the competition has become less about beauty and designer clothes and more focused on academics, talents, and communication skills. The contenders must now display a greater grasp of current events and world issues. Although preparing for the Miss USA

competition dominates her time, Casey is adamant that pageants do not rule her life. She plans to continue pursuing a degree in business after the upcoming pageant and is considering careers in commercial real estate and environmental awareness.

"I look at myself as much more academic and athletic than as just a pageant queen," she says, "I look at myself as a career woman, and I am looking forward to getting into the business world. This [pageant] is one of the things that I've been blessed to experience in my life, but it's not my life."

If Casey wins the Miss USA title, she will go on to compete in the Miss Universe pageant.

If she does not win she believes that this will be her final pageant.

The Miss USA Pageant will air April 18.

SEAC sponsors climate change forum week before UN summit

Surry coal plant and proposed wind farms suggested as ways to combat global warming

By **ISSHIN TESHIMA**
Flat Hat News Editor

The newly proposed coal-fired power plant in Surry, Va. dominated the discussion between College of William and Mary students and various panelists yesterday at the SEAC-sponsored "Focus the Nation" environmental talk.

Three discussions were held nationwide; the other two were in Maryland, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Focus the Nation is a non-profit group based in Portland, Ore., which strives to promote climate change awareness through civic engagement, according to their website.

Panelists included former Virginia House of Delegates member Brian Moran, Chelsea Harnish, regional coordinator for the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Al Weed, executive director of Public Policy and Board of Trustees member on Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, and Dr. Alaric Sample, CEO of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation.

The forum began with a presentation from each panelist about their strategies for educating people on the negative effects of a coal-fired power plant.

Harnish, who was instrumental in creating wind farms off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass., discussed the economic and environmental negative effects of a coal-power plant.

"Burning coal not only contributes to global warming, but the production and transportation of coal is destroying the lives, the culture and the homes of our friends in the Appalachian Mountains," she said.

Harnish also cited several news clips which reported that the price of coal — and, consequently, the price of coal-powered electricity — had risen by a large amount in the past few years.

"We're talking about public

policy, and public policy is always a matter of choices," she said.

Weed addressed possible solutions to the problem.

Forty percent of all coal burned in Virginia was also mined in Virginia, but the mining industry only produces about 4,000 jobs per year.

"We're actually a pretty lousy coal-producing state," he said.

Weed also said that "Clean Coal," a process to sequester carbon dioxide out of coal to make it burn cleaner, is also not feasible with current technology.

"I am becoming increasingly convinced that if we don't really do something about conservation and efficiency, all that we do in alternative energy is marginal," he said.

He also proposed biomass power plants, which generate power based on biological materials such as wood, waste and alcohol fuels, as a better alternative for the state.

Sample spoke about the estab-

lishment of several environmentally based policy groups within the state and U.S. government. He addressed Gov. Kaine's ongoing efforts to sign international environmental treaties, due to a lack of national coherence in relation to environmental policy.

Moran discussed the public policy aspect of the coal plant. He said that the lack of a market for alternative energy is a large impetus behind companies like Dominion Virginia Power not adopting renewable energy. He said that offshore wind power could easily be taken advantage of as opposed to offshore oil drilling, which is currently the main focus off Virginia's coastlines.

"If we can successfully construct [a wind farm] off of Cape Cod, we can certainly do it for Virginia Beach," he said.

Moran also cited several obstacles for proponents of renewable energy. The lifestyle that coal plays in southwest Virginia, where generations of

people have mined coal, was one of the hurdles he mentioned.

"[Coal] has become a part of [southwest Virginia's] culture and traditions," he said, referring to the act of mining and the industry itself.

In the end, Weed said that promoting environmental conservation inherently lies in the power to

change people's minds and behavior about renewable energy.

"What they don't know is how to change their own behavior," Weed said. "Until electricity becomes much more expensive and until we benefit from reducing energy use, we are pushing against a flood — we are not going to get there."

Number of cars and visitors included in citations

THREE PERSON from page 1

More '10, a resident of 206 Nelson Ave., said in a statement.

Other homes were targeted for investigation after receiving multiple violations of the city's recently instituted noise ordinance. Of the 10 addresses that have received noise violations since August, two — 219 Harrison Ave. and 207 Matoaka Ct. — have also received notices for the three-person violation.

Chase Hill '10, a resident of 201 Matoaka Ct., said that the notices came as a surprise to him and his housemates.

"We've never had any noise ordinances [or] any citations," he said. "When I talked to Rhodes today, he told us our neighbor [basically] rattled us out."

The log for 201 Matoaka Ct. is one of the most detailed. E-mails from the complainant, whose identity was redacted, to Rhodes discuss the number of cars regularly parked outside the house, as well as the frequency of overnight visitors. The complainant further requested weekly written reports from the

Williamsburg Police Department regarding incidents that occur on Matoaka Court from Major Susan Geary.

The complainant also forwarded the names of students who had indicated to neighbors that they would be having a party at 207 Matoaka Ct. for the express purpose of adding their names to a list of residents of the home. The investigation of 207 Matoaka Ct. was ongoing at the time.

Several students have already proven they are not residents of the disputed houses. For Camilla Hill '11, a resident of 219B Harrison Ave., this is the sixth time the city has confused her address for 219 Harrison Ave., the house next door.

"The City of Williamsburg has been harassing these people [of 219 Harrison Ave.] non-stop," Camilla Hill said. "I feel that they're being incredibly sneaky and conniving about this."

Other students who received notices that Rhodes believes are not in violation are Heather Bryant '10, Tamara Sweetnam '11, Megan Burke '12 and Hailey Hewitt '12.

In Monday's meeting between city staff and Student Assembly leaders, Mayor Jeanne Zeidler emphasized that three-person complaints are investigated whether the violators are students or non-students, and that the ordinance is in no way directed at the College's off-campus student population.

"We must enforce our ordinances," she said. "And that's what's happening."

As the Jan. 5, 2010 deadline for compliance approaches, students who are currently living in violation of the ordinance are working toward finding alternative housing options.

"The three people who are on the lease are the three people that are going to be living there," Chase Hill said.

Chase Hill's roommates who are not on the lease have found another off-campus location.

"Honestly, we came into the situation knowing we [would be violating the zoning ordinance]," Carl Watts '10, a resident of 201 Matoaka Ct., said. "But the situation we're in is different than the situation we came in with."

Graduate students contribute to professor research

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alumni, as to what research means for each constituency of arts and sciences. I suggest we have an open mind about the nature of research, resist narrow definitions, and most importantly, listen to each other."

Economics professor Eric Jensen contested the university's label as a liberal arts university because of large class sizes, but said that the College is also not a research mill.

"Research is necessary at William and Mary ... [because] it is what we do," Jensen said. "It has important implications for faculty quality and, in many disciplines, for the College's revenue stream."

Jensen agreed with some audience members that graduate students can play significant roles in undergraduate research.

"Since the arrival of graduate students on the William and Mary campus, there has been a bright, shining line that graduate students could not cross — they cannot teach classes here. Research-based teaching blurs the line somewhat," Jensen said.

Patterson argued that exploiting graduate students to teach introductory classes such as economics 101 results in poor work. Interdisciplinary research was emphasized as a way of improving faculty and helping students grow intellectually.

"We want our students to be inspired, and the only way to do that is to share with them our own discoveries, our own excitement about the attainment of new knowledge," Panoussi said.

Neuroscience professor John Griffin agreed about the importance of student research.

"There are undergrads in my

lab right now — hopefully nothing will blow up," Griffin said. "Undergrads are essential to my culture; they get volumes down, which allows me to request grants for research."

While making senior theses mandatory for graduation was discussed, Halleran said it was unlikely.

"We want to increase research opportunities, not requirements," he said.

Panoussi said giving teachers and students credit for research would make research more integral at the undergraduate level.

"It seems clear that if we can sustain a model of strong faculty research blended with intensive, research-based teaching, we will occupy a very desirable niche," Jensen said.

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor Ameya Jammi also contributed to this story.

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Swem to remain open 24 hours during finals

SA provides funds for additional staff during extended hours

By BERTEL KING, Jr.
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The Keep Swem Open During Finals Act passed with enthusiasm from most senators during Tuesday's Student Assembly senate session.

The bill, inspired by College of William and Mary student Daisy Weill '10, allocates a little more than \$2,600 to keep Earl Gregg Swem Library open 24 hours per day during the winter exam period.

"There was no opposition to the bill in the Student Assembly," bill sponsor and Sen. Erik Houser '10 said in an e-mail. "It passed unanimously in both committee

and the full senate, and everyone was very supportive of the idea."

There was hope that the bill could pass with minimal funding from the SA. At Tuesday's meeting, the costs of extra security staff and additional housekeeping hours were determined.

"This all came together, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Swem's staff," Houser said. "Twenty-nine employees volunteered to help out, and their hours were moved around to cover the night shifts but still leave them at or under 40 hours per week."

According to the library website, the extended hours are due to both funding provided by the SA and an outpouring of

Swem volunteers.

"Whether this can happen again partially depends on how many students use it this semester," Houser said. "The Swem employee on duty will be counting to see how many students are in the library at all times. If it turns out that not very many students are taking advantage of the service, it may not continue in the future. I'm confident, though, that this will become a permanent fixture at the College."

The library's hours will be extended Dec. 6-7, 9-10, and 13-16.

"The Facebook event was created immediately after the bill passed the senate," Houser, who created the Facebook event with almost 1,670 members in attendance, said. "It is a tool to publicize the effort. I estimate that it has reached at least 3,600 students at this point. Hopefully more will find out through word of mouth."

Academic strength could effect family income

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those who qualify, even among the no-need who qualify," Director of Financial Aid Ed Irish said.

Nevertheless, Irish noted that the only statistic the College keeps that might address this question is the Cooperative Institutional Research Program Freshman Survey, which was last admin-

istered to the Class of 2012 by the Office of Student Affairs in 2008.

Both Irish and Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D '06 warned against drawing any conclusions from this data.

"The CIRP survey would only have captured the information for this year's sophomore students, and the reported data will be more than a

year old — and administered in the summer, prior to the current recession, at that," Ambler said in an e-mail.

According to a report presented by Ambler April 16, only 54 percent of the members in the Class of 2012 completed the

survey.

While financial need has increased in recent years, Irish believes that families' incomes are exhibiting an upward trend.

"Over time there's certainly a correlation between academic strength, academic success and family income," Irish said. "As our academic profile continues to edge up a little better, family income goes along with it."



Ambler '88

Proposal would limit grace period to hall lot

All other areas would maintain regular decal restrictions

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parking is difficult and eases when the grace period ends.

"It has a huge impact on normal operations," Director of Parking Services Bill Horacio said. "We have to provide adequate parking for those who have a decal and properly observe the parking schemes, but people abuse the policy and

park in any type of space."

The committee has recommended that during the grace period, students with no decal should only be able to park in the William and Mary Hall lot. All other areas would be decal enforced.

"While I understand where [the criticism] comes from, I feel the grace period is valuable," Erik Houser '10, a committee member and Student Assembly senator,

said. "There are some things that students need to do that they might not have a parking pass for, so I was disheartened that the parking advisory committee took this extreme route. Hopefully, in the future, the PAC will be more receptive to student needs."

The committee hopes to reach a decision by the end of the semester, but no administrators have seen the proposal.

Mixed-use project put on hold by Board

By MEGHAN BOHN
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The City of Williamsburg's Architectural Review Board ended consideration of the College of William and Mary's proposed Richmond Road project. The decision follows an appraisal of the project by the board nearly three weeks ago.

"[It was] a big, ugly step backward," Ed Chappell, director of architectural research at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and former review board member, said.

In October, the William and Mary Real Estate Foundation revealed design plans to bring more retail and housing options close to the College.

The project, which has been in consideration for several years, would construct new College-operated student housing and mixed-use retail options on Richmond Road.

The foundation acquired the properties adjacent to Wawa last year. The site includes the Taylor Building, the former Master Craftsman location and the Thiemes House, which currently serves as the College's human resources office.

The three buildings are situated on approximately one acre of land that would be cleared for the proposed project. The first floor of the proposed building would contain both shops and restaurants. Upperclassmen would have the opportunity to live in apartments located on the building's top two floors.

The Office of Residence Life would regulate housing in the 14 apartments. Plans also called for a parking lot that has direct access to Richmond Road that would be reserved for shop patrons only.

The review board objected to the plans to tear down the Thiemes House, however. After examining the conceptual drawings, the board felt that the proposed building did not visually integrate with the surrounding architecture.

Review board members Robert Lane and Lowell Ruff declined to comment on the specific reasons for the proposal's rejection.

Earlier in the year, the foundation designed the plan for a building that would appropriately fit in an area close to both the College and Colonial Williamsburg. However, the review board questioned architectural and stylistic elements of the proposed design.

"My understanding is the ARB thought the scale of it was a bit large, so now we're in attempts to redraw," College Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Visitors Michael J. Fox said.

Although progress on the Richmond Road project has been set back, Nancy Buchanan, executive director of the real estate foundation, said the process of revising the design with the board's criticisms taken into account is underway.

"We hope to be back before the ARB at the early December meeting," she said.

The foundation's original intention was to break ground next summer and complete the building by the fall of 2011; however, Buchanan said that no firm schedule had been established for presenting the revised project to the Williamsburg Planning Commission.

"We're all hopeful for a positive decision coming out of the ARB," Fox said. "The city leadership and our neighbors are all very supportive of the project."

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Virginians can pay up

New data obtained by The Flat Hat from College budget offices indicates that many in-state students from the 2008-2009 school year may be able to afford the increases in tuition the College of William and Mary will probably be forced to make over the next few years. Again, we wade into the rough waters and reiterate our call to have in-state students pay a greater portion of the new tuition burden than they have in the past. While difficult, this is the fair and prudent option.

The College was able to take a peek at the finances of all families who apply for financial aid, and what they saw was surprising: Of those in-state students who were deemed non-needy, the median amount each was able to afford in college costs was \$37,204 per year. This figure indicates that many in-state students are able to — or nearly able — afford out-of-state costs, and it could be an indication that the tuition tolerance for in-state students is well above where current tuitions levels are set.

Raising tuition on out-of-state students has allowed us to hide Richmond's decisions to underfund the commonwealth's universities from its voters. It is time to push the burden back onto the voting population so that our representatives will be forced to account for their decisions. The best way to do this is in tandem with other state schools, and with a simultaneous increase in financial aid to account for those on the margin. With any luck, Richmond will find a way to provide the funding necessary to protect the stature of higher education in this state.

In our opinion ...

■ Williamsburg's Architectural Review Board, which has full control of all buildings constructed in our section of Williamsburg, has nixed the latest proposal for the College of William and Mary's new Richmond Road mixed-use development. Too big, they say; it would not integrate well with the surrounding buildings.

College officials who are now back at the drawing board should not lose hope. The initial proposal — with its Colonial architectural aesthetic — looked great, and it seems all at the table believe the fundamentals of this project are still strong. Efforts should now be directed toward ameliorating the ARB's concerns so that this good project can be on its way toward ground breaking as quickly as possible.

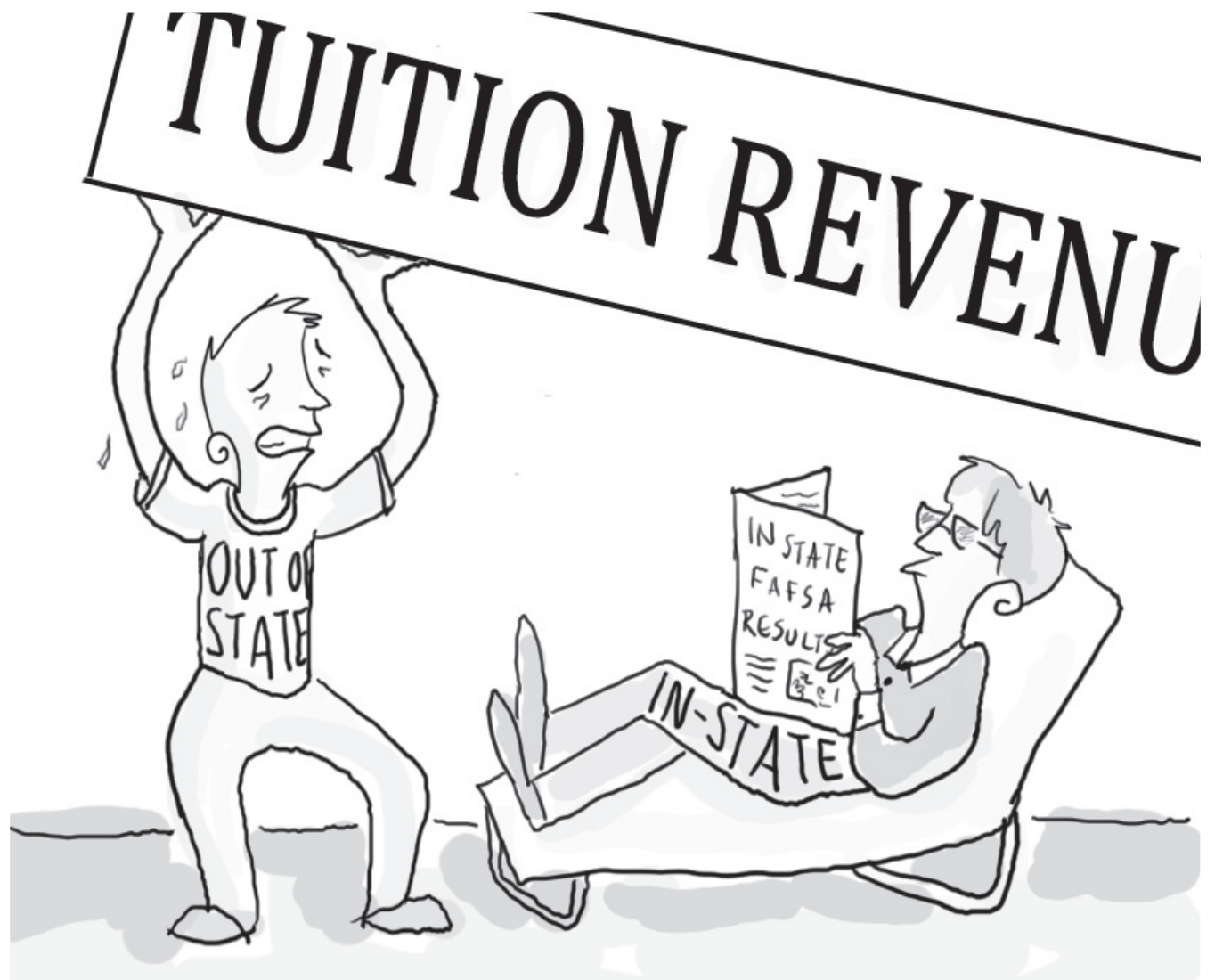
■ Students in need of a great late-night study spot will be in luck this exam period. The Student

Assembly has passed a bill to allocate the funds needed to keep Earl Greg Swem Library open 24 hours for most of this coming exam period. Yes, it's nerdy, but we're thrilled about this.

Simply put, this common-sense effort on the SA's behalf may turn out to be one of the most efficient and effective uses of SA funds in recent memory, considering the low cost of the program and just how many students could wind up taking advantage of it. That said, this is a use it or lose it arrangement.

Next semester, the SA will reevaluate whether or not they will continue funding these extended hours during exams based on whether or not students took advantage of them this year. So if you wind up swimming late night, be sure to let your senators know you enjoyed having a nice spot to study, if not the studying itself.

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Obama's escalation walks fine line

Ed Inpace

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President Barack Obama laid out his strategy for fighting the war in Afghanistan this week. The proposal is an interesting mix of military and political strategy. Of course this should not surprise us, since from its inception the war has been profoundly influenced by both factors.

In 2001, the government was shaken by the Sept. 11 attacks and sought to fight its enemies in the hope of preventing further catastrophes. Afghanistan seemed the logical target. The Taliban, a corrupt regime with terrorist sympathies controlled the country, which served as a base for Al-Qaeda and its leader Osama bin Laden. After the Taliban refused to cooperate in the fight against Al-Qaeda, invasion was a sound military strategy. The Taliban was deposed with relative ease but the task of rebuilding the country and fighting insurgents had just begun.

Perhaps more progress would have been made if the war in Iraq had not captured the nation's attention. President George W. Bush clearly made the decision that the Iraq War was of greater importance than the problems in Afghanistan, and there were many good reasons why they might actually have been correct in their judgment — especially after we had already committed ourselves to war. But good politics dictated that Bush's opposition also shift its focus onto Iraq. The war had dubious legitimacy, higher casualties, and seemed to have less chance of success. The Democrats used these factors to turn the war in Iraq into a political bludgeon. In the midst of partisan fighting, the war in Afghanistan fell into obscurity. One could have been forgiven if they forgot we were still fighting there at all.

It was only during the presidential campaign season that Afghanistan again emerged as a primary concern. This was again the result of politicking. The Democratic candidates crafted a brilliant strategy. They explained their opposition to the war in Iraq on the grounds that it distracted from the much more important war in Afghanistan. Then-presidential candidate Obama proclaimed, "As president, I will make the fight against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban the top priority that it should be. This is a war that we have to win." At the time, I was skeptical of his real commitment to the conflict. I expected it was mere political posturing allowing him to criticize the war in Iraq while still appearing to be tough on defense issues.

This week, however, Obama has shown that he is prepared to make good on his word — to an extent. He proposed a 30,000-man surge, although I doubt he will use that exact word. Such a commitment, along with the extra troop deployments he has secured from our allies, is enough to make significant progress in stabilizing the country. He could have very easily have committed a few thousand troops, as Vice President Joe Biden suggested. This would have kept him in the good

graces of the anti-war wing of the Democratic Party while still superficially fulfilling his campaign promise. He chose, however, a less political and more militarily sound strategy.

Still, he has not transcended politics completely. In his speech at West Point, he clearly intimated that his predecessor was the main cause of the precarious situation in Afghanistan, perhaps attempting to preemptively absolve himself of blame if the war goes badly. In addition, the duration of the surge is a mere 18 months, with the draw-down phase serendipitously occurring just before the 2012 presidential election. Perhaps he is simply optimistic about the future of the conflict. More likely, politics has again left its mark on the war in Afghanistan.

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The 30,000 troop surge turns out to be an interesting mix of military and political strategy.

Students can't wait until graduation to see life outside Williamsburg

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The picture that greets College of William and Mary students when they log on to the portal really says it all. Before a stunning autumnal scene at Lake Matoaka, the archetypal College of William and Mary student seems oblivious to the natural beauty around her, bent over her laptop and no doubt stressing over her latest paper deadline.

OK, so in describing one of the recent images that has greeted us students when we log on to the portal, I've used a bit of poetic license. However, my point is a very real one. Our studies here at the College are often so intense and involved that it is easy to lose perspective over the course of a long and arduous semester. The College needs to do more to offer the kind of well-rounded educational experience that best prepares its students for life beyond university.

It's not just the College's fault; we as students contribute to this as well. It's very easy to slide into the

monotony of routine, especially when living on campus. We need to break this cycle sometimes, even if that just means going home for the weekend, making that trip to Richmond, or just getting out of Williamsburg for a while. The library closes at 6 p.m. on weekends for a reason: to tell TWAMPs to get lost and kick back a bit. In a more general sense, this also means cultivating an awareness of the world outside the campus bubble. Not to bite the hand that feeds me, but there's often a lot more worth reading in the pages of a local or national newspaper than there is in The Flat Hat.

The College itself plays a big role here, too. Courses are heavy on assigned readings and expensive textbooks and do little to encourage independent research or stimulate genuine intellectual curiosity. The sheer volume of work expected of students is simply too great. Repeated and strenuous assessment creates an academic culture focused more on grades and teaching for a test than on fostering a richer and more nuanced understanding of a subject. However, one skill, which many lecturers here do possess,

is an ability to make their material easily understandable and relevant in a contemporary context, which is something that should continue.

The location of the College itself is something that can't be helped. Colonial Williamsburg is essentially a historical theme park — with a real one just down the road at Busch Gardens — and we are surrounded by tourists, fake colonials and an actual city barely worthy of the name that actively keeps its student population at arm's length. You'd be forgiven for thinking we're left a bit high and dry here.

The charge of insularity is not something unique to the College; many universities are unfairly perceived as ivory towers of abstraction and detachment. I do not wish to denigrate the kind of intellectualism that is encouraged here. Many Americans remain deplorably distrustful of genuine intelligence, as evidenced by the undercurrent of ridicule sometimes directed at President Barack Obama — particularly from the right — for his so-called "Harvard Yard" elitism. However, many students are involved in philanthropic activities that take them beyond the confines of campus other

than students or faculty members.

Ultimately, we'd all do well to remember that many employers are looking for people they can have a drink with as much as those with an excessive work ethic and a sky-high

grade-point average. When the world comes knocking after graduation, let's not get caught in the headlights when we look up from our laptops.

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CONQUERING THE CRAWL



NISH PATEL — THE FLAT HAT

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Despite exams and papers, there is an epic battle of the sexes happening this Blowout — a battle that will take two brave participants on a wild trip through the delis. At the end of this perilous journey only one will remain standing, while the other will stumble home in shame. This is Deli Crawl 2009.

Dramatics aside, friend Patrick Carlson '11, and I — strictly in the name of journalism — will visit each of the delis: The Green Leaf Cafe, Paul's Deli Restaurant

and the College Delly, in that order. The premise is simple: We will have a single drink at each deli, move to the next, and continue until one of us cannot safely complete the journey between delis.

We decided before we set out to create a set of rules that will not only keep us safe but also ensure that there is a decisive winner by the end of the night. The most important rule is to put our safety first, even if it is in direct opposition during our quest for victory. We want to have fun, we expect to be drunk, but we know our limits, and do not want to surpass them in the name of friendly competition.

We each must order the same drink, and the drinks must be in the same sized shooter or glass. We both must finish our drinks before we cross the street to the next deli, and the drinks must be consumed in the same amount of time. A winner is decided when either one person taps out because he cannot consume any more, or when one person can't make it out of the deli or across the street.

Armed with a bottle of water and a notepad, I'm prepared to document the night until my handwriting becomes nearly illegible and my notepad is soaked with beer. Let's do it.



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Adventures at the delis — drink by drink

9:00

My alarm wakes me up, and I feel terrible. In typical College of William and Mary fashion, I pulled an all-nighter, and besides my short nap, I hadn't slept since the day before. Despite this, I pull myself out of bed to go meet up with Patrick at 9:30 p.m. to start our adventure.

9:33

The night starts out with a surprise: karaoke at the Leaf. Before we even make it to the deli, three guys are being escorted out because they are about to brawl. Intense. We sit down at the bar and wait for the Flat Hat photographer to arrive. On a drink napkin, I make a little map of the delis and leave a space where we can tally the amount of drinks we consume.

9:39

The bartender sees me jotting down notes and asks me what I'm working on. I tell him about the article, and he tells me I should mention that students get a 20 percent discount on food with their student IDs on Blowout. Nice.

9:40

We ask him what drinks he recommends. He suggests we start out with the Mind Eraser. It has coffee in it, so I pass. Sun Park, our photographer, arrives. The bartender brings us two shooters of Delicious, refusing to divulge his secret recipe. The drink lives up to its name. Someone is singing karaoke in the background, butchering "Truckin'" by the Grateful Dead.

9:55

We pay for our shooters and head to Paul's. Patrick and I order pints of Bud Light. I encounter my first obstacle of the night: I hate beer. Patrick is drinking much faster than I am. "Maybe you should stop taking such big-ass gulps," I tell him. The competition rules state that I have to keep up. "Maybe you should get a straw," he replies. Whatever. I don't want to look more lame than I already do — I pretty much grimace after every sip as it is.

10:03

We're more than halfway done with our beers. Patrick informs me he has a two-page paper due tomorrow. That sucks.

10:15

Beer is finished, and I realize I am saying everything I write down — not just out loud, but very loudly. Oops. I send a text message to a friend: (757) Doing ok. Patrick has a paper to write. LOLZOLZ

10:16

Status check: Two drinks apiece, and we're both feeling pretty good. I've stopped saying everything in my head out loud, which Patrick and Sun appreciate. I feel like I can do a few more rounds. Off to College.

10:22

Please go to the College Delly and ask for Meghan the bartender because she has to make you a Chocolate Cake shooter. It is the most delicious drink I've had in my life. We've officially made a full round, and after the Chocolate Cake I'm starting to feel it — just a bit. Patrick is talking about making two more full rounds. Crap.

10:36

Miley Cyrus's "Party in the USA" is playing as we enter the Leaf for a second time. It's fate. This is my jam. With this song blasting in the background, I cannot lose.

10:42

Patrick convinces me that I have to try the Mind Eraser. It will be our fourth drink. I see the bartender get out glasses rather than shooters, and I'm like, "Those can't be for ours." They are. Frig. (757): i'm 90% sure i'm going to puke tonight.

10:43

Two straws, one glass, three seconds. That's how we have to drink the Mind Eraser. I only make it halfway through the drink. Complete fail. I reluctantly declare Patrick the winner of Deli Crawl 2009, as I did not complete my drink. He buys me mozzarella sticks. Now I feel like the winner.

10:45

We are delivered three more shooters that look like Nickelodeon Slime. The mozzarella sticks come out next — they are as big as my face and 10 times more delicious. They hit the spot.

10:53

Patrick is talking to the bartender, and obviously up to no good. Now I have another shooter in front of me. Curse you, Patrick! (757): hahahaha we r abouto sing o lord haha cili cheese fries miss you

10:55

One shooter later and we are doing karaoke. The first page we open to in the songbook is Boys II Men, and we know what we have to sing. I'm going to work it so hard. "This goes out to all the couples in the crowd tonight," I yell. "Here's to getting laid! Name your future kids after us if you like our performance!" We sing "I'll Make Love to you." (757): OMG WE KILLED IT

11:01

This is where my notes end. The last few were written on my map napkin and are completely illegible. Six drinks apiece and Deli Crawl 2009 was a resounding success. My recommendation for Fall Blowout: Pay a visit to each deli and be safe.

Diddy seeks another 'bad boy' employee

Alumnus among last five competing for a job with the mogul

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Most people will never get a chance to work for a celebrity. We might attend their concerts and see their faces on JumboTrons from the nosebleed section. If we're lucky, we might snap a candid photo of them at a favorite eatery or club. But for Daniel Orrison '09, the prospect of working in close contact with a bonafide celebrity became a very real possibility in his attempt to become a personal assistant for hip-hop mogul, Sean "Diddy" Combs.

VH1's reality TV show "I Want to Work for Diddy 2" features 11 contestants competing to win a chance to be Diddy's next assistant. For Orrison, it seemed highly unlikely that he would ever be sitting in front of Diddy, especially when he did not take the job opening seriously.

"Hearing about the show was a huge joke," he said. "I was studying for finals and looking for jobs. As a joke, my mom sent me an e-mail about it and told me to apply. Nothing came from it until four months later when they asked me to come in for interviews. I got further along until they asked me if I could come to New York."

Orrison's friend from William and Mary, Sammy Hamididdin '09, received news from Orrison that he was going to be on the show.

"Dan called me and told me that he wouldn't be in contact with me for about a month or so once they started production," Hamididdin said. "It seemed pretty intense, but entertaining. I was happy for him because I knew that he wanted to be in the entertainment industry."

On his first night in New York, Orrison and the other contestants had to sleep outside on a garage rooftop in sleeping bags.

"I was personally kind of excited," he said. "It wasn't a big deal, but I wanted to see [what] the other people were made of. It was freezing cold, but we were being tested."

Spending the night on a cold rooftop was one of many outrageous experiences that he and the other contestants had to endure while on the show.

"It was an out-of-body experience," he said. "Our cell phones were taken away. At first it was like, 'Wow, I'm really doing this.' After a while, it became real. It was crazy to watch it unfold."

Diddy has been known to add shock value to an already tense situation, as seen in his other reality show "Making the Band." He has a short temper and always keeps viewers guessing. Ridiculous tasks, verbal altercations that sometimes end in fist-fights, 3 a.m. wake-up calls and surprise visits become commonplace.

After meeting Diddy for the first time, Orrison explained that Diddy's personality contrasts drastically with how he is portrayed on television.

"Meeting him was so much different than hearing about him," he said. "There are two sides to Diddy: the mogul and the family man. I got to talk to him on an individual level, and



COURTESY PHOTO — DANIEL ORRISON
Daniel Orrison '09 is among the final five contestants of "I Want to Work for Diddy 2." If he wins he will become Diddy's personal assistant.

it became different once we started talking. There is an energy that comes from him, and he expects so much of himself and others. It's been a really amazing opportunity just being in his company."

With his hand, foot and possibly his whole body in every facet of the entertainment industry, Diddy's career is noteworthy, if not monumental. He has built his empire with singles, numerous name adjustments, philanthropic activities, a clothing line, a restaurant and shares in Ciroc Vodka. He even came up with his own catchphrase, "bitchassness," and turned a profit.

While learning about Diddy's successful business ventures, Orrison took advantage of the competition to prove that he was well qualified for the position.

"The more I started to think about it, Diddy has his hands in every part of the industry," he said. "Coming out of college into the entertainment industry, I thought this would be a learning experience, a unique opportunity that I could personally benefit from."

Hamididdin, who has been watching the show every week, believes Orrison is a great candidate for the position of Diddy's assistant,

recalling his friend's hardworking, enjoyable personality at the College.

"I think Diddy sees a lot of potential in Dan," Hamididdin said. "He has such an intense work ethic, which I believe comes from his time at West Point Academy before he transferred to William and Mary. He is able to channel this energy and he's a natural for being in front of people. He's done a great job on the show."

His positive attitude has made him a strong competitor and he is one of the final five contestants. Surviving Diddy's demanding tasks, as well as the cutthroat attitudes and confrontations from the other contestants, Orrison said he firmly believes that his experiences and education from the College have come in handy on the show.

"The lessons I have learned, the ideas of tradition and representation — it means something," he said. "I took that with me, and I felt like I was representing something larger than myself, representing my school and family. How intense William and Mary was, the academics, it definitely transferred to my success on the show."

"I Want to Work for Diddy 2" airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on VH1.

'Tis the season for a little irony

Kevin Mooney

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



It's that wonderful time of year again. Not too much of your past week has been wonderful, I'm sure, aside from whatever Blowout festivities you may have indulged in. You even might be reading this in the midst of pancake-related revelry, and by God, I hope you are. But once the various syrups have been drained from your system, you'll soon realize the dreaded finals week is on the horizon. For this, I have little advice. I'd counsel you that "all things must pass," but I, for one, know my economics professor doesn't plan to abide by that particular truism so I'm not sure it's too comforting.

Should you venture outside the College of William and Mary, even briefly — and I would recommend it, if only to escape whatever corner of Earl Gregg Swem Library you have cordoned off for the week — you'd quickly be overwhelmed by that other specter on the rise: There's tinsel strewn about the New Town shrubbery; Bing Crosby is blaring from grocery store speakers; Jim Carrey is massacring your memories of some classic holiday story or another. Most chain stores have timidly termed this the "holiday season," although I've always preferred Christmahanukwanzukah myself. It's a time to celebrate, apparently.

Suddenly every department store clears out the mix of fall decor it's had lingering for months (God knows what happens to all the gourds from Halloween and Thanksgiving). Overnight, it's replaced with red and green banners, plastic evergreens embedded with lights; possibly a few dreidels strewn about — and everything covered in snow and syrupy sweet. And not the good kind of syrup, I'd add, like that poured over well-earned Blowout pancakes. No, more like the cloying, sludge-like, liable-to-suffocate-you-if-ingested kind. Think marmalade. And, to add insult to sugar coma induced injury, it all happens to be so perfectly situated to stimulate year-end sales you'd think the holiday was commemorating the birth of Sam Walton.

If you are more likely to gag at the thought of all the nauseating, consumer-driven good cheer, your greatest — and maybe only — weapon to combat it is the age-old one of irony. An old, floppy, ugly-as-hell reindeer hat (seriously, who doesn't have that sitting somewhere in their garage?) will do just fine. Embrace the syrupy sweetness, if not entirely sincerely. Let it envelop you like a warm blanket, protecting you from the calculated, over-earnest Christmas cheer.

There's something about irony that's intensely personal, making it not only the perfect weapon against boldfaced Christmas sincerity, but also quite fragile. It's a fact I learned harshly at the height of the "snarky T-shirt" era in middle school (full disclosure: my T-shirt phase may have extended far past my middle school years). You had a closet full of shirts, with slogans like "I'd rather be sleeping," and you thought were clever and witty and oh-so-detached. That is until another kid in your class shows up wearing the exact same T-shirt, your illusions of wit smashed. At the time, it was crushing; irony, no matter how witty, never works on a mass-produced scale.

So imagine my horror, when walking through the Target clothing section, at seeing not only the traditional wool-knit reindeer sweaters on display, but also a set of T-shirts — the memories of snark came flooding back — printed to look like reindeer sweaters. To have put them side by side just seemed a cruel joke. It was like middle school all over again; to have what I thought was somehow mine alone, my inside joke, coldly exposed as something far less clever. There were racks upon racks of them, as if to illustrate that no matter how well constructed your ironic detachment, it can just as easily become another part of the cheesiness, just another oversized tree that stores trot out come December.

I personally felt offended. I stared at the T-shirt rack like a nun who'd just been groped. Surely, to take the one weapon I had against gumdrop-goosy "Christmas spirit" and turn it in upon itself was a low blow, even for Target. Left entirely unprotected, I feared I could not survive another winter.

But then, a beacon of hope appeared — and only from a few aisles down. A TV screen in the electronics section was playing the video from Bob Dylan's new Christmas album. The man himself was swaggering through a Christmas party, with a slightly slanted Santa hat and a cup of some sort of nog, barreling through a polka-inspired rendition of "Must Be Santa." The thought of Dylan, surely America's greatest cynic, staggering through an album full of holiday standards with a barely concealed smirk, instantly revived my spirits. When I learned all the proceeds would be donated to charity, I nearly hugged the TV screen.

Committed not to give a cent to Target, I bought it online as soon as I got home. I wholeheartedly plan on playing the album nonstop all winter break. Bob understands how it is: If you've got to wear the Santa hat, wear it just a tad off kilter.

Kevin Mooney wishes you a very merry, cynical holiday season this year.

ON THE RECORD

RATED R RIHANNA

With her fourth studio album, "Rated R", Rihanna is holding back no punches. She gets rough and aggressive, using no subtleties or confectionery lyrics that a pop princess would; she's not that person anymore. A tenacity and ferocious attitude has emerged beneath the sweet, good-natured superstar we envisioned her to be.

But maybe we had it wrong. It's possible that her stardom and infectious music would have led her down this edgy, slippery slope of celebrity fame, barring the emotional and psychological scars of domestic abuse by Chris Brown. Rihanna collaborates with some of the biggest names in music — from Justin Timberlake to Slash — and uses them to display her strength rather than having them bolster her name in the music world.

"Rated R" is a liberating collection of music saturated with personal compositions and vulnerable, self-reflective content. It's an emotional album, filled with expletives and raunchy material underlying the pain and confusion of hard experiences in love and life. We can all speculate and insinuate for our own emotional closure the themes of the album, but for Rihanna, it's about survival and self-discovery.

The first single, "Russian Roulette," is a haunting tale of love gone horribly wrong. Emotionally charged with creeping piano chords and eerie, bass-heavy lines, Rihanna's vocal frailty gives the track a grim, melancholic feel, and yet while other songs such as "Cold Case Love" and "Stupid in Love" illustrate the anguish and blame of broken relationships, the whole album does not center on this pain.

"Rated R" represents a whole new direction for Rihanna. Gone are the days when her lighthearted reggae-infused songs topped the charts. The new Rihanna knows pain and betrayal and has no fear using them to make powerful music.

— by Genice Phillips
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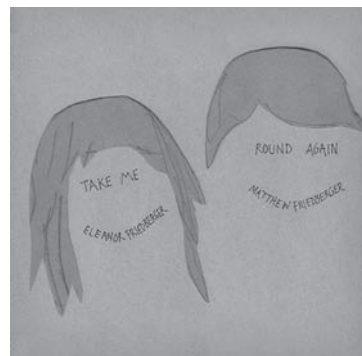
TAKE ME ROUND AGAIN THE FIERY FURNACES

The Fiery Furnaces's new album "Take Me Round Again" is a testament to refinement — a deliciously simple collection evocative of the first album by Matt and Eleanor Friedberger, "Gallowsbird's Peak." After years of avant-garde experimentation — including tape loops, psychedelic keyboard squelches and narraton by their grandmother for the entirety of "Rehearsing My Choir," Matt and Eleanor Friedberger have unleashed a catchy, folksy album that retains the depth and romantic disillusion which characterizes their earlier works. In "Take Me Round Again," the pair reworks songs from their album "I'm Going Away," released in August, using a pleasantly rural edge to create music of striking honesty.

The album begins with back-to-back renditions of "I'm Going Away," performed first in Matt's deep, soulful voice, then in Eleanor's profoundly direct, yet sing-song style. In "Keep Me in the Dark" and "Even in the Rain," Eleanor's disenchanting lyrics shine, as detached, hopeless observations of romance. "Cup + Punches" and "Take Me Round Again" attest to the yearning for an older, quasi-fantasy time period, a place of peach leaves and old movie theaters. Having reworked this album separately, Matt and Eleanor emerged in and broadcast their own distinct styles. Eleanor's quiet, down-to-earth acoustic folk guitar is beautifully gripping. Matt tunes down the harsher rock elements of "I'm Going Away," revealing a poignant depth with expressive piano — though he returns to synthetic experimentation with the rendition of "Drive to Dallas."

"Take Me Round Again" proves that simplicity is profound, with power in the slight jarring mesh of guitar and piano in "Cut the Cake," and jagged memory lyrics recalling a time that may or may not have existed. I've always loved The Fiery Furnaces for their ability to innovate and for revealing each piece of their creative process in ways that are usually extreme, but always pleasurable. This album is no different. It's like a slice of summer in a fleeting and erotic second.

— by Kristin Bartschi
★★★★☆



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

CAA FOOTBALL

Hofstra, Northeastern each drop football programs

Citing financial troubles within their athletic program as well as poor attendance, Hofstra announced that it will indefinitely shut down its football program. James M. Stuart Stadium, the Pride's home which seats 12,500 people, was routinely empty, averaging just over 4,000 people a game. The Long Island school joins Northeastern as the second rival of the College to cancel its football program in the last two weeks. The two departures leave only four football teams in the CAA North division.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tribe falls to Richmond, drops to 4-3 on season

Sophomore guard Taysha Pye scored 18 points and senior forward Tiffany Benson added 10 points and eight rebounds, but the College could not overcome Richmond at Kaplan Arena Thursday night, falling 60-47. The Tribe maintained a 33-31 lead at halftime, but managed only 14 second half points against the Spiders (6-2). The College will take a two-week break for exams, before resuming with Norfolk State on Dec. 18.

MEN'S SOCCER

Hoxie selected to ECAC First Team of the Year

Senior forward Andrew Hoxie was chosen for a fourth postseason all-star team Wednesday. This time, the Eastern College Athletic Conference placed the Newport News native on its First Team after a season in which Hoxie shared a lead within the CAA in goals (12) and led the conference in assists (12) and points (32). The CAA Player of the Year has also been named First-Team All-CAA and to Top Drawer Soccer's First Team.

FOOTBALL



PHILIP DELANO—THE FLAT HAT

College heads west to take on no. 3 Southern Illinois in FCS quarterfinals

By MIKE BARNES
Flat Hat Staff Writer

With a victory this weekend, William and Mary can advance to the national semifinals for the first time since 2004, become the first Tribe squad to win a playoff game on the road and notch its 11th win, tying for the most in school history. Head Coach Jimmie Laycock would secure his 200th career victory, and the College would continue its storybook 2009 campaign.

But before the Tribe can begin contemplating its place in the history books, it must first shut down no. 2 Southern Illinois in a FCS quarterfinal playoff matchup Saturday in Carbondale, Ill. Unfortunately for the Tribe, getting past the Salukis and their nationally-acclaimed rushing attack will be no small feat.

The spotlight will be squarely fixed upon the battle between the Salukis'

fourth-ranked rushing attack and the Tribe's top-ranked rushing defense.

"They like to run the ball a lot, and we are looking forward to the challenge," sophomore linebacker Jake Trantin said. "They are a great team, and it is definitely going to be a fight in the trenches."

With the FCS's fourth-ranked rushing offense, third-ranked scoring offense and the nation's second-leading rusher in senior tailback Deji Karim, the Saluki offense should prove challenging indeed.

Karim, a finalist for the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top offensive player, has rushed for 18 touchdowns, 1,667 yards and an average of 7.3 yards per carry this season.

"He makes really good cuts," Trantin said. "We have seen him on film, he's big, he's fast, he's powerful, he sees well. He is definitely a very good back."

Although the majority of the focus will

be on Karim, Saluki quarterback Paul McIntosh also presents a legitimate rushing threat. The freshman has rushed for 100 yards in both of Southern Illinois' previous two games.

"Their quarterback makes plays with his feet, too," redshirt freshman cornerback B.W. Webb said. "That's another thing we will have to worry about."

In order to contain both the Salukis' formidable rushing threats, the Tribe must disrupt a stout Southern Illinois offensive line. Although the College ranks fourth in the nation in sacks, it will be challenged by a Saluki offensive line that ranks seventh nationally in sacks allowed.

With the Tribe defense in for a tough battle, the responsibility will fall on the College's offense to produce.

"We have to make sure that we pick up the defense because they always pick us up," sophomore running back Jonathan

Grimes said.

The Southern Illinois defense leads the nation with 22 interceptions, so the College's offensive gameplan will likely revolve around the rushing attack.

"I think in any game, if you can establish the run, passing will definitely be easier," Grimes said. "Hopefully we can establish the run, take some pressure off of [quarterback] R.J. [Archer], and the defense will have to back off."

Regardless of the game plan, the matchup seems fitting for a national quarterfinal.

"That's why they sell tickets," Laycock said. "We will take our people, go out there, and do the best we can. They have a very good running back and running game, a very balanced offense, a very complete offense, and obviously a great defense. We are who we are, and we just have to go out there and play our game."

ATHLETE FOCUS

ANDY HUNTER,
JUNIOR, GYMNASTICS



The Flat Hat caught up with up with junior All-American gymnast Andy Hunter to find out his taste for breakfast and future goals.

If you could be one professional athlete, who and why? Ken Griffey, Jr. He's the greatest and only legitimate home run hitter of our time. If it comes out that he was juicing, I retract this statement ... and I'm never watching baseball again.

Tallahassee [your home town] or Williamsburg? Tallahassee — hands down. It's warm, the beach is right there and the speed limit is more than 25 mph.

Best music in the gym? The women's team is usually in there before us, and that's not good for the music selection. If it's not obnoxious or inappropriate, it's a good day.

Ten years from now, where are you and what are you doing? Running a business and raising a family. Anywhere but Jersey.

Has your perception of Tiger Woods changed? He's still the most dominant athlete in sports, but he stood for so much more than that. He had a perfect slate, and now it's tainted.

KEYS TO THE GAME *Tribe* No. 6 William and Mary at no. 3 So. Illinois



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STOP THE RUN

In one of the most intriguing matchups all season, Southern Illinois' prolific rushing offense will take on the Tribe's top-ranked rushing defense. Senior Deji Karem and company are averaging 230 yards per game. The Tribe will have to keep them well under that number to win.

ARCHER ON TARGET

In his past three games, senior quarterback R.J. Archer has taken care of the football well, but the Tribe offense has failed to generate a dangerous passing attack. They will need to do so Saturday in order to complement what has been a solid and steady rushing offense.

NO MISTAKES

This quarterfinal matchup will pit two extremely evenly-matched teams against each other, and the game could very well come down to who makes the least mistakes. The College gained experience in this situation against Richmond and New Hampshire, which could pay off Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ONLINE AT FLATHATNEWS.COM

Longwood cut down, Tribe wins fifth straight

Schneider's offense leads College to 84-65 victory

By WESLEY STUKENBROEKER
Flat Hat Staff Writer

It's a successful night for William and Mary when Doug Howard is in the running for the game ball.

In a contest dominated by a sharp Tribe offense, the highlight came in the final minute. With 39 seconds remaining, 5'9" freshman walk-on guard Doug Howard intercepted a pass and hit a six-foot jumper for his first points of the year. In front of a roaring crowd of 1,958, he finished the game by knocking down one of two free throws with his left contact folded.

The College (5-2), fresh off a historic upset victory at Wake Forest Saturday, came into Wednesday night's game against Longwood (0-8) as strong favorites. A four-point play by senior guard David Schneider with 9:24 remaining in the second half put the exclamation point on a win which saw the College ahead by as many as 28 points, setting the final margin at 84-65 in Kaplan Arena.

"Longwood is a good team," Schneider said. "I don't think their record really shows how good they are. We wanted to come in and play our game. We wanted to bring a lot of intensity [and] a lot of pressure, especially after the Wake [Forest] game; we didn't want any let down from our part."

After settling into its offense, the College utilized frequent substitutions to give the Lancers several different looks on both ends of the court. Rhythmic ball movement also helped counter a quick Lancer defense.

"We are sharing the ball so well; 17 assists tonight on

27 made baskets really is a low percentage for this team right now," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "I was very proud of our [team] tonight. We weren't terrific, but we were good. One thing this team has done well is focus and play hard."

On the other end of the court, Longwood found open looks, but could not knock down the shots, shooting 32 percent from the floor in the first half. The Lancers' inability to hit open looks allowed the Tribe to build an early lead it would not relinquish.

Schneider led all scorers with 22 points, his second-highest total this season. He added six rebounds and three assists.

The senior was complemented by a strong performance in the low post from junior center Marcus Kitts. Kitts, earning more minutes with senior center Steven Hess out of the lineup due to injury, snagged 13 rebounds and netted 9 points — the second game in a row he has been a point away from posting a double-double.

"I had a pretty significant size advantage," Kitts said. "I felt like we executed our stuff well, and I was able to get some easy baskets to start the game, and that helped my confidence."

Sophomore guard Kendrix Brown made his first appearance of the season after overcoming an ankle injury.

The Tribe is 5-2 for the first time since 1992 and will aim to keep its momentum going against VCU Saturday at noon in Kaplan Arena.



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Senior forward David Schneider posted 22 points.